

CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 5th APRIL - 7pm

1. Liam Breslin (1st A).
2. Jack & Peggy Nagle and John Symes.
3. Bernie Guinan.
4. Helen Dunican.

SUNDAY 6th APRIL - 11am

1. Elizabeth Loftus (1st A).
2. Ellen Anderson (10th A) and her husband James.

Mon. 7th: 10am

Tues. 8th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 9th: 10am

Thurs. 10th: 10am

Fri. 11th: 10am

Sat. 12th: 10am - Margaret & Edward Lowry and their sons Kieran and Jimmy.

SATURDAY 12th APRIL - 7pm

1. Dan Foley (2nd A).

SUNDAY 13th APRIL - 11am

1. Ciss and Kieran Flynn.
2. Frank Keenan and his wife Joan.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 6th APRIL - 12 noon

SUNDAY 13th APRIL - 12 noon

1. Mary & Albert Nevin and deceased members of the Nevin and Mannion families.
2. Deceased members of the Egan and Sote families.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 6th APRIL - 9.30am

SUNDAY 13th APRIL - 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 -

'Lent is a time to reshape our vision of what matters.'

PALM SUNDAY

Sunday next, 13th April. Holy Week begins.

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

COLLECTIONS - 30th March

Offertory/Shrine €2,025.

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 Fionn Hughes.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Nancy Guinan, Kilcolgan and John Joe Flynn, Banagher (uncle of Nigel Flynn, Liscloooney, Michael Flynn, Ard Glas and Bernie Kenny, Clonbonniff), RIP.

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 - In Ferbane Church on Monday 7th April at 8pm. All new members welcome.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €10,900; Jackpot €2,400; Star Prize €8,500).

Winning numbers were 2, 6, 10, 22. Bonus 14. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 7th April.

HIGH ST. / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - *Monday 7th April*: Yvonne Claffey from Hey Pesto will host an evening of Easter recipes. Tasting and plenty of tips. Adm €5. All welcome to High Street Community Centre at 8pm.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 5, 10, 17, 20. Bonus 12. No jackpot winner. Nine match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €11,400. Next draw on Tuesday 8th April.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wednesday 9th April in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus as usual.

KILREHAN CEMETERY - Grass cutting starting on Wednesday 9th April at 7pm. If you have an hour to spare please come a lend a hand. Thank you.

BELMONT GAA - *Weekly Bingo* 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 support.

ANAM CARA - The organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly **Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 9th April at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel**. This event is FREE and open to all bereaved parents. Call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie.

WOMEN'S GROUP FERBANE - Are hosting a **Cake Sale on Thursday 10th April in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road from 10.30am - 1.30pm**. All proceeds to the Cluny Centre, Gallen Community School. Please support.

LOETB BIRR - Students are hosting a **Concert in Birr Theatre and Arts Centre on Friday 11th of April**. Proceeds to Make a Wish. Please support.

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

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 Sat. 10th May in support of **Pieta House**. Registration for all is now online.

ST. PIO RELICS to visit **Holycross Abbey (E41 PH01) on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May**. Veneration and ceremonies from 10am to 8pm on Saturday and 9am to 8pm on Sunday (incorporating our annual St. Pio Pilgrimage on Sunday from 1.30pm). All are welcome.

FAMILY CARERS IRELAND - Is the National Charity supporting 500,000+ Family Carers nationwide. We are currently recruiting for Community Homecare Workers to provide support to clients. Work hours are flexible based on your availability. Own car and full driving licence essential. Please send your CV to jobs@familycarers.ie or contact Carol on 049 8511031 or 086 4183949 for more info.

131 GRAND CANAL WALK - An update on our fundraising campaign. Our fundraising platform officially closed on Sunday last. What a successful campaign it was, a total of €151,480 was collected. We want to sincerely thank everyone who took part.

DAFFODIL DAY - Thanks to Centra, the Post Office, our volunteers and all who donated. Total amount raised realised €2,445.30.

OFFICES AVAILABLE TO RENT - Competitive rates. Contact The Manager, Ferbane Food Campus, Ferbane Business Park 087 9646079.

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.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

'Neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more'

A woman is caught in the act of committing adultery. The penalty is death by stoning. The self-righteous mob gathers. Then Jesus arrives and a dark and ugly scene is transformed by the radiance of His tender mercy. In her grim moment of public exposure, 'in full view of everybody', the woman of the streets is surprised to be touched by gentleness and so enter the world of redemption; **'neither do I condemn you, go and sin no more'**. The prodigal daughter, having been overwhelmed by guilt and shame, now rises with dignity to the wonderful realization that, in God's kingdom past mistakes are meant to guide you, not define you. The parable underlines what Graham Greene called **'the awful strangeness of God's mercy'**. We would like to think that the woman seized the opportunity to turn her life around. I wonder what became of the man?