

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 15th September 2024

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 14th SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. James, Mary & David Reams
2. Mary Rourke, Patsy & Bridie Rourke.
3. John Joe Keenaghan.

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER - 11am

1. Jimmy Cox.

Mon. 16th: 10am

Tues. 17th: 10am

Wed. 18th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 19th: 10am

Fri. 20th: 10am

Sat. 21st: 10am

SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. Peter Guinan (*Months Mind*).
2. Mae & Mick Gorman.
3. Kate & Oliver Daly and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER - 11am

1. Johnny Keenaghan.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

1. Mary & Jimmy Connaughton and deceased members of the Connaughton and Murray families.
2. Jimmy & Annie Daly, Blackwater, Johnny & Kathleen Daly, Clononey.
3. Patrick, Alice & John Guinan, Keelogue.

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

1. Rita Gunning (*Months Mind*).
2. Kay Perry (*1st A*).
3. Tommy Anderson.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 15th SEPTEMBER - 9.30am

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER - 9.30am

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

COLLECTIONS -

Sept. 8th: Offertory/Shrine €2,445. Thank you. Bank Account details - IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

PARISH OFFICE - Will reopen on Wednesday 16th September from 9am-1pm and 2-5pm.

Tel: 090 6454309 OR

Email: parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Brian O'Reilly, Ballycumber (brother of Marese Donlon, Delvin Park) and Peter Skelly, Coosan, Athlone (father of Yvonne Doyle, Ard Glas), both of whom died recently. May they rest in peace.

CLONMACNOISE PATTERN DAY -

Sunday, September 15th, N37 V292.

2.45pm: Pattern Prayers. 3pm: Pattern Mass.

SVP - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES - The relics will be in St. Mel's Cathedral on Friday 27th and Sat. 28th September. The purpose of this visit is to *Bring Lourdes to the Faithful*. All welcome.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €8,100; Jackpot €1,000; Star Prize €7,100). Winning numbers were 5, 6, 14, 19. Bonus 9. No jackpot winner. Six match three winners. Next draw on Monday 16th September. *Reminder:* €40 half year tickets are now due for renewal.

HIGH STREET CEMETERY - Maintenance every Tues. evening at 7pm. Volunteers required.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 3, 5, 17, 30. Bonus 1. No jackpot

winner. Three match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €5,600. Draw on Tues. 17th September.

FERBANE COFFEE MORNING - Resumes on Wednesday 18th September in the Social Hall (Bridge), Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Why not come along for a cuppa and a chat! All welcome. Bus as usual.

9th OFFALY SCOUTS FERBANE - Registration on Wed. 18th September at 7.30pm in the Junior National School hall for ages 8 to 11 years approx (3rd to 6th class). One parent/guardian must attend for programme briefing and registration process.

MUSIC NIGHT - In Teach Lea, Boora on Wed. 18th September. Various local musicians. Folk, Trad and a touch of Country in aid of Offaly Prolife in association with the Prolife Campaign. Tickets €10 available from John Egan 086 8174524.

BANAGHER DRAMA GROUP - AGM on Wed. 18th September at 8pm in LOETB Banagher. If you are interested in becoming involved in any way either on stage or behind the scenes please come along. Newcomers always welcome.

PROGRESSIVE 25 - Cards every Friday night in Ferbane Heritage Centre at 9pm. All welcome.

SYNTROPIC AGROFORESTRY Workshop September 21st - 22nd. €110 - €230. Coole Eco Community, Ferbane. Learn how to use trees to increase productivity and reduce farm inputs. For more information and to register: Info@CooleEcoCommunity.ie or call Siobhán: 089-2196045.

POOR CLARES GALWAY - *Monastic Experience Day for Women* 18-35. An opportunity to explore and experience Poor Clare life and spirituality. The event will take place from 10am to 5pm on Saturday 21st September. Contact: vocations@poorclares.ie to book a place. For more information: poorclares.ie/monastic-experience-days.

FERBANE Business & Technology Park CLG - AGM on Thursday 26th September in the Mary Ward Heritage Centre at 8pm. FB&TP CLG is a not-for-profit company, fully owned by the community with the main objective of supporting the creation of jobs in the Ferbane Catchment Area by providing infrastructure and supports to encourage business start-ups. There are now more than 150 people employed in companies operating

out of Ferbane Business Park. Anyone interested in assisting with the continued development of this important Community Project will be very welcome to attend this meeting.

CATHOLIC MARRIAGE Encounter Weekend - Is for married couples who want something more in their marriage. The next weekend is in the Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare, 8-10 November. Online booking only www.marriageencounter.ie.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - Are you in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment. We currently have vacancies on our scheme for one Groundsperson/Caretaker, one General Operative 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. For info. call 090 6454068.

24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

‘Who do you say I am?’

Caesarea Phillippi is situated twenty-five miles northeast of the Sea of Galilee. At the time of Jesus it was a significant centre of pagan worship and it was here that He chose to pose a searching question to His disciples and by extension, to His followers of every generation: ‘Who do you say I am?’ In other words, do you really know me, and does it show in your life? Many know about Jesus, but few actually know him. It is one of the great tragedies of our time that many have walked away from their faith without ever having encountered the Person at the centre of it all. And all the while, He stands, waiting to be found. English painter William Holman Hunt captured this truth beautifully in his evocative work ‘*The Light of the World*’ where Jesus is depicted with lantern in hand knocking on a closed door. The message is clear. He can only enter our house if we allow Him in. It begins in little ways. Dutch artist Vincent Van Gough, a contemporary of Hunt, once said that ‘the best way to know God is to love many things’. It is certainly true that, if we begin to see Him in little things, we will come to see Him in all things. He will make His home with us, and we will live in such a way that those who know us, but don't know Him, will come to know Him because they know us.