

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 29th December 2024 Feast of the Holy Family

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 28th DECEMBER - 7pm

1. Kathleen Coughlan (*Months Mind*).
2. James & Anne Reamsbottom, their sons Noel & Joe, daughter Mona and grandson Christopher.
3. Peter & Mary Kearns and their daughter Anne.
4. Doreen Spillane.

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER - 11am

Mon. 30th: 10am

Tues. 31st: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 1st January 2025: 10am

Thurs. 2nd: 10am

Fri. 3rd: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 4th: 10am

SATURDAY 4th JANUARY - 7pm

SUNDAY 5th JANUARY - 11am

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER - 12 noon

1. Margaret & Michael Daly, their daughter Margaret, son-in-law James Murray and their daughter Mary Connaughton and deceased family members.
2. Alo Kenny (*6th A*), his parents Paddy & Bridget, his brother Kieran, sister Josie and nephew Kieran.
3. Michael Yates.

Fri. 3rd: 8pm - First Friday.

1. Sean Murray & his niece Chloe Coleman.

2. Seamus & Chrissie Kenny.

SUNDAY 5th JANUARY - 12 noon

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Margaret Earley, her parents Patrick & Elizabeth Tooher, grandchildren Vincent & Kevin and deceased family members.

Fri. 3rd: 7pm - First Friday.

SUNDAY 5th JANUARY - 9.30am

1. Mary Grogan.

PARISH OFFICE - Will reopen on Wednesday 8th January. Tel: 090 6454309 OR Email: parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

COLLECTIONS

Bank Account details -

IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

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

CONCERN - Thanks to everyone who contributed to our recent Church Gate Collection and to our collectors. Your support was greatly appreciated. €1,062 was raised.

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. The committee would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported our club in anyway in 2024. Your support is always

greatly appreciated. 2025 will be a very exciting year for the club with the commencement of the building of our community hall at the pitch. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very happy New Year.

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

BELMONT GUN CLUB - Senior Citizens New Year Party will be held on Sunday 12th January 2025 in High Street Community Centre. There will be Mass at 3pm followed by meal and music. Everyone welcome.

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.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

When Jesus pitched His tent among us, He dignified family life forever. If proof is needed of the significance and sacredness of the family, let us gaze once more at the crib. As we do, the words of Pope Francis echo in our ears: **'family is the most beautiful thing God made; without family humanity has no future'**. Today's feast is well-placed, coming as it does, in the season of the family, and on the threshold of a new year. It's a moment to remember with gratitude the cradle from which we came. We salute our parents. Every word and deed of a parent is woven into the fabric of a child's character. The parent's heart is the child's schoolroom. We give thanks for our grandparents. They hold the memory of the family, and convey to the young in a unique way the meaning of life's journey. We pray for our children. May they always feel cherished and loved. May they know God and be happy. Jesus, Mary and Joseph, guide us in the year ahead. **'If you want to bring happiness to the whole world, go home and love your family'**.
(St. Teresa of Calcutta).

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

We wish all in our parish family, at home and abroad a happy and hope filled New Year. As we thank you most sincerely for your unfailing kindness, warm friendship and generous support during 2024, we offer you the words and sentiments of an ancient Irish blessing: **'May joy and peace surround you, contentment latch your door, and happiness be with you now and bless you evermore'**. Rath Dé oraibh sa bhliain úr.
Fr. Peter, Fr. Michael, Mgrs. Pat, Sr. Joseph.

2025 - YEAR OF HOPE

On Christmas Eve Pope Francis formally opened the Holy Door at St. Peter's Basilica in Rome to herald in the special Jubilee Year centred on the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'. The theme is well chosen. The year is welcome. It is a moment of grace for the Catholic family worldwide. Christian hope is the confident affirmation that God is faithful and will complete what He has begun. He has our best interests at heart. He will provide for us when we are in need. He will never leave us. Hope is the anchor of the soul. Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all of the darkness; that there is something more beautiful beyond the chaos of a broken world dominated by stories of fear and calamity. The person who has hope has everything, and to live without hope is to cease to exist. In his letter announcing the Jubilee Year, the Holy Father called on all Catholics to **'fan the flame of hope that has been given us and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision'**. Hope smiles on us then from the threshold of the year to come. May we seize this moment of grace.