

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 19th January 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 18th JANUARY - 7pm

SUNDAY 19th JANUARY - 11am

1. Kathleen Boland.

Mon. 20th: 10am

Tues. 21st: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 22nd: 10am - Grandparents Day.

Thurs. 23rd: 10am

Fri. 24th: 10am

Sat. 25th: 10am - Jim & Kathleen Gunning.

SATURDAY 25th JANUARY - 7pm

SUNDAY 26th JANUARY - 11am

1. Noel Clarke (*Months Mind*).

2. Ultan McCabe.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 19th JANUARY - 12 noon

1. Michelle Kenny, her nephew Aaron and her granduncle Tom Flynn.

2. Paddy Malone and his son Damien.

SUNDAY 26th JANUARY - 12 noon

1. Bertie, Mary Jo & Maura McKeown.

2. Pauline Claffey (*2nd A*) and her parents Annie & Michael.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 19th JANUARY - 9.30am

1. Kieran & Margaret Farrelly, Turraun.

SUNDAY 26th JANUARY - 9.30am

1. Samuel Colgan (*8th A*) and Nuala Colgan (*2nd A*).

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

JUBILEE YEAR LOGO

The logo shows four stylised figures to indicate all of humanity 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 - 25th Dec./29th Dec. 2024

Offertory/Shrine €8,685.

Sunday 5th / Monday 6th January 2025

Offertory/Shrine €2,730.

Sunday 12th January 2025

Offertory/Shrine €3,040.

Bank IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Sun. 19th-Sat. 25th Jan. *Theme:* 'Alive in Christ'.

SAINT SARAN'S FEAST DAY - St. Saran, a seventh century Saint, travelled from Clonmacnoise and founded his Church on the bank of the River Brosna in Moystown Demesne. The original Gaelic name for this Church was "Tigh Saran" meaning the House of Saran. It is from this origin that the area of Tisaran in our Parish gets its present day name. This site is also the burial place of Fr. Stephen Daly, a native of the area, who was the first Capuchin Priest to serve in Ireland. St. Saran's Holy Well "Tobar Saran" is also to be found nearby in Moystown Demesne, not far from where the beautiful Moystown House once stood. These two sites, St. Saran's Church and St. Saran's Holy Well would have been major places of worship and pilgrimage in earlier Christian times. St. Saran died in 661 AD and his Feast Day is on Monday 20th January.

SVP - Thanks to all who contributed to our Annual Christmas Appeal which realised €2,173.59. Your support is appreciated.



RECENT DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Tony Nugent, Rath** (brother of Frank Nugent, Leabeg) and **P.J. Kelly, Cornafurish, Ballycumber** (brother of Mike Kelly, Gallen View).

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian Community **Sonny Egan**.

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

ST. CYNOC'S N.S. - Is now accepting enrolments for the 2025-2026 school year. Enrolment forms are available to print from our website www.stcynocsns.ie. Alternatively you can request an enrolment form by emailing the school: stcynocsns@gmail.com or by phoning 090 6454249. Enrolment forms to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw (Prize fund €9,700; Jackpot €1,900; Star Prize €7,900)*. Winning numbers were 11, 12, 20, 24. Bonus 5. No jackpot winner. Four match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 20th January.

HIGH ST./BELMONT ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP - Next meeting in High Street Hall on Tuesday 21st January at 2.30pm. New members very welcome. Contact Maura on 086 1222974.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 7, 8, 19, 22. Bonus 4. No jackpot winner. One match three winner. Next week's jackpot is €9,200. Next draw on Tues. 21st January.

EXERCISE - Seated stretch class every Wednesday at 11.45am in Ferbane GAA Clubhouse €8. Tea and coffee afterwards. **Over 60's exercise class** every Friday at 10.45am in Ferbane GAA Gym €8.

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. Please support.

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

GALLEN GUIDES & Senior Branch - Are running a *Family Table Quiz* in Martin's, Doon from 5-8pm on Sun. 26th Jan. €20 per table. All welcome.

RASHINA N.S. OPEN EVENING - Will take place in St. Caillin's N.S., Rashina on **Tuesday 28th January**. Prospective pupils for Junior Infants in September and their parents are welcome to visit the school anytime between 3pm - 4.30pm. If this date is inconvenient, please feel free to phone and arrange an appointment 090 6454336.

MENPOWER PROGRAMME - Gents, are you interested in finding direction and expanding your horizons? Join us for the MenPower programme, starting February 5th, Millennium House, Tullamore. This opportunity is completely FREE, and your social welfare benefits will not be affected. Refreshments and a light lunch are included! Call Aoife on 087 7385989 or email akelly@offalyldc.ie.

BELMONT GUN CLUB - We wish to thank all our senior citizens for attending and making our party a very enjoyable memorable evening. We thank all our ticket sellers and helpers for their assistance and hard work in making the event a success. The following are the winners of the draw. **1st prize:** Mick Flynn, Kilimor. **2nd prize:** Paddy Coughlan, Belmont. **3rd prize:** Joan Mooney, Clononey.

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.

2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'Do whatever He tells you'

There are seven miracles of Jesus recorded in the Gospel of St. John. They are referred to as 'signs'. The spectacular drama of the **Wedding Feast of Cana** is a case in point. It teaches us that, when Jesus is invited into a situation, He transforms it for the better. He alone can restore hope when the wine of life runs out. It is deeply significant that the water in the stone jars was no ordinary water. It had been used by the guests to wash their feet as they entered the wedding hall. It was this foul water which Jesus changed into the choicest of wines. The ugly becomes beautiful in His hands. The abundance of wine in the story points to the limitless generosity of God. He takes delight in granting us all we need. The contribution of the servants who filled the stone jars and served the wine reminds us that the Lord relies on us to be His instruments in the world. And finally, we take note of Mary's instruction to the servants, which are her last recorded words in the Bible: **'Do whatever He tells you'**. It would make a wise New Year's resolution!