

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 31st December 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 30th DECEMBER - 7pm

1. Patrick & Breda Daly and their daughter Claire.

SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER - 11am

1. James & Anne Reams their sons Noel, Joe and daughter Mona.
2. Doreen Spillane.

Mon. 1st January: 10am - World Day of Prayer for Peace.

Tues. 2nd: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 3rd: 10am

Thurs. 4th: 10am

Fri. 5th: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 6th: 10am

SATURDAY 6th JANUARY - 7pm

1. John Brazil (*Months Mind*).
2. Marie Kenny.
3. Peter & Mary Kearns and their daughter Anne.
4. Ollie McCormack.

SUNDAY 7th JANUARY - 11am

1. Vincent Nannery (*Months Mind*).
2. Eileen Dunican.

PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER - 12 noon

1. Alo Kenny, his parents Paddy & Brigie, his brother Kieran, sister Josie and his nephew Kieran.

Fri. 5th: 8pm - First Friday.

1. Sean Murray (16th A) and his niece Chloe Coleman.

2. Seamus & Chrissie Kenny.

3. Michael Yates.

SUNDAY 7th JANUARY - 12 noon

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 31st DECEMBER - 9.30am

Fri. 5th: 7pm - First Friday.

SUNDAY 7th JANUARY - 9.30am

1. Mary Grogan.

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

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SVP - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR PEACE - Monday 1st January 2024.

BELMONT SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY Will be held this Sunday, 7th January 2024 starting with Mass at 3pm in High Street Community Centre.

GALLEN UNITED - The next Lotto draw will take place on Monday 8th January.

FERBANE GAA - The next Lotto draw will take place on Tuesday 9th January.

FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB - Continues on Wed. 10th Jan. at 7.30pm. All welcome.

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

THE NEW YEAR

As we stand on the threshold of a new year let us give thanks for all we hold dear, our families, our health, our friends. The year ahead is our next chance at the art of living. It is an unspoiled page in our book of time. May we walk gently, May we speak only after we have listened well. May we regard the world with tenderness. May we honour rather than destroy. We turn to Him to whom all time belongs and all seasons. In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead may He assure us of the certainty of His unchanging love. May He continue to bless us. May His face shine on us and may He grant us His peace.

Athbhliain faoi mhaise orainn go léir.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS THE POPE FRANCIS LIST

1. Don't gossip.
2. Finish your meals.
3. Make time for others.
4. Choose the 'more humble' purchase.
5. Meet the poor 'in the flesh.'
6. Stop judging others.
7. Befriend those who disagree.
8. Make commitments, such as marriage.
9. Make it a habit to 'ask the Lord.'
10. Be happy.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

'Rejoice with your family in the beautiful land of life' (*Albert Einstein*)

The Feast is well-placed because Christmas is above all the season of the family. During these days we come to appreciate in a new way that family is actually the most important thing in our lives. It is the place where we fit. It is the cradle of our life and love which draws us back to its' bosom again and again. Family is forever. It is a Gospel in itself. It is good news for society. It is one of nature's masterpieces. It is the place where Jesus chose to reveal himself. While parents stand at the centre of family life, we are reminded in the persons of Simeon and Anna in today's Gospel extract that grandparents are a precious gem at the heart of the household too. They are the keepers of traditions and memories; the link between the generations, the voices of the past and the doors to the future and, as American author Alex Haley described so beautifully: 'They sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children'. On the threshold of another year, we raise up in prayer our families, young and old. May our departed loved ones sleep in peace and through the intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph may our homes continue to be circles of strength, schools of faith and communities of love. Athbhliain shuaimhneach orainn uilig.

