

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 2nd February 2025

The Presentation of the Lord

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

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.

Mon. 3rd: 10am - Feast of St. Blaise.

Tues. 4th: 10am - Deceased members of the Keena Family, Creggan.

Wed. 5th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 6th: 10am

Fri. 7th: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 8th: 10am - 1. Andy & Lucy Brazil.

2. Mary & John Rohan.

SATURDAY 8th FEBRUARY - 7pm

1. Grace Dollery.
2. Noeleen Mooney (*4th A*).
3. Peter & Nellie Guinan, Ballylin.
4. Margaret & Jerome Farrell and Johnny Condron.

SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY - 11am

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY - 12 noon

1. Jimmy Lawlor.
2. Shane Ryan (*20th A*).
3. Oliver Daly (*30th A*) and deceased family members.
4. Jack Connolly, his wife Christina and deceased family members.

Fri. 7th: 8pm - First Friday.

1. Jack Connolly, his wife Christina, his nephew baby Gerard Foster, his grand-daughter baby Molloy and his grandson baby Alan Melia & deceased family members.

2. John & Christina Butler, Mary O'Reilly and Kieran Butler.

3. Molly & Kevin Coleman, Kieran and Bridget Kelly and Brian Kelly, Manchester.

SUNDAY 9th FEBRUARY - 12 noon

PRAY & PLAY / FAMILY MASS

1. Jack & Mary Connaughton and Josie Kinnarney.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY - 9.30am

Fri. 7th: 7pm - First Friday.

SUNDAY 9th 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.



FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

Blessing of candles during Mass on Sunday 2nd February.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Blessing of throats on Mon. 3rd Feb. during 10am Mass in Ferbane and 8pm Mass in High Street.

SVP - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 26th January

Offertory/Shrine €2,845.

Bank IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE-

SUNDAY 2nd FEBRUARY - Instituted by Pope St. John Paul II in 1997 to be celebrated on Candlemas Day because men and women in consecrated life are meant to reflect the light of Christ to all peoples.

DEATH - We pray for the repose of the soul of Paddy Flaherty, Athlone (formerly Ballylin, Ferbane).

MASSES - 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.

CHOIR PRACTICE - Tuesday 4th February at 8pm. *Please note change of night.* We welcome new members. Please contact Annette on 086 8178698.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €10,000; Jackpot €2,000; Star Prize €8,000). Winning numbers were 10, 17, 18, 22. Bonus 1. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 4th February.

B.H.M. Community Development Group Monthly meeting will be held this Tuesday 4th February at 9pm in High Street Community Centre. Big welcome back following the holiday season and the group are pleased to announce a number of new projects for 2025. If anyone requires assistance or help as a result of storm Éowyn for medical, food, appointment etc please contact any member or phone the emergency helpline anytime on 087 8468418. Assistance will be made available.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 10, 11, 24, 31. Bonus 30. No jackpot winner. Two match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €9,600. Next draw on Tues. 4th February.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wednesday 5th February in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus as usual.

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.

ANAM CARA - The organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 12th February at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - Are you in receipt of a Social Welfare payment. We currently have vacancies on our scheme for 1 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 PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

'The parents of Jesus took Him up to Jerusalem'

Forty days after His birth, Mary and Joseph take Jesus to the temple. In the Eastern Christian Church this feast is known as the 'Feast of Encounter'. God comes to meet His people. The temple would have been crowded on that day but it is only the elderly couple, Simeon and Anna who recognize the child. All their lives they had waited, prayed and longed for the coming of the Messiah, and now their hopes are fulfilled. Their story teaches us the importance of patient waiting in life. 'A waiting person is a patient person. The word patience means the willingness to stay where we are and live the situation out to the full in the belief that something hidden there will manifest itself to us'. (*Henri J Nouwen*). Everything God is preparing for us is worth the wait.

CANDLEMAS

This feast, dating back to the fourth century is known also as 'Candlemas' because of the words of greeting uttered by Simeon when he greeted the child Jesus in the Temple. The old man prophesied to Mary and Joseph that Jesus would be 'a light to enlighten the Gentiles and give glory to your people Israel'. Hence, the blessing of candles on this day.