

## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 22nd MARCH - 7pm

1. Ann Yates (*Months Mind*).
2. Peg & Wiliam Doyle and Michael Egan.
3. Arthur & Kathleen Reamsbottom and their daughter Kathleen Judge.

SUNDAY 23rd MARCH - 11am

1. Edward Duffy.

*Mon. 24th: 10am*

*Tues. 25th: 10am - Feast of the Annunciation.*

*Wed. 26th: 10am - Ann Coughlan, Ballylamon.*

*Thurs. 27th: 10am - People's Mass.*

*Fri. 28th: 10am*

*Sat. 29th: 10am*

SATURDAY 29th MARCH - 7pm

1. Margaret Meacle (*1st A*).
2. Michael Delaney (*2nd A*).

SUNDAY 30th MARCH - 11am

## SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 23rd MARCH - 12 noon

1. Patrick Tierney (*Months Mind*).
2. Ann Camon (*1st A*).
3. Rose & Michael Egan.
4. Kathleen Henry, Beechgrove.

SUNDAY 30th MARCH - 12 noon

1. Patricia Fleming.

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 23rd MARCH - 9.30am

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## 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** -

*Lent is a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts and reconnect with Christ.*

*A missed Lent is a year lost in the spiritual life.*

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

**COLLECTIONS** - 16th / 17th March

Offertory/Shrine €4,095.

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.

**SVP** - Confidential helpline 087 9272877.

**BAPTISM** - We welcome into our Christian Community Eily Feeney and T.J. McManus.

**DEATH** - Please pray for the repose of the soul of Tom Egan, Ballyclare. May he rest in peace.

**LOURDES INVALID FUND COLLECTION**

Takes place this weekend in our Churches. The funds raised go to sending assisted pilgrims to Lourdes. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**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.

**SPRING CRAFT & FOOD MARKET** - This Sunday 23rd March from 10am to 2.30pm in Cloghan Hall. Handmade candles, jewellery, jams, homemade baking. Something for everyone. Please support your local community market.

**HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP** - *Monday 24th March:* Danielle Rohan from Elle Skincare & Beauty Clinic will speak on the importance of skincare. Skin consultations available on the night. All welcome to High Street Hall at 8pm.

**GALLEN UNITED** - *Lotto Draw (Prize fund €10,700; Jackpot €2,300; Star Prize €8,400).* Winning numbers were 11, 16, 23, 28. Bonus 10. No jackpot winner or match 3 winner. Two book prizes. Next draw on Monday 24th March. *Please note:* €40 half yearly lotto ticket is due for renewal at this time.

**FERBANE GAA** - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 6, 12, 16. Bonus 24. No jackpot winner. One match three winner. Next week's jackpot is €11,000. Next draw on Tuesday 25th March.

**COFFEE MORNING** - Continues on Wednesday 26th March in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus as usual.

**BELMONT GAA** - Our *weekly bingo* is on every Wednesday evening at 8pm. Books available in Cahill's shop until 9pm on Tuesday evening or until 2pm online Wednesday evening. Congratulations to last week's winners. Thank you for your continued support as always, it's very much appreciated.

**DAFFODIL DAY: Friday 28th March** - If anyone would like to volunteer an hour, please contact Mary 087 2919314.

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

**SOCIAL DANCING** - In Cloghan Hall on Friday 28th March, 9.30pm. Music by Andy Feery. Spot prizes on the door and refreshments served, all for admission €10. All welcome.

**ATHLONE LITTLE THEATRE** - Presents the witty and touching '*Chapatti*' by Christian O'Reilly from April 4th-11th next. Sunday matinee only on April 6th at 3pm. Book your tickets via www.athlonelittletheatre.ie or on the Eventbrite website.

**GALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL** - Are hosting the Darkness into Light walk again this year. We would like to invite members of our local community to join us on the morning of Saturday 10th May in support of Pieta House. Registration for all is now online.

**ST. SARAN'S N.S., High Street, Belmont** *Classes of 1964, 1965, 1966 Reunion* in High Street Community Centre on Saturday 28th June at 4pm. We would love you to join us. For more information and to register your interest please contact Moira Gunning email moiranoone@gmail.com. WhatsApp 087 2209161.

**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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

**'Leave it one more year; it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down'.**

The fig tree in the Gospel story produces no fruit, but it is given a second chance. The parable teaches us that our God takes no delight in punishing or cutting down, which is a far-cry from the harsh, unforgiving culture of today. He offers a second and a third chance. Our failure in the past does not determine what we can become in the future. We hear, however, that there will be a day of reckoning for the fig tree. There is such a thing as a last chance. We must not mistake God's patience for His absence. He is gracious but He is just. We should seize the moment, then. My life is not a rehearsal. This is the only show, and we will have to give an account of our stewardship when our journey has run its' course. There are only two times in life, now and too late! Pablo Picasso said it better than most: **'Only put off until tomorrow what you are willing to die having left undone'**.