

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 14th January 2024

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 13th JANUARY - 7pm

1. May Moore, Ballylin (6th A).

SUNDAY 14th JANUARY - 11am

Mon. 15th: 10am - 1. Dolores Clarkson.

2. Arthur McDonagh.

Tues. 16th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 17th: 10am

Thurs. 18th: 10am - John & Mary Kelly and deceased members of the Quinn and Kelly families.

Fri. 19th: 10am - Keena Family, Creggan.

Sat. 20th: 10am

SATURDAY 20th JANUARY - 7pm

1. Mary Duffly (Months Mind).
2. Gerry Carroll (1st A).

SUNDAY 21st JANUARY - 11am

1. Annie & Ultan McCabe and deceased family members.
2. Jimmy Brazil (2nd A) & his wife Madge.

PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 14th JANUARY - 12 noon

1. Michelle Kenny, Aaron Kenny, Tom Flynn.
2. Margaret & William Ryan.
3. Maureen & Michael Claffey, Tissaran.

SUNDAY 21st JANUARY - 12 noon

1. Paddy Malone and his son Damien.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 14th JANUARY - 9.30am

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

COLLECTIONS - January 7th:

Offertory/Shrine €3,940. Thank you.

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK -

Sunday 21st - Saturday 27th January.

Theme: Catholic Schools: Communities of Service.

DEATHS - Please pray for the souls of Margaret Earley, Leabeg; Nora Molloy, Kilcormac (mother of Lisa Lyons, Leabeg) and Kathleen Boland, The Derries, all of whom died recently. Rest in peace.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw (Prize fund €7,400; Jackpot €2,000; Star Prize €5,400).* Winning numbers were 8, 18, 20, 26. Bonus 15. No jackpot or match 3 winner. Two book prizes. Next draw on Monday 15th January.

FERBANE LIBRARY - Parent & Toddler Group takes place on Tuesday mornings from 11am-12pm. All welcome.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 10, 16, 17, 19. Bonus 32. No jackpot winner. Two match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €12,400. Draw on Tuesday 16th January.

FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB - Continues on Wednesday 17th January at 7.30pm. All welcome.

PROGRESSIVE 25 - Cards every Friday night in Ferbane Heritage Centre at 9pm. More card players needed for game to continue.

FERBANE TIDY TOWNS - Would like to thank all who volunteered their time to plan, organise and help with the Christmas Lights ceremony. A huge go raibh míle maith agat to all of the businesses and the people who sponsored the Christmas lights. We are holding a meeting on Sunday 21st of January at 3pm in the Mary Ward Heritage Centre. Everyone is welcome!

OFFALY PROLIFE - Invite you to a Prolife Conversation Evening with Senator Ronan Mullen chairing with guest speakers Vicky Wall of Everylife Counts; Síle Quinlan of the PLC and speakers from the Life Institute, Gianna Care and Gript Media in Dooly's Hotel, Birr at 7pm to circa 9pm on Monday 29th January.

ST. BRIGID'S CREDIT UNION LTD. - Notice of 56th Annual General Meeting. The 56th AGM of St. Brigid's Credit Union Ltd. will take place on Monday 29th of January at 8pm in the Scouts Den, Clara. There will be a FREE DRAW for those in attendance and refreshments provided. All members welcome!

CALLING PIONEERS AND FRIENDS TO THE 25th PIONEER NATIONAL BALL - An evening of celebration and fun on Saturday 6th April 2024. Mass at 6pm in the Cathedral of Christ the King, Mullingar, followed by special guest speaker, dinner, music and dancing at the Annebrook House Hotel, Mullingar. Extra activities on Friday night and Saturday and Sunday afternoons. For details/tickets contact Dermot Fagan 085-7201646 or Daisy Carey 087-6544626.

ST. CYNOC'S N.S. - Is now accepting enrolments for the 2024-2025 school year. Enrolment forms are available to print from our website www.stcynocsns.ie. Alternatively you can request an enrolment form by emailing the school on stcynocsns@gmail.com or by phoning the school 090 6454249. Enrolment forms to be completed and returned to the school as soon as possible.

BELMONT GUN CLUB - We wish to thank all the senior citizens for attending the party and to all the volunteers for their efforts and hard work. You all went above and beyond to make it a memorable

night for all. Thank you to all our sponsors for your continued support and contributions and to all who supported our annual draw. Wishing you all a happy and healthy New Year.

MIDLANDS WHEELIE BIN CLEANING SERVICE - For more info. contact 087 1460414.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - We currently have vacancies on our scheme for three Groundspersons/Caretakers, three General Operatives and one 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.

SVP - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

'What are you looking for?'

'What are you looking for?' These are the first recorded words of Jesus in St. John's Gospel as He addresses His disciples. It is the most fundamental question in life. One could say that the rest of the Gospel contains a series of responses to that question. For those seeking nourishment for the soul, Jesus says 'I am the bread of life'. For the many longing for hope in the darkness that surrounds us, Jesus says 'I am the light of the world'. For those searching for a means to a more authentic life, Jesus says 'I am the Way'. For all who crave truth in a world of 'fake news', Jesus says 'I am the Truth'. For the young and old of every nation who need reassurance in the face of death, Jesus says 'I am the resurrection and the life'. Having posed the question Jesus invites His listeners to 'come and see'. By spending time with Him they not only come to see who He is, but they come to see who they could be. 'Come live with me and you'll know me' (C.S. Lewis). Having begun as seekers they move to being followers and end as disciples. If we want to go beneath the surface of our lives and find answers to our deepest questions, we must spend time in His presence. He alone is the answer. If He is not the answer there is no answer, but we must 'come and see'.