

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 2nd July 2023

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 1st JULY - 7pm

1. Pat Joe Flynn, Athlone Road.

SUNDAY 2nd JULY - Cemetery Sun., 11am

Mon. 3rd: 10am - Monsignor Michael Ryan.

Tues. 4th: 10am

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

Thurs. 6th: 10am

Fri. 7th: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 8th: 10am - Patrick & Winifred Dolan.

SATURDAY 8th JULY - 7pm

1. John & Christopher Connor.
2. Maisie & Tommy Duffy.
3. Michael Brazil, Dublin and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 9th JULY - 11am

1. Pete Duffy (1st A).
2. Carmel Dunican.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 2nd JULY - 12 noon

1. Ann Connolly (2nd A).
2. James & Mary Bridgid Buckley, Clononey and their daughters Brigie, Ellen and Patricia.

Fri. 7th: 8pm - First Friday.

1. Patrick Kenny and Caoimhe Feerick Ryan, Paddy & Ger Ryan and Margaret Feerick.
2. Kieran Caulfield (1st A) and his parents Margaret & Joe.

SUNDAY 9th JULY - 12 noon

1. John & Maisie Connell.
2. Claudia Connolly Brewer.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 2nd JULY - 9.30am

1. John Reddin.

Fri. 7th: 7pm - First Friday.

SUNDAY 9th JULY - 9.30am

KILREHAN CEMETERY SUNDAY

Sunday 2nd July at 11am.

HIGH ST. CEMETERY SUNDAY

Sunday 16th July at 12 noon.

GALLEN CEMETERY MASS

Friday 28th July at 7pm.

Clean-up every Wednesday at 7pm.

All help appreciated.

PRAYER FOR CEMETERY SUNDAY

May the breath of creation that surrounds these holy graves - the trees, the grass, the birds, the wind and the sun - join us today in prayer.

May this pilgrimage remind us of what our faith teaches us - that our bodies do not die, but rather are transformed into new life through Christ. Holy are these resting places.

COLLECTION - June 25th: Offertory/Shrine €2,630. Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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

PARISH OFFICE - Will reopen on Wednesday 5th July. Tel: 090 6454309 or email parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS

Across West Offaly for the Prolife Trust will take place this weekend, Sat. 1st and Sun. 2nd July.

DEATH - Please pray for the repose of the soul of John Sheridan, Bangor, Wales (formerly Ballyshiel and brother of the late Paddy Sheridan, St. Cynoc's Terrace). May he rest in peace.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €8,200 - Jackpot €4,100; Star Prize €4,100). Winning numbers were 3, 5, 17, 20. Bonus 8. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 3rd July.

FERBANE LIBRARY - *Crochet & Knitting Group* every Tuesday morning at 11am. New members always welcome. Call in to the library or phone 090 6454259 for more details. *Lego Free Play Event on Sat. 8th July.* Call in from 11am to 1pm. Suitable for ages 4+. Children must be supervised by an adult at all times. All welcome. *Library Opening Hours:* Tues. 10am til 5pm (lunch 1-2pm); Thurs. 10am til 8pm (lunch 1-2pm & 5-6pm); Sat. 10am til 1pm.

HIGH ST. CEMETERY - Weekly clean-up continues each Tues. at 7pm. Volunteers welcome.

B.H.M. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP BELMONT - *Monthly meeting* will be held on Tuesday 4th July at 9pm in High Street Community Centre. All are welcome. *Judging* is taking place at present for Super Valu 2023 Tidy Towns Competition for Belmont. The group is putting together a project plan for the Belmont area for the next three years. If you wish to make a submission please contact any committee member or phone project co-ordinator on 087 8468418 with your submission.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 14, 24, 25, 26. Bonus 18. No jackpot winner or match 3 winner. 5 x €40 raffle prizes drawn. Next week's jackpot is €6,800. Draw is on Tuesday 4th July.

BELMONT GAA BINGO - Congratulations to last weeks winners: Regina Clancy €500; Kay Flynn €100; Mary Carton €100; Clionadh Liddane €100; Margaret Fitzgerald €50. Bingo continues every Friday night, pre-printed books available in Cahill's during the week until 9pm on Thursday.

BEAT ON THE PEAT - Takes place in Moystown on Sunday 9th July. Tickets now available in Cahill's shop.

HIGH ST. / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP

Cake Sale & Raffle on Sun. 16th July after 12 noon Mass in aid of Daffodil Day & Irish Cancer Society.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - We currently have vacancies on our scheme for 2 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 info. call 090 6454068.

GRADITUDE 2023 - A big thank you to all who made the Festival a huge success last weekend! Looking forward to the return of Traditude in 2024!

13th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones he will most certainly not lose his reward'.

It is true that the Church will always need great orators, gifted teachers and heroic saints to inspire the multitudes and carry out its mission, but it will also need ordinary folk who live graciously, love tenderly and serve generously away from the spotlight, those who welcome the stranger and offer generous hospitality in their homes. The world actually turns on the small and seemingly insignificant acts of ordinary people. It is touching that a simple act of kindness is the image chosen by Jesus in this extract from His final instruction to His disciples. The giving of a cup of cold water in His name will not go unnoticed or unrewarded. Nothing escapes His attention and all service ranks the same with Him. There is a significance to the insignificant. **'Be great in little things'** (St. Francis Xavier).

An insignificant encounter?

One day in 1954 in Louisville, Kentucky a police officer came upon a young boy who was fuming because someone had stolen his bicycle. 'If I catch that thief I'll whup him', shouted the boy. 'You should learn how to box first', said the policeman, and he offered to train him. The name of the young boy? Cassius Clay, who later became the legendary Muhammad Ali!