

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 15th October 2023

Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 14th OCTOBER - 7pm

1. Phyllis Moore and her husband Paddy and his nephew Jody.
2. James Peavoy, his wife Susan and daughter Kathleen.
3. Teresa Mooney (12th A) and her sister Margaret Minnock (3rd A).
4. Tom Claffey, Main Street.

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER - 11am

1. Sean, Rita and Brian O'Loughlin, Athlone Road.
2. Mary Gleeson, Athlone Road

Weekday Masses at 10am in High St. Church (Mon. 16th-Sat. 21st Oct).

Mon. 16th: 10am

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

Wed. 18th: 10am

Thurs. 19th: 10am

Fri. 20th: 10am

Sat. 21st: 10am

SATURDAY 21st OCTOBER - 7pm

1. Breege Buckley & her daughter Tracey.
2. Thomas Dunican.
3. Tom Dunican and dec'd family members.

SUNDAY 22nd OCTOBER - 11am

1. Susan Rosney, Endrim.
2. Sean Guinan (4th A), his parents Michael & Julia and his brother Paddy.
3. Brendan Dermody.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER - 12 noon

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1. Jim & Peg Flannery, Ellen McCormack, and baby Lily Burke.
2. Mary & Paddy Kiernan.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 15th OCTOBER - 9.30am

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FEASTS THIS WEEK

Tue. 17th Oct: St Ignatius of Antioch.

Wed. 18th Oct.: St. Luke Evangelist.

YEAR OF VOCATIONS

30th April 2023 - 30th April 2024

WELCOME TO BISHOP PAUL

who joins us for the 11am Mass this Sunday.

MONTH OF THE SYNOD - The Synod takes place in Rome (4th-28th October). Theme: 'Communion, Participation, Mission'. May the Holy Spirit fall afresh on our Church.

MISSION SUNDAY 22nd Oct. - Is the Holy Father's annual appeal for spiritual and financial support so that the life-giving work of the overseas missions and missionaries can continue.

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

COLLECTIONS - October 8th:

Offertory/Shrine €2,645. Thank you.

SVP - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

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 Caoimhe Healy and Oisín Flynn.

DEATH - Please pray for the repose of the soul of **George McDonagh**, (son of Catherine Dee, Fairgreen, Ferbane). Rest in peace.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wed. 18th October in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). Bus as usual. All welcome.

ENROLMENT - High Street N.S. Enrolment for September 2024 will commence on Monday 16th October. Enrolment packs may be obtained by calling to the school - Tuesday - Thursday 9.20am - 1pm. Alternatively please email the school highstreetsn@gmail.com with enquiries.

HIGH STREET/BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP Monday 16th October: Host a Night of Information and Assistance on Community Alert in the area and surrounding areas. All welcome to High Street Hall at 8pm. *Date for your diary:* Christmas Market on Sunday 3rd December from 10am to 2.30pm. All local crafts, food etc. We ask for your support.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €6,300 - Jackpot €1,500; Star Prize €4,800). Winning numbers were 1, 16, 20, 27. Bonus 6. No jackpot winner or match 3 winners. Two book prizes. Next draw on Monday 16th October.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 23, 28, 31. Bonus 3. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €9,800. Draw is on Tuesday 17th October.

FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB - Continues on Wednesday 18th October at 7.30pm. All welcome.

ATHLONE LITTLE THEATRE - Invites you to the first play of the new autumn season, *'Four Minutes Twelve Seconds'* by James Fritz, directed by Joe MacCarrick from Wed. 18 to Wed., October 25 at 8pm by special arrangement with Berlin Associates. There's a Sunday matinee performance only on October 22 at 3pm. Booking via www.athlonelittletheatre.ie or Eventbrite.

FERBANE LIBRARY - *Toddler Storytime* every Thursday at 12.15pm in Ferbane Library. No booking necessary. **Making a Monster** - Maths & Crafts event will take place on Saturday, October 21st at 11am. Suitable for ages 6 to 12 years. Booking essential. **Boost Your Immunity Naturally** - FREE talk presented by Clare Keegan of The Good Gut Clinic on Thursday, October 26th at 6.30pm. **Halloween Kids Movie** with popcorn on Thursday, November 2nd at 6pm. Costumes or Onesies may be worn (optional). **Lego Free Play event** will take place on Saturday, November 11th at 11am. Suitable for 4 years plus. **Library Opening Hours:** Tuesday 10am-5pm (lunch 1-2pm); Thursday 10am-8pm (lunch 1-2pm & 5-6pm); Saturday 10am-1pm. Phone 090 6454259 or Email ferbanelibrary@offalycoco.ie.

SEWING CLASS - In association with Offaly West on Saturday 21st and Saturday 28th October in High Street Hall from 10am - 4pm. All welcome.

BIRR ARTS THEATRE - Presents *Emer Dunne Trio 'Folk Threads'* on Saturday 21st October. Irish, Scottish and American folk songs and music 'Grace', 'Sweet Sixteen' and contemporary surprises. Show at 8pm. Tickets €18 (plus booking fee). Special discount for groups of ten. Contact 057 9122911 or book online www.birrtheatre.com or www.emerdunne.com.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - Have vacancies on our scheme for 2 Groundsperson/Caretaker, 2 General Operatives and 1 Caretaker Cleaner. Successful applicants will continue with all existing benefits with a scheme top up. All participants can also avail of training and upskilling. For info. call 090 6454068.

CONGRATULATIONS - To BHM Community Development Group, Belmont on the excellent results in this year's Super Valu Tidy Towns competition. The judges were very impressed with the area with additional points for nature and biodiversity in our community and the excellent appearance of approach roads, streets and lanes. Well done to all and keep up the good work. Copies of the report are available from the committee.

28th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'Come to the wedding'

At the core of Christianity stand two words: invitation and response. God invites. We respond. Every generation provides generous responders and many who turn a deaf ear. Today's parable of the wedding feast tells us that those who refuse the invitation are punished most of all in what they have missed. It is interesting to note that those who refused the invitation to the wedding had reasonable excuses around their business lives. There is always a danger that we become so busy with the things of time that we forget the things of eternity. We should never treat our eternal happiness lightly. The door to the kingdom is open, but it is not open for the sinner to come and remain a sinner. We come as we are, but we cannot remain there. You never graduate from the school of discipleship. Complacency is the enemy of the soul. Following Christ is not a matter of chance then, but of choice. It means making His plans our plans. It means looking at the universe through His eyes. It means doing something every day that will bring us closer to Him. Then the joy of the feast will be ours. **It is better to have God approve than the world applaud.**