

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 30th January 2022

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 29th JANUARY - 7pm

SUNDAY 30th JANUARY - 11am

Mon. 31st: 10am - People's Mass.

Tues. 1st Feb.: 10am - The Keena Family, Creggan.

Wed. 2nd: 10am - Candlesmas Day.

World Day for Consecrated Life.

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

Blessing of throats.

Fri. 4th: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 5th: 10am - Mick Wren (1st A).

SATURDAY 5th FEBRUARY - 7pm

1. Doreen Spillane (*Months Mind*).

SUNDAY 6th FEBRUARY - 11am

1. John Egan and his parents Kieran & Josie Egan.

2. Brian Hennessy.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 30th JANUARY - 12 noon

Thurs. 3rd: 8pm - Feast of St. Blaise.

Blessing of throats.

Fri. 4th: 8pm - First Friday.

1. John Connolly, his nephew baby Gerard Foster, his grandson baby Alan Melia, his granddaughter baby Molloy and deceased family members.

2. Molly & Kevin Coleman and Bridget & Kieran Kelly, Kilcummin and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 6th FEBRUARY - 12 noon

1. Shane Ryan (*17th A*).

2. Oliver & Kate Daly and their daughter Marcella Flanagan.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 30th JANUARY - 9.30am

1. Mary Coughlan, her husband Martin and her son Marty.

Thurs. 3rd: 7pm - Feast of St. Blaise.

Blessing of throats.

Fri. 4th: 7pm - First Friday.

SUNDAY 6th FEBRUARY - 9.30am

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday 1st February: Feast of St. Brigid.

Wed. 2nd Feb: Candlesmas Day / World Day for Consecrated Life. Blessing of candles.

Thursday 3rd February: Feast of St. Blaise. Blessing of throats after Masses.

MASSES - All ceremonies can be heard on 106.5FM Parish Radio. All our weekday and weekend Masses can now be viewed on our livestream link www.ferbaneparish.ie. Parish bulletin is available on www.ferbaneparish.ie.

COLLECTIONS - We the Priests of our Parish would sincerely like to thank those who so kindly continue to contribute to our collection every week. If anybody wants to offer financial support by electronic transfer our bank details are as follows: BIC: ULSB IE 2D.

IBAN: IE28 ULSB 9857 2021 5400 50.

DEATHS - Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jim Brazil, Ballylin; Kathleen Molloy, Glebe and Sarah Darcy, Clonmacnoise, all of whom died recently. May they rest in peace.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD - Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan has suggested that we might pause at 4pm each day during 2022 and say a short prayer for vocations to the priesthood (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be).

PRAYER FOR PEACE - In the light of the increasing tensions between Russia and Ukraine Pope Francis has asked people everywhere to pray for peace at this time.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Meeting on Mon. 31st Jan. in the Presbytery at 7pm. Confidential FREEPHONE number 087 9272877.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €11,600 = Jackpot €1,600; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 4, 5, 8, 19. Bonus 17. No jackpot winner. 3 match 3 winners. Next draw on Tues. 1st Feb. **FERBANE G.A.A.** - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 6, 14, 24, 30. Bonus 3. No jackpot winner. Seven match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €9,000. Next draw on Tuesday 1st February at 10pm.

BELMONT GAA ONLINE BINGO - Every Friday night at 8pm. Please check Belmont GAA Facebook and Instagram for Online Sales.

PULLOUGH N.S. - Is ENROLLING for the month of February. Forms will be left into playschools or can be requested from the school on 057 9355642 or from the website pulloughns.weebly.com.

MIDLANDS SIMON COMMUNITY - Are holding their Annual Church Gate Collection at all churches throughout Co. Offaly on Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th of February. Please support.

ANNUAL MASS OF REMEMBRANCE Will be held on Sunday, 6th February at 10.30am in St. Paul's Church, Delvin Road, Mullingar, in memory of deceased patients and staff and people buried in St. Loman's Hospital Cemetery from 1907 to 1970. Mass will be livestreamed on www.mullingarparish.ie.

MENPOWER - Are you interested in expanding your horizons? Do you want to build your mental and physical health, set goals and develop a life plan? Then join us for the new MenPower Programme beginning Wednesday 9th February, two days per week for 12 weeks. Participation on this programme is FREE and will not affect social welfare benefits. For more info. contact Aoife on 087-7385989 or email akelly@offalyldc.ie.

NAOMH CIARÁN CLOTHES COLLECTION On Sat. 12th February at Ferbane GAA pitch between 10am and 1pm. All clothes and bed linen (no duvets or pillows), women's bags, belts, paired shoes and soft toys. See Naomh Ciarán's facebook page for more information.

NEW CONSTRUCTION STUDIES PROGRAMME - Commencing at Banagher FET Centre on Monday 14th February. Modules include: Renewable Energy Systems, Concreting, Floor and Wall Tiling, MIG Welding and NZEB Awareness, Thermal Insulation Installation and Safe Pass Training. A training allowance is payable where applicable. For details contact: (M) 085 8016195 or 085 8051912.

DOG FOULING IN HIGH ST. CEMETERY It has been brought to our attention of serious dog fouling in High Street Cemetery. We would ask people not to let their dogs roam freely as this is causing a lot of distress for people visiting graves. Thank you for your co-operation.

FOUND - Piece of jewellery found in Moyclare. Contact Sacristy.

PARISH OFFICE - Open on Wednesday from 9am - 1pm and 2pm - 5pm. Bulletin notices to be in by 3pm Wednesday. Tel: 090 6454309 or Email: parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

As Jesus continues to preach His first sermon the mood turns to anger and the audience becomes a mob intent on His destruction. He is rejected by His own when He holds up as models the widow of Zarephath and Naaman, the Syrian, two Gentiles, two outsiders, two strangers. This was a bridge too far. They refused to countenance the challenge of His teaching, to look beneath the surface, to think beyond the box, to reach beyond themselves, to stand with the excluded. It was only when He had departed that His followers would come to grasp the meaning of His inspiring words on that day in Nazareth: 'when you look for beauty in all people and all things you not only find it you become it'. A beautiful custom then grew among the first generations of Christians whereby a room was held free in their homes for any stranger who might come looking for shelter. It was known as 'the stranger's room'. They had come to believe that by welcoming the stranger they were welcoming Christ. They had come to grasp the Gospel truth and it had set them free.