

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 21st January 2024

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 20th JANUARY - 7pm

1. Mary Duffy (*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.

Mon. 22nd: 10am

Tues. 23rd: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 24th: 10am - Grandparents Day.
Jane and Patrick Devery.

Thurs. 25th: 10am

Fri. 26th: 10am - Keena Family, Creggan.

Sat. 27th: 10am - Jack & Rose Rigney.

SATURDAY 27th JANUARY - 7pm

1. Patrick Egan (*Months Mind*).

SUNDAY 28th JANUARY - 11am

PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 21st JANUARY - 12 noon

1. Paddy Malone and his son Damien.

SUNDAY 28th JANUARY - 12 noon

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 21st JANUARY - 9.30am

SUNDAY 28th JANUARY - 9.30am

1. Margaret Earley (*Months Mind*).
2. Nuala Colgan (*1st A*) and Samuel Colgan (*7th A*).

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

COLLECTIONS - January 14th:

Offertory/Shrine €3,090. Thank you.

CONCERN - Thank you to all who donated to our recent Church Gate Collection which realised €1,312.24. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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.

We celebrate the unique contribution our schools make to pupils, community and Church. As we journey together may we continue to be inspired by the Holy Spirit to be all that God made us to be.
Mass for Grandparents: Wed. 24th January, 10am.

DEATH - Please pray for the soul of Esther (Francie) Kilroe, Tullamore (sister of Mary Egan, Boora), who died recently. May she rest in peace.

SAINT SARAN'S FEAST DAY - St. Saran, a seventh century Saint, travelled from Clonmacnoise and founded his Church on the bank of the River Brosna in Moystown Demesne. The original Gaelic name for this Church was "Tigh Saran" meaning the House of Saran. It is from this origin that the area of Tisaran in our Parish gets its present day name. This site is also the burial place of Fr. Stephen Daly, a native of the area, who was the first Capuchin Priest to serve in Ireland. St. Saran's Holy Well "Tobar Saran" is also to be found nearby in Moystown Demesne, not far from where the beautiful Moystown House once stood. These two sites, St. Saran's Church and St. Saran's Holy Well would have been major places of worship and pilgrimage in earlier Christian times. St. Saran died in 661 AD and his Feast Day is Sat. 20th January.

FERBANE TIDY TOWNS - Are holding a meeting this Sunday, January 21st at 3pm in the Mary Ward Heritage Centre. Everyone is welcome!

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw (Prize fund €7,500; Jackpot €2,100; Star Prize €5,400)*. Winning numbers were 2, 20, 21, 26. Bonus 13. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next draw on Monday 22nd January.

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

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 6, 10, 13, 24. Bonus 23. No jackpot winner. Three match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €12,600. Draw on Tuesday 23rd January.

FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB - Continues on Wednesday 24th 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.

SOCIAL DANCE - In Cloghan Hall on Friday 26th January at 9pm. Music by Andy Feery. Admission €10. Refreshments served. All welcome.

OFFALY PROLIFE - *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. - The 56th AGM of St. Brigid's Credit Union Ltd. will take place on Monday 29th January at 8pm in the Scouts Den, Clara. There will be a FREE DRAW for those in attendance and refreshments provided. All members welcome!

THRIFT SHOP SALE - In aid of Ollie Daly on Sunday 11th February in the Haggard, Gleeson's. Contact 087 2971456 or 087 7719209 for donations.

ST. CYNOC'S N.S. - Enrolments for 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.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - We currently have vacancies on our scheme for three Groundpersons/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.

PERSONAL ALARMS - If you are over 65 years of age you may be eligible for Senior Alert Scheme personal alarms. For information contact 086 8178942.

BELMONT & SURROUNDS COMMUNITY PLAN 2024-2028 - *Working Together to Make Our Community Better*: Over the coming weeks, members of the Belmont and Surrounds Community Planning Group will be delivering a short survey to the doors of residents in the area. Completed surveys will give insight into the needs of the community, forming the foundation for actions within the Community Plan. The planning group greatly appreciate your input. This is a plan for the community, by the community. For further information contact belmontcommunityplanning@gmail.com or call Louise, Offaly Local Development Company, on 087 692 5276.
SVP - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

OFFALY VOLUNTEER CENTRE - If you are interested in registering your voluntary organisation with us or becoming a volunteer for the many organisations in our community please contact us on 083 0154669 anytime. If we can't answer your call, just leave a message and we will contact you or look us up on www.volunteeroffaly.ie.

ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT REDEVELOPMENT - The architect design team, Offaly County Council and An Siólán working on the redevelopment of St. Joseph's Convent, Ferbane into a multi-purpose community space will be in a position to present the preliminary design to the community of Ferbane in the coming weeks. A large number of submissions were received from organisations and individuals about possible future uses for the building and the challenge for the architectural team has been to incorporate these ideas into a design. This informal community consultation will be widely advertised when a date is agreed and all are welcome to attend.

ORDINARY TIME

Ordinary Time includes the days between Christmas Time and Easter Time and again between Easter Time and Advent. At Christmas and Easter we celebrate the incarnation, passion, death, resurrection and ascension of Jesus and the descent of the Holy Spirit. In Ordinary we highlight His life and teaching. Green is the liturgical colour for Ordinary Time. It symbolises hope and anticipation.

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Casting and Mending

Jesus' new team takes shape. Four men, Peter, Andrew, James and John are selected. Ordinary people doing their everyday chores are now called to do extraordinary things. Fishermen casting and mending nets are summoned to become fishers of men and women. From a life bringing fish to shore they are now asked to bring people to God. I wonder why Jesus chose fishermen to be His first disciples? Could it have been something to do with the qualities of patience and persistence that are essential to the work of the fisherman? The good fisherman never gives up. The persistent fisherman tends to catch more and bigger fish. The patient fisherman will always find an imaginative way. As with the fishermen so it is with disciples of every age. Today as ever the disciple must find ways of casting out to those who have never heard the Good News and, increasingly, to those who have slipped from the net. The disciple must mend too. The more progress we make in our world, the more brokenness lies all around. The casting and mending of the nets represent the Church's unchanging twofold task of maintenance and mission, a task that demands today as never before the qualities of the fisherman - patience and persistence.