

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 15th December 2024 Third Sunday of Advent

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER - 7pm

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER - 11am

1. Mary Duffy, Endrim (1st A).
2. Tommy & Kitty Flaherty.
3. Gregory Foley.
4. Gary Mooney (2nd A).

Mon. 16th: 10am - St. Cynoc's NS Mass.

Tues. 17th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 18th: 10am

Thurs. 19th: 10am

Fri. 20th: 10am

Sat. 21st: 10am

SATURDAY 21st DECEMBER - 7pm

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER - 11am

1. Hugh Gleeson.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER - 12 noon

1. Henry & Gertie Gunning.

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER - 12 noon

1. Patrick & Nan Kearns.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Nancy Colgan and deceased members of the Boland and Colgan families.
2. Deceased members of the Corcoran family, Gallen.

SUNDAY 22nd DECEMBER - 9.30am

NIGHT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION FOR ADVENT

Ferbane Church on Wednesdays at 8pm.
Lord, help us this Advent to slow down, listen to your word and focus on what's really important...

CONFESSION - After 10am Mass in Ferbane every morning this week.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - On Monday 16th December in Ferbane Church at 8pm. All welcome.

PRAY & PLAY - Family Mass on Christmas Eve at 7pm in High Street Church.

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

COLLECTIONS - December 8th:
Offertory/Shrine €2,065. Thank you.

Bank Account details -

IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

GREEN ENVELOPES - Those who usually distribute these envelopes can collect them from Fiona in the Parish office from 2pm next Wednesday, December 18th.

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

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian Community Sean Anderson.

DEATH - Please pray for the soul of Beatrice Foley, Athlone Road, Ferbane. Rest in peace.

CLONONY CASTLE - Is pleased and delighted to announce that Santa Claus will be making one final visit before Christmas to Clonony Castle this Sunday afternoon,

December 15th, from 12 noon to 4pm bringing more sweets, treats and Christmas cheer to all!

ENROLMENT - High Street N.S. enrolment for September 2025 has commenced. Enrolment packs may be obtained by calling to the school Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 2pm. Alternatively please email the school highstreetns@gmail.com with enquiries and packs may be posted out to you.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - *Mon. 16th Dec.:* Christmas Flower Arranging with Audrey, Unique Flowers, Moate in High Street Hall at 7.30pm (*Note earlier time*). Adm. €5. All arrangements raffled on the night. All welcome.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €9,400; Jackpot €1,700; Star Prize €7,700). Winning numbers were 6, 11, 21, 22. Bonus 27. No jackpot winner. Four match three winners. Next draw on Monday 16th December.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 9, 22, 25, 28. Bonus 23. No jackpot winner or match three winners. 5 x €40 lucky dip prizes drawn. Next week's jackpot is €8,200. Draw on Tuesday 17th December.

BELMONT GAA - Weekly bingo continues every week and books can be purchased online until 2pm every Wednesday or from Joe Cahill's shop until 9pm every Tuesday evening. Thank you for your continued support.

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

ANNUAL CAR WASH - Will take place in Moystown on Saturday 21st December. More details to follow.

B.H.M. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP - Would like to wish all our community a very happy Christmas and a peaceful, prosperous and community spirited new year. Thanks for all your support during the last year and we are looking forward to working with all our community in the new year.

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.

PLEASE NOTE - All notices for bulletins for the weekends of the 21st/22nd and 28th/29th December must be with Fiona in the parish office by this Wednesday, December 18th.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

'Rejoice, the Lord is near'

This is 'Gaudete' Sunday. The Latin word means 'rejoice'. We light the pink candle on the advent wreath today to remind us that, while this is a season of quiet reflection it is also a time to be joyful. There is good news in the air. The Lord is near. Joy is something deep and lasting. It is totally different from pleasure. It can co-exist with suffering and struggle. We have only to consider the scene in Bethlehem to grasp the truth of this statement. Despite the dire surroundings, real joy filled the lowly stable. Joy is the most certain sign of the presence of God within us. John the Baptist tells us today that this joy is nourished most powerfully, when we reach out generously in the service of others: *'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none'*. The key to joy then, is service. *'The secret of joy is living to serve'* (Pope Francis). We experience this joy fleetingly during the Advent and Christmas season when believing, noticing and giving become part of the air we breathe. Those who are happiest are those who do most for their brothers and sisters. Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud this Christmas and experience true joy!

The truest, purest joy flows from a discovery of Jesus Christ. If you carry joy in your heart you can heal any moment...