

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 7th May 2023

Fifth Sunday of Easter

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 6th MAY - 7pm

1. James & Mary Heffernan and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 7th MAY - 11am

1. Kathleen Kenny.
2. Sonny Egan and his parents John & Mary Bridget Egan and James & Elizabeth Olwill.

*Mon. 8th May: 10am*

*Tues. 9th: 10am - Noel Coughlan, his brother John Joe and his parents Christina & James.*

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

*Thurs. 11th: 10am*

*Fri. 12th: 10am*

*Sat. 13th: 10am - John & Katie Dolan, Church Street.*

SATURDAY 13th MAY - 7pm

SUNDAY 14th MAY - 11am

1. Rosie Devery and John & Mary Condron and their parents.

## SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 7th MAY

1. Mai Egan (*Months Mind*).

SUNDAY 14th MAY

1. Annie & Jack Connolly, their son Declan and their grandson Declan Philip and Patrick Gunning.
2. Thomas & Bridget Farrell, Paddy & Jimmy Farrell & baby Patrick Farrell.

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 7th MAY - 9.30am

1. Sr. Angela Delaney, her brother Michael, and Angie & Paddy Horan.

SUNDAY 14th MAY - 9.30am

**HIGH STREET CEMETERY SUNDAY**  
PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE  
to Sunday 16th July at 12 noon.

**YEAR OF VOCATIONS**  
30th April 2023 - 30th April 2024

*'Respond to the crisis of vocations with intensified prayer, rather than despair'. (Pope Francis).*

**COLLECTIONS** - We greatly appreciate your continued contributions. April 30th - €2,635.

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

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

**BAPTISM** - We welcome into the Christian community Shay Clancy.

**DEATHS** - We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Coughlan, Killygally and Séan (John) Fallon, Portarlinton (brother of Sr. Joseph). Rest in peace.

**THE ANNUAL HUGO SMITH MEMORIAL 5K** - Hosted by Ferbane AC on Sunday 7th May at 10am.

**HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP** - *Monday 8th May*: Night of Beauty Tips and demo with Therapist Carmel McLoughlin, Banagher. Also a cuppa and goodies for Alzheimers Tea Day. All welcome to High Street Hall at 8pm.

**FERBANE LIBRARY** - Bealtaine Coffee Morning on Tuesday 9th May at 11am for Bealtaine (Age and Opportunity). All welcome. Call in for a chat and refreshments. **Knitting/Crochet Group**: Call 090 6454259 to register your details. **Opening Hours**: Tues. 10am-5pm (lunch 1-2pm). Thurs. 10am-8pm (lunch 1-2pm & 5-6pm). Sat. 10am-1pm.

**HIGH STREET CEMETERY** - Weekly clean-up continues each Tuesday at 7pm. New volunteers always welcome.

**GALLEN UNITED** - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €7,400 - Jackpot €3,700; Star Prize €3,700). Winning numbers were 7, 15, 16, 20. Bonus 8. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next draw on Tuesday 9th May.

**FERBANE GAA** - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 18, 24, 31, 32. Bonus 12. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot is €5,200. Draw is on Tuesday 9th May.

**COFFEE MORNING GROUP** - Trip to Clonfert on Wednesday 10th May. Bus leaves after 10am Mass. Refreshments in Banagher on the way.

**BELMONT OFFALY LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COMPANY** - Invites you to Belmont Brew Buddies. Social mornings will take place on Wednesday mornings in High Street Hall from 11am-12.30pm. All welcome to call in for a cuppa and a chat. For more information contact Stephanie on 086 833 6873.

**ANAM CARA MIDLANDS** - The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 10th May at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is FREE. For more information call 01 4045378.

**BELMONT GAA BINGO** - Congratulations to last weeks winners, James Grennan €100 and Joe Turley a family bundle of books. Bingo continues every Friday night, pre-printed books available in Cahill's every Thursday evening until 9pm.

**BELMONT AND DISTRICT FISHING CLUB** - Open competition on Sunday 14th May at the Grand Canal, Shannon Harbour match stretch. Registration and draw 12-30pm. Fishing from 2pm until 6pm. Entry fee €10. Club Facebook page Belmont anglers. For more information contact 087 9383553.

**GALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL BOM** - Golf Classic in Birr Golf Club on Friday 19th May. Please register your interest with the school in order to get your tee time on 090 6453600. If you would like to sponsor a hole on the day contact the school office.

**ARDAGH & CLONMACNOIS Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** - Friday 2nd June to Wednesday 7th June. For bookings contact Joe Walsh Tours at 01 2410800. Those seeking a place as Assisted Pilgrims to stay in the Accueil can register with Celia at 087 7674389.

**FERBANE BELMONT CE** - We currently have vacancies on our scheme for 2 Groundsperson/Caretaker, and 1 General Operative. Successful applicants will continue with all existing benefits with a scheme top up. All successful participants can also

avail of training and upskilling. For more information call 090 6454068.

**BALLYLIN BOG BOARDWALK** - Was officially opened on Friday 28th April. FTT want to thank all at St Hilda's Services who hosted the event in the Heritage Centre. The Boardwalk brings the beauty of our bog to our doorstep and is accessible to all.

**CONGRATULATIONS** - To the boys and girls from St. Cynoc's N.S. who received First Holy Communion this Saturday 6th May.

**OUR LADY OF CLONFERT MAY NOVENA** -

*Sun. 7th: 10.30am & 6.30pm, Fr. Declan McNerney.*

*Mon. 8th: 7.30pm, Fr. Anthony, Birr.*

*Tues. 9th: 7.30pm, Fr. Michael Byrnes, Portumna.*

*Wed. 10th: 7.30pm, Fr. Tom Hogan, Birr.*

*Thurs. 11th: 7.30pm, Fr. Declan McNerney (Exams).*

*Fri. 12th: 7.30pm, Fr. Declan McNerney.*

*Sat. 13th: 7.30pm, Fr. Declan McNerney.*

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I am the Way the Truth and the Life

We have all had occasion to ask for directions. It is so refreshing and quite a relief when someone says 'follow me and I will show you the way'. That was exactly the answer that Jesus gave to His terrified and confused disciples as they sought reassurance and hope when they gathered around the table in the Upper Room on that first Holy Thursday night. When He spoke the immortal words, 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life', He was inviting them to follow Him and all would be well. The first Christians were known as followers of 'the Way' since they shaped their lives and communities on Jesus and His teachings. The call goes out to every generation of His followers to do likewise. What does this mean in practice? In answer to that question it would be difficult to improve on the beautiful exhortation offered by the prophet Micah eight centuries before the coming of Christ: 'act justly, love tenderly and walk humbly with your God'. At every opportunity, we should ask ourselves what would Jesus do and then be courageous to act upon the answer. If we choose to follow that Way we will discover, in the words which Pope Benedict addressed to young people at World Youth Day some years ago: 'Christ takes nothing away and He gives you everything'.