

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 7th April 2024

Second Sunday of Easter

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 6th APRIL - 7pm

1. Bernie Guinan.
2. Christy & Elizabeth Wynne, their son Larry and grand-daughter Fiona.
3. Helen Dunican.
4. Edward Duffy, Endrim and his parents Peter and Mary Ann.

SUNDAY 7th APRIL - 11am

1. James & Ellen Anderson.

*Mon. 8th: 10am*

*Tues. 9th: 10am - Frank Claffey, Endrim.*

*Wed. 10th: 10am - Sonny & Lilly Gleeson.*

*Thurs. 11th: 10am - People's Mass.*

*Fri. 12th: 10am*

*Sat. 13th: 10am - Margaret & Edward Lowry and their sons Kieran and Jimmy.*

SATURDAY 13th APRIL - 7pm

SUNDAY 14th APRIL - 11am

## PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 7th APRIL - 12 noon

1. Martin & Teresa Murphy.  
Enda, Noel and Eddie Connaughton.

SUNDAY 14th APRIL - 12 noon

1. Mick Clancy.
2. Mary & Albert Nevin and deceased members of the Mannion and Nevin families.

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 7th APRIL - 9.30am

SUNDAY 14th APRIL - 9.30am

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY** - Sr. Faustina Kowalska (1905-'38) was a Polish religious Sister of the Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy. On Sunday 22nd February 1931 she reported seeing the image of Jesus with bright rays of light streaming from his heart. In the vision He asked her to have the image painted and to sign it *'Jesus I trust in You'*. The Divine Mercy devotion was born. On 30th April 2000, on the occasion of the canonisation of Sr. Faustina Kowalska, Pope St. John Paul II designated the Second Sunday of Easter as the 'Sunday of the Divine Mercy'. He referred to Sr. Faustina as 'God's gift to our time', who made the message of Divine Mercy 'the bridge to the Third Millennium'.

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

**COLLECTIONS** - March 31st: Offertory/Shrine €3,275. Thank you.

**DEATHS** - We pray for the repose of the souls of Peggy Nagle, St. Cynoc's Terrace, Ferbane and Liam Breslin, Athlone Road, Ferbane. RIP.

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

**SVP** - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

**OFFALY LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB** - *Church Gate Collection* this weekend Saturday 6th / Sunday 7th April. Please support.

**HIGH STREET/BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP** - *Mon. 8th April:* A night with Denise Coghill, Offaly Sports Partnership in High Street Hall at 8pm. All welcome.

**GALLEN UNITED** - *Lotto Draw (Prize fund €8,600; Jackpot €2,600; Star Prize €6,000).*

Winning numbers were 6, 10, 21, 28. Bonus 26. No jackpot winner. One match three winner. Next draw on Monday 8th April.

**ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP**, High Street, Belmont - New members very welcome. Next meeting on Tuesday 9th April in High Street Hall at 2.30pm. Phone Maura for further information 086 1222974.

**FERBANE GAA** - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 5, 6, 9, 26. Bonus 21. No jackpot winner. Five match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €14,800. Draw on Tuesday 9th April.

**BELMONT GAA** - Our bingo continues every week in association with our new club sponsor CMG (Claims Management Group). Congratulations to last week's winners. Books available in Cahill's until 9pm every Tuesday and online until 2pm Wednesday. Thank you for your continued support.

**COFFEE MORNING** - Continues on Wednesday 10th April in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus service as usual. All are welcome.

**ANAM CARA MIDLANDS** - *Monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 10th April at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel.* This event is FREE and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer an online service. Call 01 4045378.

**FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB** - Continues on Wednesday 10th April at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**PROGRESSIVE 25** - Cards every Friday night in Ferbane Heritage Centre at 9pm. All welcome, especially more ladies!

**WOMEN'S GROUP FERBANE** - Are hosting a *Cake Sale on Thursday 11th April from 10.30am to 1pm in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road, Ferbane.* Funds raised will go towards Offaly Hospice. Raffle on the day and light refreshments served. Please support.

**FERBANE TIDY TOWNS** - Join us for our *National Spring Clean Day* in conjunction with An Taisce on Saturday 13th April from 11am to 1pm meeting at the Chat & Chill area (old Fire Station). Litter picking, weeding etc. Everyone welcome, equipment provided, weather permitting.

**CALLING ALL ADORERS OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT** - *National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock.*

*Saturday 13th April: 7pm Rosary; 7:30pm Fr. Brendan Walsh; 8:30pm Mass.*

*Sunday 14th April: 11am Guided Adoration;*

*1pm Fr. Brendan Walsh "Behold The Lamb";*

*3pm Mass - Bishop Thomas Deenihan.*

**COOLE ECO COMMUNITY**, Ferbane, R42 K066 - *Foraging Walk on Sat. 20th April from 2pm - 4pm.* €20 - €30. Learn how to identify and use the abundance of free food and medicine growing around us. *To register:* Info@CooleEcoCommunity.ie or call Siobhán 089-2196045.

**TRACTOR RUN** - In aid of Clonfanlough Hall on Sunday 21st April. Registration from 10am at Shannonbridge GAA Pitch. Run starting at 11.30am sharp followed by finger food in Fallon's Bar. *Route:* Shannonbridge, Clonfanlough, Belmont, Ferbane, Doon, Shannonbridge. Any queries please contact Conor 087 6138779.

**FERBANE BELMONT CE** - We currently have vacancies on our scheme for three Groundspersons/ Caretakers, three General Operatives and one Caretaker Cleaner. Successful applicants will continue with all existing benefits with a scheme top up. All successful participants can also avail of training and upskilling. Call 090 6454068.

## 2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

A quieter day, the day we call 'Low Sunday' but Easter glory still fills the air. Behind closed doors, the disciples are dazed and dispirited, leaderless, confused. Then Jesus appears, but Thomas is not there. An annual reminder here of the power and importance of staying and praying with the community. We absent ourselves from the community gathering at a cost. Eight days later Thomas is present with the other disciples and in their midst He encounters the risen Lord. There his questions are answered, his fears are calmed and his life is changed forever. The doubting disciple is moved to utter, in five short words, the most profound profession of faith in the entire Gospel: 'My Lord and my God'. He will now become one of the faithful and fearless foundation stones of the fledgling Church. Thomas recognises Jesus in His hands. The story of our lives is etched on our hands. The fruits of caring, giving and loving are there for the world to see. Jesus' love for us led Him to the Cross and when Thomas saw the hands, he remembered, he understood and he believed.