

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 2nd March 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 1st MARCH - 7pm

SUNDAY 2nd MARCH - 11am

1. Agnes Holmes.
2. Bridie Devery.
3. Bernadette Devery and her parents John & Ellen.

Mon. 3rd March: 10am

Tues. 4th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 5th: 10am - Ash Wednesday (distribution of ashes). Tom and Annie Claffey, Endrim.

Thurs. 6th: 10am

Fri. 7th: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 8th: 10am

SATURDAY 8th MARCH - 7pm

1. Kieran Hennessy (*Months Mind*).
2. Kieran & Brigid Kelly.

SUNDAY 9th MARCH - 11am

1. Thomas Moore (*1st A*).
2. Kathleen & Tom Higgins, Ferbane.
3. Mike & Kate Duffy and Michael Cusack.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 2nd MARCH - 12 noon

Pray & Play

1. Kathleen & Bernard Corcoran.
2. Thomas & Catherine Shea and deceased family members.
3. Seamus Dolan and his parents Patrick & Catherine and his sister Kitty.

Wed 5th: 8pm - Ash Wed. (distribution of ashes).

Fri. 7th: 8pm - First Friday.

1. Modd & Elizabeth Egan and deceased family members.

2. High Street Belmont Women's Group Spring Mass.

SUNDAY 9th MARCH - 12 noon

1. Patrick Kenny, Clonboniff.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 2nd MARCH - 9.30am

1. Liam Shanahan.

Wed 5th: 7pm - Ash Wed. (distribution of ashes).

Fri. 7th: 7pm - First Friday.

SUNDAY 9th MARCH - 9.30am

MASSES AND DEVOTIONS FOR LENT 2025

Ferbane: Each day at 10am

Boora: Wednesdays 7pm

High Street: Fridays 8pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday after 10am Mass.

LENTEN JOURNEY - A THOUGHT:

Give up something; Give back something;

Give prayer a chance.

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

COLLECTIONS - Sunday 23rd February
Offertory/Shrine €2,345.

Bank IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

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

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL - 'A Parish Pastoral Council is a leadership group through which priests and people work together as partners in furthering the mission of the Church in their own place.' We now seek nominations for two new members to join our Parish Pastoral Council. Please text your nomination before Sunday 9th March to 087 2437934.

Present Parish Council: Sharon Connon, Clare Nugent, Colette Kavanagh, Maura Duffy, Mary Kenny, Mary Fahey, Marian Kenny, Brian Dooley, Nigel Flynn, Liam Coughlan, Sr. Benedict Behan, Sr. Joseph Fallon, Fr. Michael Morris and Fr. Peter Burke.

FR. STEPHEN DALY OF TISARAN - Was born in Tisaran in 1575. He entered the Capuchin Order in Belgium on December 8th, 1606. He returned to his native area of Tisaran in 1615 and by doing so he became the first Capuchin priest to serve in Ireland. On the 1st March 1620, Fr. Stephen aged 45 years died and was buried in Tisaran Cemetery. The anniversary of his death occurs this weekend, Saturday 1st March.

100 YEARS YOUNG - Congratulations to Kitty Doyle, Ballycumber Road on reaching this wonderful milestone. Ad multos annos.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian Community Callum Clancy.

MARRIAGE - Congratulations to Tara Mannion and Kyle Molloy who were recently married.

DEATH - Please pray for Pat Tierney, Dublin (husband of Mary Flanagan, late of High St.). RIP.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - Monday 3 March: No meeting, Friday 7th: Spring Mass in High Street Church at 7pm. Special Easter Flower Arranging Class on Monday 14th April with Audrey Healy, Moate. Cost €40 which includes flowers and all materials. Booking essential. Contact 087 6639928.

B.H.M. DEVELOPMENT GROUP - Monthly meeting on Tuesday 4th March at 9pm in High Street Hall. The group are preparing their application for this year's Super Valu National Tidy Towns competition and intend to carry out projects under biodiversity and sustainability over the summer. All are welcome.

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

FERBANE WOMEN'S GROUP - Meet every Thursday morning in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road, Ferbane at 11am. All are welcome. For more information please contact 086 3671799.

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

PROLIFE CAMPAIGN - Church Gate Collection is being held next weekend Sat. 8th/Sun. 9th March.

COMMUNITY COOKERY COURSE - (6 weeks) beginning in High Street Hall at 7.15pm on Wednesday 12th March. Spaces are limited. Please book by contacting Claire at Offaly Local Development Company on 087 7799 853.

BELMONT GAA 131 GRAND CANAL WALK Our main fundraiser this year is a Sponsored Walk along the Grand Canal Greenway on Sunday 16th March. It will start in O'Connor Park, Tullamore and finish in Shannonharbour. (More details later). Our sponsorship platform is now live, and if you wish to sponsor any of our participants the platform

can be accessed through this link <https://belmontgaa.fundmajor.com/>.

ARDAGH AND CLONMACNOIS LOURDES PILGRIMAGE 2025 - Led by Bishop Paul Connell, is open for booking now. May 30th-June 4th; from €969. For more details contact Joe Walsh Tours at 01-2410800 or email info@joewalshstours.ie. Pilgrims who would like to travel with the Special Assisted Section should apply to Margaret McDonald Tel: 086 3918577. **Nursing Staff for the Lourdes Pilgrimage** - Those interested in joining as a Nursing staff member for the Diocesan Pilgrimage are asked to contact the local parish, or Pilgrimage Matron Margaret McDonald. Tel: 086 3918577.

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY - This Sunday 2nd March is Temperance Sunday. Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for those who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye?'

An Indian mother was worried about the health of her son who was eating too much sugar. She brought the boy to Mahatma Gandhi to see if he could help. Gandhi thought for a moment and then told the lady to bring her son back in two weeks time. The mother was disappointed but did as the great man asked her. Two weeks later, when she and her son returned to Gandhi he simply said to the young man: 'you must stop eating sugar; it is not good for your health'. The mother was confused and asked Gandhi why he had not given that basic advice on their first meeting. Gandhi replied: 'Two weeks ago I could not tell your son to stop eating sugar; I had to stop eating sugar first'. Before we attempt to correct or criticize others, we need to take stock. There is a story behind every person, myself included, and if we look for the best in others, we will find it. Another great leader, Abraham Lincoln suggested that the only one who has the right to criticize is the one who has the heart to help. Both Gandhi and Lincoln must have been inspired by the words of the Greatest Teacher of all in His 'Sermon on the Plain': 'Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own?'