

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 9th July 2023

The Transfiguration of the Lord

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

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.

Mon. 10th: 10am

Tues. 11th: 10am

Wed. 12th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 13th: 10am

Fri. 14th: 10am

Sat. 15th: 10am - Ultan McCabe (Months Mind).

SATURDAY 15th JULY - 7pm

1. Jim Cassidy (1st A) and his sister Peggy Bowden.
2. Oliver Costello.
3. Peter Kelly (3rd A).

SUNDAY 16th JULY - 11am

1. Nancy Hickey (Months Mind).
2. Marilyn Browne.

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 9th JULY - 12 noon

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

SUNDAY 16th JULY - 12 noon

1. Cemetery Mass with blessing of graves and new extension to cemetery.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 9th JULY - 9.30am

SUNDAY 16th JULY - 9.30am

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.

CLONMACNOIS CEMETERY MASS

Saturday 29th July at 7pm.

(Bring a seat advisable).

YEAR OF VOCATIONS

30th April 2023 - 30th April 2024

COLLECTIONS

July 2nd: Offertory/Shrine €2,860.

Kilrehan Cemetery Collection: €1,856.40.

Sincere thanks for your generosity.

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Daily in the Oratory in Ferbane Church. New attendees welcome. For more info. please contact Seamus at 086 8718942 or Iris 090 6454382.

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

OFFALY HOSPICE ANNUAL CHURCH GATE COLLECTION - Will take place this weekend Sat. 8th and Sun. 9th July. All money raised will be used to support the Palliative Care Services in our local community. Please support.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Meeting on Mon. 10th July in the Presbytery at 7.30pm.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €8,300 - Jackpot €4,200; Star Prize €4,100). Winning numbers were 6, 7, 9, 21. Bonus 19. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next draw on Monday 10th 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. *Library Opening Hours:* Tues. 10am til 5pm (lunch 1-2pm); Thurs. 10am til 8pm (lunch 1-2pm & 5-6pm); Sat. 10am til 1pm.

FERBANE TIDY TOWNS - Winners in the Village and Small Town category in the Climate Action Award. The 2022 SuperValu Tidy Towns awards for the Midlands and East region were presented on Wednesday 28th June at St. Loman's GAA Clubhouse in Trim. A huge thank you to two of our volunteers who attended the event. **New volunteers are always welcome. We meet on Tuesdays at 6.30pm at the Chat & Chill area (old Fire Station).** Be sure to check our Facebook page for more information.

HIGH STREET CEMETERY - Weekly clean-up continues each Tuesday at 7pm. Volunteers welcome.

FERBANE GAA - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 9, 13, 31, 32. Bonus 21. No jackpot winner or match 3 winner. 5 x €40 raffle prizes drawn. Next week's jackpot is €7,000. Draw is on Tuesday 11th July.

BELMONT GAA BINGO - Bingo continues every Friday night, pre-printed books available in Cahill's during the week until 9pm on Thursday.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP Cake Sale & Raffle on Sunday 16th July after 12 noon Mass in aid of Daffodil Day & Irish Cancer Society. Please support.

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 information call 090 6454068.

14th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'I am meek and humble in heart'

'Ignorance of the Scriptures is ignorance of Christ', according to the great fourth century scholar, St. Jerome. When the Word of God is proclaimed in our churches, or when we read the Scriptures for ourselves, God speaks to us. We come to see Him more clearly, so that we may follow Him more nearly. Nobody ever outgrows the Scriptures; the Book widens and deepens with the years. In today's gospel extract, Jesus deepens our understanding of who He is. He is speaking to people whose religion was a thing of burdens, a forest of rules and regulations. He is offering them something different. He invites them to bring their cares and worries to Him since He is gentle and humble in heart. Gentleness is a beautiful virtue, which is often equated with weakness, but in reality, the opposite is true. St. Francis de Sales expressed this truth so well: '**nothing is as strong as gentleness and nothing is as gentle as real strength**'. Come to think of it all cruelty has its root in weakness. The most notorious dictators are essentially weak and insecure people. Gentleness is power under control. It's a choice to be considerate, tender and gracious. To be gentle is to be close to the heart of God. The Scriptures tell us so.