

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 18th February 2024

First Sunday of Lent

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 17th FEBRUARY - 7pm

1. Mary Rohan (1st A).
2. Charles & Teresa Brazil, Derrica and their grandson John Robbins.
3. Tracey Buckley (13th A) and her mother Brigid.
4. Andrew Wynne & dec'd family members.
5. Janie Robinson and deceased members of the Robinson Family.

SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY - 11am

1. Kathleen Boland (Months Mind).
2. Sean Egan (6th A) and his wife Josephine (3rd A).
3. Eddie Mitchell.

Mon. 19th: 10am

Tues. 20th: 10am - Kate, Jack and Seamus McCormack.

Wed. 21st: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 22nd: 10am - Tony Kenny (2nd A).

Fri. 23rd: 10am

Sat. 24th: 10am - Marion Feehan.

SATURDAY 24th FEBRUARY - 7pm

1. Rita Kelly, her husband Paddy and their son Joe.
2. Kieran & Christina Delaney.
3. Petes Mahon.

SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY - 11am

1. Jimmy Lowry (1st A).
2. Jimmy & Mary Cox and their daughter Annie.

PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY - 12 noon

1. Thomas & Catherine Shea.

2. Mary Kenny, High Street.
3. Patrick Feeney & dec'd family members.

Friday 23rd: 8pm - Modd & Elizabeth Egan and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY - 12 noon

1. Phyllis Rigney.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 18th FEBRUARY - 9.30am

Wed. 21st: 7pm

SUNDAY 25th FEBRUARY - 9.30am

1. Joe, Paddy, Dinny Delaney and their parents Joe and Mary.
2. Liam Shanahan.

MASSES AND DEVOTIONS FOR LENT 2024

Ferbane: Each day at 10am

Boora: Wednesdays 7pm

High Street: Fridays 8pm

Stations of the Cross: Friday after 10am Mass.

THE LENTEN JOURNEY - A Thought

Give up something...Give back something...
Give prayer a chance!

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

COLLECTIONS - February 11th: Offertory/Shrine €2,690. Thank you.

TRÓCAIRE BOXES - Now available.

SVP - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian community Lily Dooley.

DEATH - We pray for the repose of the soul of Margaret Maher, Curraghdown. Rest in peace.

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

HIGH ST./BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - Monday 19th February: We host Louise Marlow, Image Consultant who will speak on trends, fashion, scarves etc. Adm. €5. All welcome to High Street Hall at 7.30pm. Please note change of time.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €7,900; Jackpot €2,300; Star Prize €5,600). Winning numbers were 6, 15, 16, 26. Bonus 10. No jackpot or match 3 winner. Two book prizes. Next draw on Monday 19th February.

CONFIRMATION Ceremony of Light - Tuesday 20th February at 8pm in Ferbane Church.

FERBANE GAA - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 4, 19, 27, 29. Bonus 1. No jackpot winner. Two match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €13,400. Draw on Tuesday 20th February.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wed. 21st February in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus service as usual. All are welcome.

FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB - Continues on Wednesday 21st February at 7.30pm. All welcome.

LONGEVITY CLASSES - (Suitable for 60+) in Ferbane GAA Gym on Fridays at 10.15am. Call 085 7766674.

PROGRESSIVE 25 - Cards every Friday night in Ferbane Heritage Centre at 9pm. All welcome.

CLOTHES COLLECTION - Naomh Ciarán Football Club are holding a Clothes Collection at Ferbane GAA pitch between 10-11am on Saturday 24th February. Any bag donation appreciated.

FRUIT TREE PRUNING WORKSHOP - At Coole Eco Community, R42 K066 on Monday 26th February, 10am-4pm, €50-€80. For more information or to book, call Siobhán 089 2196045.

OUR PARISH - FACING THE FUTURE - An opportunity to explore the challenges facing Parishes today. This will be of interest to Parish Pastoral Councils. A series facilitated by Rev. Dr. Eugene Duffy at St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine from 8-9.30pm featuring guest speakers by Videolink commencing on *Mon. 26th February*: "Who are we as a local faith community?", Prof. Rafael Luciani, Boston College, USA. This series is FREE of charge. Booking advisable. Email: faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie. Tel: 094 9388100.

MOATE BUSINESS COLLEGE Adult Education Night Classes - Learn new skills and hobbies at our night classes starting on Tuesday 27th February in Moate Business College. Check out our full range of night classes on our website www.moatebusinesscollege.com or our Facebook/Instagram pages.

FERBANE TIDY TOWNS - Announce a Workshop on Saturday 2nd March with Architect Gerard Carty of Grafton Architects to reimagine the now derelict St. Mary's Hall and how it could be brought back into public use. Please email ferbanetidytowns@gmail.com with your name, number and choice of workshop. All details in link - www.creativeireland.gov.ie/en/event/re-imagining-st-marys-hall/.

BANAGHER DRAMA GROUP - Presents "Don't Dress for Dinner" by Marc Camoletti and Robin Hawdon and directed by Brendan Hanamy in St. Rynagh's College of Further Education at 8pm on Thursday 7th, Friday 8th, Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th March. Booking essential. Phone booking line (087) 477 8492, open 5-7pm daily.

CEILÍ CATHOLIC COMMUNITY - In Kilbeggan are starting a Youth Leadership Programme for adults 18 and over, running over 8 months, just one weekend a month, starting from April or May 2024. Tuition fee €120 per module (depending on numbers), free accommodation. For info. call or text 087 9789150.

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. Call 090 6454068.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

'The Spirit drove Jesus into the wilderness'

The word Lent means springtime. It is the season of lengthening days, new life, new hope, new beginnings. The Latin root of the word is 'lente', which suggests the call to slow down, proceed slowly, gently, carefully. In the first three centuries of the Christian era, the followers of Christ prepared for Easter by praying and fasting for three days. In some places, this was extended to the entire week before Easter. By the fourth century Lent had developed to its' current length of forty days to replicate the time Jesus spent in the wilderness in preparation for His public ministry. The Wilderness is a barren strip, thirty-five miles by fifteen between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. In that bleak place, He couldn't have been more alone. He is confronted by Satan, but emerges victorious from the struggle. Nobody witnessed the dramatic event, so He must have reported it often to His friends. The episode raises the curtain on the Lenten drama and invites us once more to enter the quiet place where deepening and re-evaluation take place. 'Solitude is the audience chamber of God'.