

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 26th March 2023

Fifth Sunday of Lent

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 25th MARCH - 7pm

1. Mary Egan, Coole (*Months Mind*).
2. Elizabeth & Christy Wynne, their son Larry and grand-daughter Fiona.

SUNDAY 26th MARCH - 11am

1. Kieran Foley.

Mon. 27th: 10am

Tues. 28th: 10am

Wed. 29th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 30th: 10am

Fri. 31st: 10am - Johnny, Bridie & Stephen Coughlan. Followed by Stations of the Cross.

Sat. 1st April: 10am

SATURDAY 1st APRIL - 7pm

1. Bernie Guinan.
2. Teresa Molloy & dec'd family members.
3. Liam & Rosaleen Roe.

PALM SUNDAY 2nd APRIL - 11am

1. Ned Duffy and his parents Peter & Mary Ann.
2. Sonny & Lily Gleeson.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 26th MARCH - 12 noon

1. Rose Egan (*1st A*) & her husband Michael.
2. Patricia Fleming.
3. Kathleen Henry, Beechgrove.

Thurs. 30th: 8pm - Elizabeth & Modd Egan.

PALM SUNDAY 2nd APRIL - 12 noon

1. Seamus Feeney and his daughter Patricia and deceased family members.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 26th MARCH - 9.30am

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LENT 2023

ADDITIONAL MASSES/DEVOTIONS

Boora: Mass 7pm Wednesdays.

High Street: Mass 8pm Thursdays.

Ferbane: Stations of the Cross, Friday after 10am Mass

TROCAIRE 50th ANNIVERSARY - Boxes for Lenten campaign available in all Churches.

COLLECTIONS - We greatly appreciate your continued contributions. March 19th - €3,410.

MASSES - All ceremonies can be heard on 106.5FM Parish Radio. Parish bulletin is available on www.ferbaneparish.ie.

HOLY WEEK 'An tSeachtain Mhor' - Commences on Sunday next, 2nd April with the celebration of Palm Sunday.

PARISH OFFICE - Open every Wednesday from 9am-1pm and 2-5pm. Tel: 090 6454309 or email parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

PARISH CONFESSIONS - After 10am Mass each morning this coming week.

FIRST CONFESSION - HIGH ST. N.S.: Mon. 27th March 7.30pm in High Street. ST. CYNOC'S N.S.: Tuesday 28th March at 7pm in Ferbane.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jody Corrigan (brother of Liz Dunican, Gallen View) and Mary Flynn, Cloghan (mother of Nigel and Michael Flynn and Bernie Kenny and sister of Kitty Dunican, Endrim). May they rest in peace.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian community **Kallum Egan**.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Takes place daily in the Oratory in Ferbane Church. New attendees welcome. For more info. please contact Seamus at 086 8718942 or Iris 090 6454382.

RASHINA VINTAGE CLUB - Tractor & Vintage Truck, Car & Motorcycle Run takes place this Sunday 26th March. Registration (€20) starts at 10am with departure from Doon GAA grounds at 11.30am. This year the proceeds will be donated to Athlone Sub Aqua Club. Please support.

HIGH STREET/BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - *Mon. 27th March:* Card making with Kathleen Moore. Make your own special card for a birthday or occasion. Bring a scissors and pencil. High Street Hall at 8pm. Adm: €5. All welcome.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw (Prize fund €6,800 = Jackpot €3,400; Star Prize €3,400).* Winning numbers were 9, 10, 23, 24. Bonus 15. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next draw on Tuesday 28th March.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 18, 26, 32. Bonus 11. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €4,000. Draw is on Tuesday 28th March.

Social membership is now due. €30 per person, €50 for a couple. All members will be entered in 4 free quarterly Hamper draws sponsored by O'Callaghans Centra and Flaherty Fuels are generously offering 5c per litre discount on home heating oil to all club members. To pay membership and get your 2023 car sticker contact Eddie Nally, Brian Flynn or any committee member.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wednesday 29th March in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). Bus service as usual.

KILREHAN CEMETERY MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE - AGM on Wednesday 29th March at 8pm in Ferbane Heritage Centre. All welcome.

ADULT BOOK CLUB at Ferbane Library - To be held on Thursday evenings, approx. once per month. If you are interested in joining, please call Ferbane Library on 090 6454259. *Library Opening Hours:* Tuesday 10am-5pm (lunch 1-2pm); Thursday 10am-8pm (lunch 1-2pm & 5-6pm). Saturday 10am-1pm.

OPEN EVENING AT FERBANE CONVENT - **Friday 31st March from 3pm-7pm.** Before the design process begins for redevelopment of the convent, there is an opportunity for people to come to visit the convent buildings and grounds. Members of Offaly Co. Council Town Regeneration Team will be present to answer questions and invite people to make submissions about how the facility can be developed to meet the future needs of the

community. There will be other chances to review the premises when the design team is appointed so if you cannot make it this Friday - you will have more opportunities to visit and to have your voice heard through the various surveys and suggestion initiatives that will be running in the coming months.

BELMONT GAA BINGO - Congratulations to this week's winner Christine Melia Robinson on winning €50. Bingo continues every Friday night, pre-printed books available in Cahill's every Thursday evening until 9pm.

BEAT ON THE PEAT FESTIVAL - Takes place in Moystown on Sunday 9th July. As part of the activities available to attendees, we intend to have market stalls. If you would like to showcase your produce or would like any more info. please do not hesitate to contact any of our committee members.

GAMBLING THERAPY AND SUPPORT SERVICE - Offers FREE and confidential support and community education to those with a gambling problem or those affected by a gambling problem. Located in Boyle Family Resource Centre. Covering Sligo, Leitrim and Roscommon. Contact gamblingsupport@boylefrfc.ie or 086-0597441.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Lazarus

If only Lazarus had given an interview! We are all fascinated by what lies beyond the grave, and would love to know something of that 'undiscovered country from whose bourn no traveller returns'. The raising of Lazarus from the dead was another one of the 'signs' given by Jesus. In this extraordinary episode He appears to be teaching us two things. Firstly, He is showing us that, **where there is death He brings life**. Secondly, He seems to be telling us that we can be in death even this side of the grave. The images underline the message. The stone is removed; the bindings are cut; Lazarus goes free. Whenever we are tied-down by pride, covetousness, lust, anger, gluttony, envy or sloth we are already dead. We need the Lord to come to help us to remove the obstacles and cut the bindings that prevent us from living life to the full and becoming the kind of people we were meant to be. The name Lazarus means 'the one whom God helps'. So, Lazarus is you and me.

Is gaire cabhair Dé ná an doras!