

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 17th September 2023

Twenty Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 16th SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. Mary Rourke and Bridie & Patsy Rourke.
2. Kate Daly (4th A), her husband Oliver and daughters Marcella and Kathleen.

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER - 11am

1. Johnny Keenaghan and his parents James & Bridget.

Mon. 18th: 10am

Tues. 19th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 20th: 10am

Thurs. 21st: 10am

Fri. 22nd: 10am

Sat. 23rd: 10am

SATURDAY 23rd SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. Paddy Taylor (25th A), his wife Julia, their daughter Ann and his brother-in-law Peter Devery.

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER - 11am

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

1. Jimmy Cox (6th A).
2. Tommy Anderson (11th A).
3. Paddy & Eileen Melia, sons Gerard & Michael Melia their daughter Helen. Peter, Ellen & Paddy Kelly. Nan & Ber Coughlan and their baby son.

SUNDAY 24th SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

1. Kieran Flynn & dec'd family members.
2. Mary Connaughton, Jimmy Connaughton and deceased members of the Connaughton & Murray families.
3. Sean Hynes and dec'd family members.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 17th SEPTEMBER - 9.30am

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FEASTS THIS WEEK

Wed. 20th Sept:

St. Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Korean Martyrs.

Thurs. 24th Sept: St. Matthew Apostle/Evangelist.

Sat. 23rd Sept: St. Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio).

SEASON OF CREATION (Sept. 1st-Oct. 4th)

'As stewards of God's creation we are called to make the earth a beautiful garden for the human family.

When we destroy our forests, ravage our soil and pollute our seas we betray that noble calling'.

CLONMACNOIS PATTERN DAY - Today Sunday 17th September. Pattern Prayers at 2.45pm with Mass immediately at 3pm. Celebrant and Homilist Bishop Paul Connell.

COLLECTIONS - September 10th:

Offertory/Shrine €2,035. Thank you.

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

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

IMPORTANT NOTICE - Due to painting works being carried out in Ferbane Church from Monday 18th September for a period of two/three weeks, there will be no weekday masses from Monday to Friday in Ferbane. Mass will take place in High Street Church at 10am on the weekdays instead. There will be no Eucharistic Adoration during this time. Weekend Masses will continue as normal in Ferbane. If you wish to tune in to mass online, you can do so by tuning in to www.churchservices.ie and choose a Church. There are numerous masses broadcast each morning including St. Mary's Church, Cloghan and St. Rynagh's Church, Banagher.

DEATH - Please pray for P.J. Guinan, No. 6, Ballyclare Road who died recently. Rest in peace.

RASHINA VINTAGE CLUB - *Threshing & Working Field Day* in Moony's field, Doon on Sunday 17th Sept. from 12 noon. All welcome.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €5,900 - Jackpot €1,300; Star Prize €4,600). Winning numbers were 1, 15, 23, 28. Bonus 22. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next draw on Monday 18th September. *Reminder: €40 half yearly lotto is now due for renewal.*

PILATES - Classes starting in Ferbane G.A.A. Centre on Tuesday 19th September for 6 weeks. Classes start from 6.15pm to 7.15pm. Cost €50. Booking is essential. Contact Emer Carroll 087 1894786.

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

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 4, 5, 18, 32. Bonus 27. No jackpot winner. Four match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €9,000. Draw is on Tuesday 19th September.

GENTLEMEN - Join us for our next MenPower programme, starting Wed. 20th Sept. Participation is FREE and social welfare benefits not affected. Refreshments and a light lunch provided. Contact Aoife 087-7385989 or email akelly@offalyldc.ie.

COFFEE MORNING - Resumes on Wednesday 20th Sept. in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am (after Mass). Bus as usual. All welcome.

BELMONT GAA - Congratulations to last weeks Belmont bingo winners: 1. Noel Guinan €250; 2. John Ferris €200; 3. Pauline Clancy €75; 4. Laura Coyne €75; 5. Bernie Kenny, High Street €50; 6. Serena Murphy €50; 7. Brendan Curley €25. Thanks for your support. Bingo back next Wednesday night at 8pm. Books available in Cahill's every week.

FERBANE WOMEN'S GROUP - *Calling all women from Ferbane and surrounding areas!* You are invited to an **Open Morning on Thurs. 21st Sept. at 11am in Ferbane Bridge Club.** Join us for a cuppa and chat and have your say in the planning of Ferbane Women's Group. Contact Stephanie 086 833 6873.

BEWLEY'S COFFEE MORNING - At Ferbane Care Centre on Friday 22nd September from 2-4pm. Raffle on the day. All welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC HEALING DAY - On Saturday, September 23rd in St. Mel's Cathedral, Longford from 3pm to 8.30pm. Day will include: A Eucharistic Healing Cenacle led by Mother Adela Galindo, Veneration of St. John Paul II's Relic, and Mass with Bishop Paul Connell. All are welcome.

BELMONT ANGLERS - *Open fishing competition* on Sun. 24th Sept. at the Match Stretch, Shannon Harbour. Registration and draw 12.30pm, fishing 2-6pm. Entry fee €10. Prizes on the day. All are welcome. For info. and booking contact 087 9383553.

FERBANE LIBRARY - A weekly Crochet & Knitting Group will begin at 11am on Tuesday 26th September in the library. If you would like to join a group to craft and chat, please contact the library for more information. **Library Opening Hours:** Tues. 10am-5pm (lunch 1-2pm) Thurs. 10am-8pm (lunch 1-2pm & 5-6pm). Sat. 10am-1pm. Tel: 090 6454259.

LISDERG DEVELOPMENT GROUP - Meeting in High Street Hall on Wednesday 27th September at 8pm, working together to make Belmont a better place to live in. Everyone welcome.

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 participants can also avail of training and upskilling. For more information call 090 6454068.

PROBLEM GAMBLING THERAPY AND SUPPORT SERVICE - There is a new problem gambling counselling service based in Bridgeways FRC covering Longford County. Clinics are held in Cara Phort Family Resource Centre in Ballinacargy and Luis na Greine Family Resource Centre in Granard. This is a FREE or donation-based service to those with a gambling problem or their affected family member. We offer counselling and educational awareness in the community around problem gambling and its effects. For more information, please call 083 2025899 or email: gamblingsupport@bridgewaysfrc.com.

24th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'Not seven times, but seventy-seven times'

Everyone has to confront the issue of forgiveness sometime. Forgiveness is a lovely idea until we have someone to forgive! In the end it's a decision. We know the theory, but there comes a moment. In 1943 Eric Lomax, a British army officer, suffered severe mistreatment in a Japanese prisoner of war camp in Thailand. Fifty years later he decided to return to the place of his torture to meet and be reconciled with his brutal torturer Nagase Takashi. When asked to explain his magnanimous gesture he replied, 'sometime the hating must stop'. A contrasting reaction comes from a Jewish inmate who survived Auschwitz concentration camp. When reflecting on his ordeal with a former colleague many years later he proclaimed defiantly that he would never forgive the Commandant of the camp. 'In that case', replied his friend, 'he still has you in prison'. Forgiveness liberates. Unforgiveness enslaves.

'The greatest form of giving is forgiving'.

(G.K.Chesterton).