

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 26th January 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 25th JANUARY - 7pm

SUNDAY 26th JANUARY - 11am

1. Noel Clarke (*Months Mind*).
2. Ultan & Annie McCabe.

Mon. 27th: 10am

Tues. 28th: 10am - *People's Mass*.

Wed. 29th: 10am - *Jane & Patrick Devery*.

Thurs. 30th: 10am

Fri. 31st: 10am

Sat. 1st Feb.: 10am - *Feast of St. Brigid*.

SATURDAY 1st FEBRUARY - 7pm

1. Paddy Devery (*Months Mind*).

SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY - 11am

1. John Egan & his parents Kieran & Josie.
2. Michael Wren & dec'd family members.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 26th JANUARY - 12 noon

Pray & Play / Family Mass

1. Bertie, Mary Jo & Maura McKeown.
2. Pauline Claffey (*2nd A*) and her parents Annie & Michael.

SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY - 12 noon

1. Jimmy Lawlor.
2. Shane Ryan (*20th A*).
3. Oliver Daly (*30th A*) and deceased family members.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 26th JANUARY - 9.30am

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

SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY - 9.30am

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 - *Sunday 19th January*
Offertory/Shrine €1,910.

Bank IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

SUNDAY 26th JANUARY - Sunday of the Word of God. *'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ'*. (St. Jerome).

CEREMONY OF LIGHT - For Confirmation Class in Ferbane Church on Wed. 29th January at 7pm.

FEAST OF ST. BRIGID - (Second Patron Saint of Ireland), Saturday 1st February.

ST. BRIGID'S BLESSING

*May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell.
Bless every fireside, every wall and door.
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.
Bless every hand that toils to bring it joy.
Bless every foot that walks its portals through.
May Brigid bless the house that shelters you.*

FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - Blessing of candles during Mass on Sunday 2nd February.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian Community Niamh Mannion and Ella Anderson.

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



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

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 €9,900; Jackpot €1,900; Star Prize €8,000). Winning numbers were 4, 5, 16, 20. Bonus 13. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 27th January.

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.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 6, 7, 17, 31. Bonus 32. No jackpot winner. Three match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €9,400. Next draw on Tues. 28th January.

COFFEE MORNING - Resumes on Wednesday 29th January in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus as usual.

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.

SOCIAL DANCING - In Cloghan Hall on Friday 31st January at 9pm. Music by "The Checkers". Refreshments served plus spot prizes. Adm. €10.

ATHLONE AND MIDLANDS SAMARITAN Information Meeting - Could you be a Samaritan volunteer? No experience or qualification necessary as we will train, mentor and support you. If you think you might be interested, please come along to an Information meeting on Sunday 2nd February at 11am at The Samaritan Centre, 3, Court Devenish,

Athlone. You can also call or text Anne on 087 7176189 for more information. Samaritans provide 24 hour emotional support on Freecall 116123.

CEMETERY NOTICES - It has been brought to our attention that some graves have had items i.e. flowerpots and ornaments taken from graves. If anybody notices anyone acting suspicious in our cemeteries, please contact our local Garda. We also ask that all dogs be kept on a leash as dog fouling continues to be a problem.

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.

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'He sent me to bring the Good News to the poor'

We always pay special attention to the inaugural address of a leader outlining, as it usually does, the vision of the new regime. Today we listen with special attention as Jesus delivers his first sermon in the synagogue in Capernaum. It is His 'mission statement' and His mission will be different. He will have a special concern and care for the last, the least and the lost. During His public ministry, by day, by night, at waters' edge, on mountaintop, at town pool, at village well He will put flesh on the words of that first sermon. The new wine of Cana will flow through every gesture and encounter. He will touch the untouchable. He will invite the outsider in. He will welcome the sinner home. He will in short, proclaim the equal dignity of all God's children. G.K. Chesterton, poet, writer and convert to Catholicism, proposed a simple, everyday image to explain the heart of Jesus' mission: 'People are equal in the same way that pennies are equal. Some are bright; others are dull; some are worn smooth; others are sharp and fresh. But all are equal in value, because each penny bears the image of the sovereign, each person bears the image of the King of Kings'.