

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 20th August 2023

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 19th AUGUST - 7pm

SUNDAY 20th AUGUST - 11am

1. Celine O'Byrne and deceased members of the O'Byrne & Cunningham families.

Mon. 21st: 10am

Tues. 22nd: 10am - People's Mass

Wed. 23rd: 10am

Thurs. 24th: 10am

Fri. 25th: 10am

Sat. 26th: 10am - Frank & Mary Ellen Mollen.

SATURDAY 26th AUGUST - 7pm

1. Patrick Wynne (*Months Mind*).
2. Noel Murray (*1st A*), his son Noel and daughters Christine & Ann Marie.
3. Christy Devery.

SUNDAY 27th AUGUST - 11am

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 20th AUGUST - 12 noon

1. Bernard Guinan, his wife Margaret, their son Kieran, Bernard's brother Jack and deceased members of the Guinan and McLoughlin families, Moystown Demesne.

SUNDAY 27th AUGUST - 12 noon

1. Stephen Rigney.
2. Joan & Loretta Dalton, their father Saran, grandparents Robert & Bridget, their uncle Patrick and deceased family members.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 20th AUGUST - 9.30am

1. Jane Leavy.
2. Michael Rosney and his grandparents Martin & Catherine and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 27th AUGUST - 9.30am

1. Marty Coughlan and his parents Martin & Mary.

YEAR OF VOCATIONS

30th April 2023 - 30th April 2024

FEASTS THIS WEEK

Mon. 21st: Pope St. Pius X.

Tues. 22nd: Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Thurs 24th: St. Bartholomew Apostle.

COLLECTIONS

August 13th: Offertory/Shrine €2,020.

Thank you.

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 our Christian Community, **Isobel Hennessy**.

MARRIAGE - Congratulations to **Niamh Duffy and Neal Kelly** who were married recently.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €5,500 - Jackpot €1,100; Star Prize €4,400). Winning numbers were 6, 7, 11, 14. Bonus 27. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next draw on Monday 21st August.

HIGH STREET CEMETERY - Weekly clean-up continues every Tuesday at 7pm. Volunteers welcome.

FERBANE GAA - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 19, 20, 31. Bonus 9. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next week's jackpot is €8,200. Draw is on Tuesday 22nd August.

LOUGH DERG ONE-DAY RETREAT 2023 SEASON - August: 22nd, 27th. September: 2nd, 6th, 9th, 12th, 16th, 17th, 23rd, 24th. *Adm.:* €45. *Booking:* 071 9861518.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK Sunday 3rd September. *2pm* Rosary. *2.30pm* Anointing of the Sick. *3pm* Mass.

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

NATIONAL NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF KNOCK

14th-22nd August (Sessions 3pm & 8pm)

Sun. 20th: Bishop Kevin Doran, Bishop of Elphin, 3pm. Elma Walsh, 8pm.

Mon. 21st: Fr Shane Costello, Curate, Castlebar Parish, 3pm.

Fr Richard Gibbons, PP and Rector, Knock Shrine, 8pm.

Tues. 22nd: Fr. Tony O'Riordan SJ, 3pm & 8pm.

WORKSHOPS EVERY DAY.

Our Lady of Knock, Queen of Ireland, you gave hope to your people in a time of distress, and comforted them in sorrow. You have inspired countless pilgrims to pray with confidence to your divine Son, remembering His promise, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find." Help me to remember that we are all pilgrims on the road to heaven. Fill me with love and concern for my brothers and sisters in Christ, especially those who live with me. Comfort me when I am sick, lonely or depressed. Teach me how to take part ever more reverently in the Holy Mass. Give me a greater love of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Pray for me now, and at the hour of my death. Amen.

Our Lady of Knock, pray for us.

20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

Woman, you have great faith

This is the only occasion in which Jesus was outside Jewish territory. He visits the region of Tyre and Sidon, modern-day Lebanon, where He is approached by a Canaanite woman who pleads with Him to heal her daughter. It's a puzzling encounter. At first, He appears to ignore her. Then He seems almost indifferent to her appeal, reminding her that His mission is to 'the lost sheep of the house of Israel'. The woman's persistence wins out in the end. She is the only person in the New Testament who manages to change Jesus' mind, or so it seems! More likely, He is testing her faith and showing her that God's delays are not His denials. God tests; Satan tempts! **He doesn't test us to see if we are worthy, but to see if we are ready.** Sometimes He stands back in order to increase our desire for Him and our appreciation of His gifts. We see in the words and actions of this unnamed woman, an 'outsider' and a 'foreigner', the very essence of the faith journey. As people of faith, we will be tested often; we will experience the silence of God, but the challenge is to wait and to persevere. Perseverance separates the winners from the losers in sport and in life and in faith. 'Woman', said Jesus, 'you have great faith'.