

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 26th November 2023

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 25th NOVEMBER - 7pm

1. Bridget & Joseph Reams and deceased family members.
2. Pat & Mary Spollen.
3. Kieran & Nancy Egan.
4. Donal Burke.

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER - 11am

1. Patrick McDermott (1st A).
2. Paddy & Teresa Sheridan and their sons Thomas & Gerard.
3. Eddie Joe & Teresa Dooley.
4. Michael & Ellen Byrne and deceased family members.
5. Bernard & Kathleen Keenaghan.

Mon. 27th: 10am

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

Wed. 29th: 10am - Deceased members of the Ferbane Bridge Club.

Thurs. 30th: 10am

Fri. 1st Dec.: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 2nd: 10am

SATURDAY 2nd DECEMBER - 7pm

1. Josie B Keenan (4th A), his wife Peggy (24th A), their daughter Tessie Guinan and Uncle Frank Dolan.

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER - 11am

1. Gregory Foley and his daughter Hazel and his brother Noel Foley.
2. Nuala Corcoran (1st A) and her daughter Deborah (2nd A) and deceased members of the Corcoran family.
3. Patrick & Bridget Egan.

PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER - 12 noon

1. Maureen & Brian Cahill and deceased members of the Molloy & Cahill families.
2. Eileen & Joe Kenny.
3. Joe Feighery and his son Diarmuid.

Fri. 1st Dec.: 8pm - First Friday.

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER - 12 noon

1. Olive Hanniffy and her parents Colm & Rose.
2. Michael & Mary Cooper and their sons Desmond & Kevin.
3. P.J. Minogue and his parents John and Mary. Michael & Annie Heavin.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER - 9.30am

Wed. 29th Nov.: 7pm

Fri. 1st Dec.: 7pm - First Friday.

1. Kieran & Margaret Farrelly, Turraun.
2. Vincent Toher.

SUNDAY 3rd DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Jane Leavy (1st A).

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

COLLECTIONS - November 19th:

Offertory/Shrine €2,475. Thank you.

SEASON OF ADVENT - Begins next Sunday, December 3rd.

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.

DEATH - Please pray for *James Kelly, Killarney* (brother of Nora Kennedy, Delvin Park). RIP.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - Mon. 27th Nov.: Hosting a night on Natural Soaps handmade by Monica who is located at the Gate Lodge, Charleville Estate, Tullamore. Some soaps available for sale on the night. High Street Hall at 8pm. All are welcome. *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 €6,900 Jackpot €1,800; Star Prize €5,100). Winning numbers were 5, 17, 19, 27. Bonus 25. No jackpot or match 3 winners. Two book prizes. Next draw on Monday 27th November.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 5, 16, 18, 29. Bonus 22. No jackpot winner. Two match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €11,000. Draw on Tuesday 28th November.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wed. 29th November in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). Bus as usual. All welcome.

FERBANE PARISH COMMUNITY ALERT AGM will be held in Ferbane Heritage Centre on Wednesday 29th November at 7pm. All welcome.

FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB - Continues on Wednesday 29th November at 7.30pm. All welcome.

FERBANE/BELMONT MINOR GAA CLUB Annual General Meeting on Friday 1st December at 8.30pm in Ferbane GAA Clubhouse. All welcome.

PROGRESSIVE 25 - Cards every Friday night in Ferbane Heritage Centre at 9pm. More card players needed for game to continue.

CHRISTMAS SOCIAL DANCE - In Cloghan Hall on Friday 1st December (9-12pm) Music by Liam Mannering. Light refreshments served. Adm. €10.

FERBANE LIBRARY - *Lego FREE Play event* on Saturday, December 2nd at 11am. Suitable for age 4 years plus. Children must be supervised by parent/guardian. No booking is necessary. A new **Parent and Toddler Group** will begin in the library on Tuesday mornings from 11am-12pm, starting on Tuesday, December 5th. All welcome. Phone 090 6454259 or email ferbanelibrary@offalycoco.ie for any further information.

YOUNG AT HEART / SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY - Sunday 3rd December in Gallen Community School. Mass at 2pm.

FERBANE TIDY TOWNS - Are hosting the Christmas Lights Ceremony outside the Mary Ward Heritage Centre on Sun. 3rd Dec. from 5pm (*lights*

switched on 6pm). Some local groups are selling handmade Christmas crafts and refreshments. Cash only. No card machines. Hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY GAMES - Are having their AGM on Thursday 7th December at 8.30pm in Gallen United Clubhouse. Everyone welcome.

ST HILDAS' SERVICES, FERBANE SUPPORT SERVICES - Are holding a *Christmas Coffee Morning* on Friday 8th December from 10:30am to 12:30pm in the Mary Ward Heritage Centre. Come join us for a cuppa and chat.

BOOK LAUNCH - AS THE YEARS I BACKWARD SPAN: Collected Essays on the Wonders of Ferbane by Brendan Ryan, dealing with the history of Ferbane, will be launched in Gallen Community School on Friday 8th Dec. at 8pm. A limited edition will be available at the launch. Hardback 300 pages €25 (€20 at launch). Light refreshments served. An ideal Christmas gift.

FEAST OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

'You did it to me'

Pope Pius IX, whose motto was: 'the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ' instituted this feast in 1925 in response to growing secularism and atheism. Benito Mussolini had just declared himself 'Il Duce' ('The Leader') of Italy, and the Holy Father wanted to remind his flock that, for them, there could be only one 'duce', Jesus Christ. He placed the feast, appropriately, at the hinge of the Church year to indicate that all time and all seasons belong to the Lord who is a king with a difference. His kingdom is a reign, not a realm. He did not come to reign on a golden throne, but on a wooden cross. His power comes, not through domination, but through humble service and in the end He will judge us on our record of that same humble service. The exam questions for this final test are known to all and can be reduced down to one: Did we notice and reach out to 'the least of these brothers and sisters of ours'? The answer to that question is within the capacity of all to deliver. It is reassuring for us to hear in the Gospel account of the Last Judgement that every kind deed we perform, no matter how small, will go before us and be rewarded. We begin then with the little acts of kindness and of love, remembering that 'without little things there can be no big things; without water drops there can be no oceans. I cannot do all the good things the world needs, but the world needs all the good things I can do' - so does God!