

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 2nd October 2022

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 1st OCTOBER - 7pm

1. Christine & Kieran Delaney and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER - 11am

Mon. 3rd: 10am

Tues. 4th: 10am

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

Thurs. 6th: 10am

Fri. 7th: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 8th: 10am

SATURDAY 8th OCTOBER - 7pm

SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER - 11am

1. Dec'd members of the Ferbane G.A.A.
2. Mary Gleeson, Athlone Road (3rd A).

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER - 12 noon

1. Paddy & Eileen Melia and their deceased sons and daughter.
2. Ber & Ann Coughlan and their baby son.
3. Michael & Mary McDonnell, Coosan, Athlone.

Fri. 7th: 8pm - First Friday.

The Curley family, Lisdaly.

SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER - 12 noon

1. Mary Connolly, Clononey and deceased family members.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 2nd OCTOBER - 9.30am

Fri. 7th: 7pm - First Friday.

SUNDAY 9th OCTOBER - 9.30am

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

COLLECTIONS - Our new account details with Bank of Ireland are as follows:

Account No: 75907205. BIC: BOFIE2D

IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

We greatly appreciate your continued contributions. Weekly collection including Shrine €2,450. Thank you.

BAPTISMS - We welcome into our Christian Community Mikey Kenny and Fíadh Butler who were baptised recently.

OUR LADY OF CLONFERT CHURCH - Sunday evening Mass starting this Sunday, 2nd October at 6.30pm followed by rosary and benediction.

DAY FOR LIFE 2022 - This year's Day for Life will be celebrated in Ireland today, Sunday 2 October, on the theme 'Caring for the Older Person'. We invite people to think again about the value and worth of older persons in families and in society, and to make practical choices to build bridges between the generations. We call for people and parishes to devote quality time, energy and creativity in caring for the older persons in our communities. Saint Joachim and Saint Anne - pray for us! To read the pastoral message for Day for Life in full, visit www.councilforlife.ie.

HIGH ST./BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - *Mon. 3rd Oct.:* We continue our Mosaic Class with Rosemary Langtry in High St. Hall at 8pm. All welcome. **HIGH STREET CEMETERY** - Weekly clean up continues every Tuesday at 7pm.

FERBANE LIBRARY - LOETB Art Course, Beginner's Drawing for Adults starting Tuesday 4th October from 2pm-4pm for 4 weeks. To book your place, phone Ferbane library on 090 6454259.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €4,400 = Jackpot €2,200; Star Prize €2,200). Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 21, 22, 24. Bonus 10. No jackpot or match 3 winner. Two book prizes. Next draw on Tuesday 4th October.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 7, 18, 21, 30. Bonus 8. No jackpot

winner. Four match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €3,600 and the draw is on Tuesday 4th October.

COFFEE MORNING - Resumes on Wed. 5th October in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). New and old members welcome. Bus service available as usual.

FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB - Bridge commences on Wednesday 5th October at 7.45pm. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

CLOTHES COLLECTION - Naomh Ciarán Girls Football Club are having one last drop off point for collecting bags, **Saturday 8th October between 9.30 and 10.30am**, at Ferbane Gaa pitch.

BRIGHT BEGINNINGS - Are hiring Childcare staff who have a minimum FETAC L5 Qualification. €13 per hour. To apply please send your CV to brightbeginningsferbane@yahoo.ie. We are also looking for **new committee members** to assist in several areas e.g. finance and small project management. If you have experience in these areas and would like to join us please email brightbeginningsferbane@yahoo.ie by 10th October 2022.

COURSES - Get Autumn 2022 off to a great start by learning new skills and hobbies at our **Night Classes starting on Monday 10th October** in Moate Business College. Check out our full range of day and night classes on our website www.moatebusinesscollege.com or our Facebook/Instagram pages.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS - The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its first monthly **Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday**

12th October at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This event is FREE and open to all bereaved parents. We also offer an online service. For info. 01 4045378. **CANDLE SHRINES** - It has come to our attention that on occasions the shrine candles are being replaced with tealights that people are bringing to the Church and lighting them in the shrine. **Under no circumstances are any candles other than the ones provided in church are to be used.** This can cause a huge fire risk.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - We will have a limited amount of electricity vouchers in the coming weeks which energy providers have committed to giving to St. Vincent de Paul. If you wish to avail of these vouchers, please drop a note in to the Parish Office, The Presbytery, Ferbane with your name address and telephone number. Confidential FREEPHONE 087 9272877.

THANK YOU - The McManus Family, Kilcummin would like to thank all who supported their recent **Memory Walk in aid of the Alzheimer's Society** which realised €3,579. This has been presented to Birr Day Care Unit. Your support is much appreciated.

FERBANE CARE CENTRE - Wish to thank everyone who supported their Offaly Hospice Coffee Afternoon which realised €950.30. Your support is much appreciated.

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

TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'Increase our faith'

Walter Ciszek, a Polish Jesuit priest spent fifteen years in forced labour camps in Siberia. When asked what kept him going during those dark days he replied: 'it was not I who kept the faith; it was the faith that kept me'. Faith is not always a pleasant, fulfilling experience. It is often just seeing in the dark, but then it is only in the darkness that you can see the stars. As the great Bengali poet and novelist Tagore wrote so eloquently: 'Faith is the bird that feels the light when the dawn is still dark'. Central to faith is patience. To believe is to plod on, but without faith, life loses its meaning. It is a trust, then, rather than a certainty, a journey rather than an arrival. **It's not the belief that God will do what you want. It's the belief that God will do what is right.** With the disciples in today's Gospel we pray: increase our faith.

SEASON OF CREATION

The Season of Creation ends on Tuesday 4th October, Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. Born Giovanni de Pietro di Bernardone in 1181 he founded the Franciscan Orders, devoted his life to service of the poor, played a major role in re-building the Church which was badly in need of reform, created the first Christmas crib, and promoted special reverence for all of creation which he saw as manifesting the presence of God and deserving of respect. Francis died in 1226 and was canonised by Pope Gregory IX in 1228. He was declared patron of animals and ecologists by Pope St. John Paul II in 1979. 'Praise to you my Lord through Sister Earth, our Mother who sustains and governs us producing varied fruits with coloured flowers and herbs'. (St. Francis).