

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 24th November 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 23rd NOVEMBER - 7pm

1. Jimmy, Bridgie & Molly Clancy, Ballylamon.
2. Kieran & Nancy Egan, Ballyvora and deceased members of the Egan and Farrelly families.
3. Tom & Marie Kenny and their daughter-in-law Andrea.

SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER - 11am

1. Susan Rosney.
2. Patrick & Teresa Sheridan and their sons Thomas & Gerard.
3. Bernard & Kathleen Keenaghan.

Mon. 25th: 10am - Deceased members of the Ferbane Bridge Club.

Tues. 26th: 10am - Patrick & Angela Egan, Gallen.

Wed. 27th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 28th: 10am

Fri. 29th: 10am

Sat. 30th: 10am

SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER - 7pm

1. Bridget & Joseph Reams and deceased family members.
2. Jim & Betty Ryan.
3. Vincent Nannery.
4. Donal Burke.
5. Pat & Mary Spollen.

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER - 11am

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER - 12 noon

Family Mass and Pray & Play

1. Brian & Maureen Cahill and deceased members of the Cahill & Molloy families.

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER - 12 noon

1. Leo Kelly (*Months Mind*).
2. Joe Feighery and his son Diarmuid.
3. P.J. Minogue, his parents John & Mary and Michael & Annie Heavin.
4. Michael O'Brien.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 24th NOVEMBER - 9.30am

Wed. 27th: 7pm - Deceased members of the Colgan family, Leamore.

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Jane Leavy (*2nd A*).

NOVEMBER Month of the Holy Souls

'Praying for the dead and asking God to welcome them into His presence forever helps Christians to reflect on the true meaning of life and death.' (Pope Francis)

Masses: Boora: Wed. 7pm. High St: Fri. 8pm

ADVENT - Begins next Sunday, December 1st.

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

COLLECTIONS - *November 17th:*

Offertory/Shrine €2,450. Thank you.

Bank Account details -

IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

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.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP

Mon. 25th Nov: A night with Kildare Candle Barn with Jackie Sweeney, a Master Chandelier. Get some beautiful Christmas gifts. All welcome to High Street Hall at 7pm (Note change of time). *Note for your diary:* Christmas Market on Sun. 1st Dec. in High Street Hall from 10am - 2.30pm. All local crafts. Raffle on the day. Please support.

FERBANE COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wed. 27th November in the Social Hall (Bridge), Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus as usual.

ANNUAL MASS for the Deceased Staff of E.S.B Shannonbridge/West Offaly Power Station will be celebrated in St. Ciarán's Church, Shannonbridge on Thursday 28th November at 7pm.

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

CLOGHAN CHRISTMAS PARTY SOCIAL DANCE - On Friday 29th November from 9pm to midnight. Music by Olivia Douglas. Refreshments served. Door prizes on the night of hampers and cash prizes. Admission only €10.

CLONONY CASTLE - Is pleased and excited to announce that Santa Claus will be having his annual visit to the Castle on Sun. 1st December from 12 noon to 4pm, as always, a lovely Christmas event!

CHRISTMAS JUMBLE SALE - On Sat. 7th Dec. in Ferbane Heritage Centre from 10.30am - 3pm. All money raised will go to Sr. Paula Healy for the Missions, the Srs. of St. Joseph of Cluny, Ferbane and St. Hilda's Services, Ferbane. All donations welcome or to book a table contact Rachael 087 9503791. Coffee Morning at 10.30am. Raffle on the day.

LOUGH BOORA Running Group & Ferbane Athletics Club are hosting a 5Km Santa Dash and a 1Km Family Walk on Sun. 8th Dec. at 11am in Lough Boora Discovery Park. Register online at www.myrunresults.com. With special guest Santa. Refreshments afterwards in Teach Lea. All proceeds to Offaly Hospice & Dóchas, Offaly Cancer Support.

SENIOR CITIZENS Young at Heart Christmas Party - Takes place on Sunday 8th December in Gallen CS commencing with Mass at 1.30pm.

CHRISTMAS PRESENT for those abroad - *As The Years I Backward Span* - collected essays on the Wonders of Ferbane by Brendan Ryan (€25). Postage will be paid anywhere in the world (until Dec. 12th 2024). Outlets O'Callaghans Centra, Ferbane and Ryan's of Ballyclare (086 0693670).

FERBANE BELMONT CE - Are you signing for credits or in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment. We currently have vacancies on our scheme for one Groundsperson/Caretaker, General Operative, Caretaker Cleaner and Administration person. Successful applicants will continue with all existing benefits with a scheme top up. All successful participants can also avail of training and upskilling. For information call 090 6454068.

THE PROLIFE CAMPAIGN and Offaly Prolife are encouraging Prolifers to vote for Prolife candidates. Euthanasia is next we fear. The Traffic Light Voting System explanation and details for Offaly can be found on www.prolifecampaign.ie.

MIZEN TO MALIN CYCLE against Suicide Challenge/Fundraiser September 2024. George Digan would like to thank most sincerely all those who donated/sponsored or supported this hugely successful event. Amount raised both online and offline came to €5,000 to support the work of creating awareness and removing the stigma around mental health. *It's OK not to feel OK and it's absolutely OK to ask for help.*

THANK YOU - The McManus Family, Kilcummin would like to thank everyone for their support for their recent fundraiser which realised €5,305. These proceeds will go to Birr Day Care Alzheimers Society of Ireland. Your support was much appreciated.

34th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

'I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth'

Pope Pius XI, whose motto was 'the peace of Christ in the reign of Christ' instituted this Feast in 1925. 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 year, to indicate that all time and all seasons belong to the Lord. Christ is a king with a difference. 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. As he stands before Pilate in today's Gospel, he explains his mission: 'I have come to bear witness to the truth'. Not only did He bear witness to the truth; He was and is the Truth. In so far as we, his followers, speak His truth, irrespective of the consequences, and act His truth with joy, we allow his kingdom to come and His truth will set us free.

'Truth is not determined by a majority vote. Truth draws strength from itself and not from the number of votes in its favour.' (Pope Benedict)