

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 14th May 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 13th MAY - 7pm

SUNDAY 14th MAY - 11am

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

Mon. 15th May: 10am

Tues. 16th: 10am - Angela & Patrick Egan, Gallen.

Wed. 17th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 18th: 10am

Fri. 19th: 10am

Sat. 20th: 10am

SATURDAY 20th MAY - 7pm

1. Dan Foley (*Months Mind*).
2. Seamus Reams.

SUNDAY 21st MAY - 11am - *Assumption*

1. Kieran Kenny, Reynaun.
2. John & Mary Foley, Gallen.
3. Chrissie Sugrue.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

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.

SUNDAY 21st MAY - 12 noon - *Assumption*

1. Patricia Feeney & dec'd family members.
2. James Fox and his wife Ellen, their daughters Avril & Eunice and their grandson Raymond.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 14th MAY - 9.30am

SUNDAY 21st MAY - 9.30am - *Assumption*

ABORTION: CHANGING THE NARRATIVE - a Statement of the Catholic Bishops

Five years on from the May 2018 referendum which removed the constitutional guarantee of the equal right to life of unborn children and their mothers, the Bishops of Ireland have issued a statement which also takes into account the recent review by Government of the abortion legislation introduced following the referendum. At that time the bishops said, "a new situation now exists in Ireland. It is essential for us as a Church, which cares passionately about the gift of life, and wants to support both mothers and their unborn children, to seek better ways of responding to this new and very challenging reality". Today, bishops reaffirm the deep conviction of our faith, namely, that the dignity of every human life, from conception to natural death, is a value for the whole of society, rooted in reason as well as in faith. No matter what legislation is passed, the fundamental right to life for all human beings at every stage of development still prevails. The bishops remain convinced that the relevant law, the *Health (Regulation of Termination of Pregnancy) Act 2018* will, in due course, be repealed. In the meantime, the Church will continue to seek loving and supportive protection for every mother and for every child in the womb, including babies diagnosed with a disability or a life-limiting condition. The bishops will continue to do their best to change the narrative through dialogue and by testifying, in season and out of season, to the Gospel of Life. How can People of Faith help? Read the full statement (which is available in the church and also on www.catholicbishops.ie).

COLLECTIONS - We greatly appreciate your continued contributions. May 7th - €2,210.

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 Lily Freitas.

DEATHS - We pray for the repose of the souls of Ann Madden, Aughaboy; Mary Joe Skehill, New Inn, Ballinasloe (mother of Margaret Flynn, Main Street, Ferbane) and Dr. Albert Keating, Macroom (brother of Rose Barnes, Moyclare). May they rest in peace.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - *Mon. 15th May*: We are visiting Moore's Garden Centre for advice and demonstration from 7pm with Deborah and Ann. *Thanks* to all who supported our Tea Night for Alzheimers which realised €300.

COFFEE MORNING GROUP - Trip to Clonfert on Wednesday 17th May. Bus leaves after 10am Mass. Refreshments in Banagher on the way.

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.

SOUTH OFFALY SPECIAL OLYMPICS - Are holding a collection in the Ferbane area on Friday 19th May in Spar and Centra stores from 9am to 5pm. Please support our local athletes.

BELMONT OVER 50's - Boccia players urgently needed for our teams to be able to compete in competitions. A meeting of all interested will take place in High St. Hall on Friday 26th May at 8pm. Men and women welcome. Contact 086 8785759.

BEAT ON THE PEAT - Takes place in Moystown on Sun. 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 information please do not hesitate to contact any of our committee members or email westoffalymusicfestival@gmail.com.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - We currently have vacancies on our scheme for 2 Grounds person/ Caretaker, 1 General Operative and 1 Caretaker/ Cleaner. 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.

INTELETRAVEL - Agent Inguna Brazil is a local travel agent in Ferbane. If you wish to book a holiday and need some advice you can contact Inguna at 087 9148374 and leave a message. This is a FREE service.

BALLINASLOE CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE Cullen's Yard, Main Street, Townparks, Ballinasloe.

Opening hours: Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10am to 2pm each day. This is a FREE service giving emotional support for anyone with a cancer diagnosis and their family and carers. Contact (090) 964 9767.

OUR LADY OF CLONFERT MAY NOVENA -

Sun. 14th: 10.30am & 6.30pm, Fr. D. McInerney.

Mon. 15th: 7.30pm, Fr. Iomar Daniels, Leitrim.

Tues. 16th: 7.30pm, Bishop Michael Duignan.

Wed. 17th: 7.30pm, Fr. Tom Ryan, Ennis.

Thurs. 18th: 7.30pm, Fr. Declan McInerney.

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

'I will give you another Advocate'

In his inaugural address in January 1961 President John F Kennedy announced to his fellow citizens that the torch had been passed to a new generation. As Jesus prepared to return to the home of the Father He left the same message with His disciples. It would be their task to continue His work and carry His Word to the ends of the earth. He reassures them, however, that He is not abandoning them. He will send the Spirit whom He describes as the Paraclete. The word Paraclete means advocate or helper, one who stands beside you in time of difficulty, providing a comforting, supportive and encouraging presence. What Jesus is really saying to the disciples in this, His final address is: 'I am sending you on a difficult and dangerous mission but you will not be alone. I will send you someone who will guide you as to what to do and enable you to do it.' Jesus continues to walk with and guide His Church through the working of the Holy Spirit. The Spirit will always point the way for people to finish the work of Jesus but He does not gate-crash any person's heart. He waits to be welcomed-in and there is only one person who can open the door. If we do open ourselves to His promptings we can, through His power renew the face of the earth. The torch is passed!