

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 12th January 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 11th JANUARY - 7pm

1. Ollie McCormack.

SUNDAY 12th JANUARY - 11am

1. Noel Walsh (*Months Mind*).
2. May Moore, Ballylin.

Mon. 13th: 10am

Tues. 14th: 10am - Kate, Jack & Seamus McCormack.

Wed. 15th: 10am - 1. Dolores Clarkson.

2. Arthur McDonagh.

Thurs. 16th: 10am - People's Mass.

Fri. 17th: 10am

Sat. 18th: 10am

SATURDAY 18th JANUARY - 7pm

SUNDAY 19th JANUARY - 11am

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 12th JANUARY - 12 noon

1. William & Margaret Ryan.
2. Maureen & Michael Claffey.
3. Joe Kenny (*40th A*) and Eileen Kenny (*6th A*).

SUNDAY 19th JANUARY - 12 noon

1. Michelle Kenny, her nephew Aaron and her granduncle Tom Flynn.
2. Paddy Malone and his son Damien.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 12th JANUARY - 9.30am

SUNDAY 19th JANUARY - 9.30am

1. Kieran & Margaret Farrelly, Turraun.

JUBILEE YEAR

LOGO - The logo shows four stylised figures from the four corners of the earth. They each embrace one another, indicating the solidarity and brotherhood that must unite peoples. The first figure is clinging to the cross. The underlying waves are choppy to indicate that the pilgrimage of life is not always on calm waters, but the lower part of the cross becomes an anchor of hope.

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

COLLECTIONS - 5th January 2025
Offertory/Shrine €1,615.40

Bank Account details -

IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

RECENT DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Kathleen Fox**, Tyrone (sister of Pat Donaghy, Fadden, Belmont) and **Mary Smith, Kells** (sister of the late Paddy Devery, Endrim). May they rest in peace.

MARRIAGE - Congratulations to **Carmel Doyle** and **John Noonan** who were married recently.

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

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

BELMONT GUN CLUB - Senior Citizens New Year Party will be held this Sunday 12th Jan. in High Street Hall. There will be Mass at 3pm followed by meal and music. All welcome.



GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €9,700; Jackpot €1,800; Star Prize €7,900). Winning numbers were 8, 9, 15, 26. Bonus 25. No jackpot winner or match 3 winner. Two book prizes. Next draw on Monday 13th January.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 11, 13, 14, 31. Bonus 12. No jackpot winner. One match three winner. Next week's jackpot is €9,000. Next draw on Tuesday 14th January.

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. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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

LUSMAGH DRAMA - Presents "*Widows Paradise*", a comedy by Sam Cree in Lusmagh Hall on 23rd, 24th and 25th January at 8pm. Doors open at 7.15pm, booking essential. Phone or text 087 4162169 between 6-9 daily.

STUDY THEOLOGY ONLINE - Is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Register before February 11th. Find out more on prioryinstitute.com.

FOOT HEALTHCARE CLINIC - Has relocated from Ballycumber Road to Clonllyn. Specialising in Diabetic care. House call appointments available. Please call 086 2282460.

CLONONY CASTLE - A word of sincere thanks to all the wonderful families that visited Santa Claus during the recent Christmas events, creating lovely childhood Christmas memories for all the children.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - Are you in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment. We currently have vacancies on our scheme for 3 Groundsperson/Caretaker, 1 General Operative and 1 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 more information call 090 6454068.

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

'Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John to be baptised'

Baptism is not uniquely Christian. Different types of washing and purification by water are practiced in almost every other religion in the world including Judaism, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism and Shintoism. The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord or 'Theophany' is celebrated annually on the Sunday after 6th January. It closes the Christmas cycle in the Roman Catholic calendar. It commemorates the momentous event at the Jordan when the Lord came to be baptised by John. It is the official revelation of Jesus as the Son of God to the world. It is the occasion of the first public revelation of all Three Persons of the Blessed Trinity-the Son being baptised; the Holy Spirit descending; the Father speaking from the heavens. It is for Jesus a moment of **decision** as He leaves the safety of His hidden life and embarks on a journey that will take Him from the hills of Galilee to the Hill of Calvary. It is a moment of **identification** as He immerses Himself in our humanity in order to show us how to live as children of the Father and be held in His embrace. It is a moment of **approval** as the Father testifies that Jesus is His Only Begotten Son. The Baptism of Jesus marked the first step in a long and arduous journey. So did our Baptism. It was the day we began a lifelong walk with God. On this day we give thanks for the gift and ponder its' implications.

