

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 25th June 2023

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 24th JUNE - 7pm

1. Mary, James and David Reams.
2. Paddy Brazil and dec'd family members.
3. Molly & Michael Killian and their son John, Coole.

SUNDAY 25th JUNE - 11am

1. Pat & Annie Keenaghan and their daughter Anna Mae and their son Kevin.
2. Gerald McGuire.

Mon. 26th: 10am

Tues. 27th: 10am

Wed. 28th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 29th: 10am

Fri. 30th: 10am

Sat. 1st July: 10am

SATURDAY 1st JULY - 7pm

1. Pat Joe Flynn, Athlone Road.

SUNDAY 2nd JULY - Cemetery Sun., 11am

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 25th JUNE - 12 noon

1. Oliver Coleman and his daughter Louise (2nd A).

SUNDAY 2nd JULY - 12 noon

1. Ann Connolly (2nd A).
2. James & Mary Brigid Buckley, Clononey and their daughters Brigie, Ellen and Patricia.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 25th JUNE - 9.30am

1. Martin & Mary Coughlan and their son Marty.

SUNDAY 2nd JULY - 9.30am

1. John Reddin.

KILREHAN CEMETERY SUNDAY

Sunday 2nd July at 11am.

All help appreciated with grass cutting on Monday 26th June at 7pm.

HIGH ST. CEMETERY SUNDAY

Sunday 16th July at 12 noon.

COLLECTION - June 18th: Offertory/Shrine €2,900. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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

JUNE 29th: Feast of SS Peter & Paul - Peter, the 1st Pope; Paul, the 1st great Missionary.

PARISH OFFICE - Will be CLOSED from Wed. 14th June and will reopen on Wed. 5th July. For Mass bookings and bulletin notices, please contact either of the priests.

DEATH - Please pray for Anna King (nee Duffy, formerly Endrim, aunt of Timmy Devery, Moyclare), who died recently in Slough. RIP.

GRADITUDE 2023 - *Don't miss this...* Gratitude takes place in Gleeson's, Ferbane this Saturday 24th June with a terrific line-up of live traditional and folk artists from 5pm till late. See Facebook or posters for details and list of artists.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €8,100 - Jackpot €4,100; Star Prize €4,000). Winning numbers were 7, 16, 25, 28. Bonus 9. No jackpot winner or match 3 winner. Two book prizes. Next draw on Monday 26th June.

FERBANE LIBRARY - *Crochet & Knitting Group* every Tuesday morning at 11am. New members always welcome. Call in to the library or phone 090 6454259 for more details. *Lego Free Play Event on Sat. 8th July.* Call in from 11am to 1pm. Suitable for ages 4+. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. All welcome. *Library Opening Hours:* Tues. 10am til 5pm (lunch 1-2pm); Thurs. 10am til 8pm (lunch 1-2pm & 5-6pm); Sat. 10am til 1pm.

HIGH ST. CEMETERY - Weekly clean-up continues each Tues. at 7pm. Volunteers welcome.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 6, 18, 19, 32. Bonus 20. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot is €6,600. Draw is on Tuesday 27th June.

QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER - In aid of Naomh Ciarán's U15 Féile girls team who will represent Offaly in the National Féile competition. Venue is Fallon's of Shannonbridge on Wednesday 28th June at 8pm. Please support.

BELMONT GAA BINGO - Bingo continues every Friday night, pre-printed books available in Cahill's during the week until 9pm on Thursday.

SOCIAL DANCE - In Cloghan Hall on Friday 30th June from 9.30pm - 12.30am. Music by Muriel O'Connor and Fran Curry. All welcome.

RALLY FOR LIFE 2023 - Ireland's annual march for the Human Right to Life starting from Parnell Square, Dublin. Assembling at 1pm. Bus to Pro Life Rally in Dublin on Saturday 1st July. Bus picks up from Coosan Church car park, Athlone, at 8.45am. Fare €20. Booking essential. Please contact Siobhan on 083 0254 809.

BEAT ON THE PEAT - Takes place in Moystown on Sunday 9th July.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - *Cake Sale & Raffle* on Sunday 16th July after 12 noon Mass in aid of Daffodil Day & Irish Cancer Society.

THE PRIORY INSTITUTE - Two week online Summer School on the Gospel of John will run from the 14th-28th August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and two online zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. To find out more and register go to prioryinstitute.com.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - We currently have vacancies on our scheme for 2 Groundsperson/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.

TWELFTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'The one who disowns me in the presence of men I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven'

'Courage is not the absence of fear, but the triumph over it', according to Nelson Mandela. It is one of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, perhaps the most important. It is a heart word. The root of the word courage is 'cor', the Latin word for heart. Jesus asks us today not to lose heart in our efforts to witness to Him in a world that is increasingly hostile to His word. In this hostile environment, there is great temptation for the follower of Jesus to 'blend-in' and remain silent when he/she should speak out. Some years ago, a well-known Christian proclaimed in interview that he was a Christian but 'not offensively so'. The follower of Jesus, however, must be prepared to disturb the peace at times, to take a stand for what is right, to show which side he/she is on. 'A story that must be told never forgives silence'. It is probably true to say that more people deny Jesus Christ by cowardly silence than by deliberate words. We are not called to be conformed to the world but rather, to transform it. Fear is a reaction; courage is a decision.

Courage and fear are brothers

During his years as premier of the Soviet Union (1958-1964) Nikita Khrushchev denounced many of the policies and atrocities of his predecessor, Joseph Stalin. Once, as he censured Stalin at a public meeting, Khrushchev was interrupted by a heckler in the audience who shouted, 'You were one of Stalin's colleagues. Why didn't you stop him?' 'Who said that?', roared Khrushchev. An agonising silence followed as no one in the room dared move a muscle. Then Khrushchev replied quietly, 'Now you know why'.