

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 7th January 2024

The Baptism of the Lord

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 6th JANUARY - 7pm

1. John Brazil (*Months Mind*) and his wife Lily.
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.

Mon. 8th: 10am

Tues. 9th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 10th: 10am

Thurs. 11th: 10am

Fri. 12th: 10am

Sat. 13th: 10am

SATURDAY 13th JANUARY - 7pm

1. May Moore, Ballylin (*6th A*).

SUNDAY 14th JANUARY - 11am

PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 7th JANUARY - 12 noon

SUNDAY 14th JANUARY - 12 noon

1. Michelle Kenny, Aaron Kenny, Tom Flynn.
2. Margaret & William Ryan.
3. Maureen & Michael Claffey, Tissanan.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 7th JANUARY - 9.30am

1. Mary Grogan.

SUNDAY 14th JANUARY - 9.30am

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

COLLECTIONS - December 31st:

Offertory/Shrine €2,430. Thank you.

PARISH OFFICE - Open every Wednesday from 9am-1pm and 2-5pm. Tel: 090 6454309 or email parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

DEATHS - Please pray for the souls of Mary Duffy, Endrim; Patrick Egan, Creggan and Maureen Egan, Cork (wife of the late Jimmy Egan, brother of Tony, Athlone Road), all of whom died recently. May they rest in peace.

SVP - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

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 LIBRARY - Parent & Toddler Group takes place on Tuesday mornings from 11am-12pm. All welcome. **Lego Free Play** event will take place on Saturday, January 13th at 11am. Suitable for age 4 years plus. Children must be supervised by parent/guardian. No booking is necessary.

PILATES - 6 Week Functional Pilates Programme in Ferbane GAA Clubrooms starting Tuesday 9th January at 6.15pm. Please bring your own mat, water and towel. €50 fee for the programme. Any queries and bookings please WhatsApp Eimear on (087) 1894786.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 6, 14, 22, 26. Bonus 2. No jackpot winner. Four match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €12,000. Draw on Tuesday 9th January.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS - The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly **Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 10th January at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel**. This event is FREE and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more info call 01 4045378.

FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB - Continues on Wed. 10th January 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.

MIDLANDS WHEELIE BIN CLEANING SERVICE - For more information contact 087 1460414.

BAPTISM

'Baptism is the best gift we have received. Celebrate the date of your Baptism every year in your heart' (*Pope Francis*).

'The day of my Baptism was the greatest day of my life' (*Pope St. John Paul II*).

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

'Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John to be baptised'

Baptism is not uniquely Christian. Different types of washing and purification by water are practiced in almost every other religion in the world including Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Shintoism. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord or 'Theophany' is celebrated annually on the Sunday after 6th January. It closes the Christmas cycle in the Roman Catholic calendar. It commemorates the momentous event at the Jordan when the Lord came to be baptised by John. It is the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world. It is the occasion of the first public revelation of all Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity - the Son being baptised; the Holy Spirit descending; the Father speaking from the heavens. It is for Jesus a moment of **decision** as He leaves the safety of His hidden life and embarks on a journey that will take Him from the hills of Galilee to the Hill of Calvary. It is a moment of **identification** as He immerses Himself in our humanity in order to show us how to live as children of the Father and be held in His embrace. It is a moment of **approval** as the Father testifies that Jesus is His Only Begotten Son. The Baptism of Jesus marked the first step in a long and arduous journey. So did our Baptism. It was the day we began a lifelong walk with God. On this day we give thanks for the gift and ponder its' implications.

