

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 3rd March 2024

Third Sunday of Lent

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 2nd MARCH - 7pm

1. Mary & Pat Flynn.

SUNDAY 3rd MARCH - 11am

1. Agnes Holmes.
2. Bernadette Nannery.
3. Bernadette Devery and her parents John & Ellen.

Mon. 4th: 10am

Tues. 5th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 6th: 10am

Thurs. 7th: 10am

Fri. 8th: 10am

Sat. 9th: 10am - 1. John Egan and his parents Kieran and Josie.

2. John Egan, Endrim.

SATURDAY 9th MARCH - 7pm

1. Bridie Devery (10th A) and deceased members of the Devery and O'Brien families.
2. Kieran and Brigid Kelly.

SUNDAY 10th MARCH - 11am

1. Maura Clarke (1st A) and her husband Brendan.

## PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 3rd MARCH- 12 noon

1. Bernard & Kathleen Corcoran.
2. Seamus Dolan, his parents Patrick & Catherine, and his sister Kitty.

Friday 8th March: 8pm

SUNDAY 10th MARCH- 12 noon

1. Mai Egan (1st A) and her husband Owen.
2. Patrick Kenny, Clonboniff.
3. Kathleen Henry, Beechgrove.

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 3rd MARCH - 9.30am

1. Mary, Martin and Marty Coughlan.

Wed. 6th: 7pm

SUNDAY 10th MARCH - 9.30am

1. Denis Rosney and dec'd family members.

## 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!

TRÓCAIRE COLLECTION - Boxes available.

'Think inside the box'.

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

**COLLECTIONS** - February 25th: Offertory/Shrine €2,830. Thank you.

**BAPTISM** - We welcome into our Christian community Ezray Buckley.

**DEATH** - We pray for the soul of Paddy Ryan, Durrow, Laois (father of Connie Grogan, Leamore).

**CONFIRMATION 2024** - We welcome Bishop Paul Connell to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on 23 pupils from St. Cynoc's N.S. and 6 pupils from High St. N.S. on Friday next, March 8th, in Ferbane at 4pm. May the Holy Spirit be their guide always.

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

**SVP** - Meeting on Mon. 4th March in the Presbytery at 8pm. Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

**OUR PARISH - FACING THE FUTURE** - 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 continues on *Mon. 4th March*: "How do we fit in to the worldwide Church?", Prof Myriam Wijlens, University of Erfurt, Germany. This series is FREE of charge. Email: faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie. Tel: 094 9388100.

**GALLEN UNITED** - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €8,100; Jackpot €2,400; Star Prize €5,700). Winning numbers were 1, 13, 22, 28. Bonus 26. No jackpot winner. Two match three winners. Next draw on Monday 4th March.

**BHM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP** Meeting on this Tuesday 5th March at 9pm in High St. Community Centre. A representative from First Responder will attend for anyone interested in training in first responder/first aid courses starting soon. For info Patrick on 087 8468418. All are welcome.

**FERBANE GAA** - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 14, 23, 27, 29. Bonus 24. No jackpot winner. One match three winner. Next week's jackpot is €13,800. Draw on Tuesday 5th March.

**COFFEE MORNING** - Continues on Wednesday 6th March in the Bridge Hall, Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus service as usual. All are welcome.

**FERBANE BRIDGE CLUB** - Continues on Wednesday 6th March at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENT** - To view the proposed designs for the refurbishment of St. Joseph's Convent, Ferbane will take place in Gallen Community School on Wednesday 6th March from 6.30-8pm. Hosted by Offaly County Council in partnership with An Siolán.

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

**FERBANE TIDY TOWNS** - *Monthly Litter Pick and Wedding Meet-up* commences on Sat. 9th March at 11am and second Sat. of every month thereafter. Tea / coffee followed by a quick tidy up. Meet at Chat & Chill space (Old Fire Station). All welcome. All equipment provided. Weather permitting.

**ANAM CARA MIDLANDS** - The organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its **monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 13th March at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel**. This event is FREE and open to all bereaved parents

regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online service. For more information call 01 4045378

**DAFFODIL DAY** - Is on Friday 22nd March. If anyone wishes to volunteer please contact Mary on 087 2919314.

**ONLINE ADVENT RETREAT** - The Priory Institute is delighted to offer a FREE OF CHARGE Easter Triduum retreat '*Bright Sadness and Solemn Joy: The Easter Triduum*'. Visit prioryinstitute.com.

**BELMONT GAA** - Congratulations to all last week's winners. Books available online until 2pm Wednesday and in Cahill's every week until 9pm Tuesday evening. Thank you for your continued support.

**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.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

'Stop turning my Father's house into a market'

When Jesus shows anger, we should take notice. What gave rise to His deep anger in this episode in the Temple? Firstly, ordinary people coming as pilgrims for the Feast of Passover were being exploited by the money-changers. Secondly, the trading in the Court of the Gentiles was preventing these people from finding a space to worship in what should be a House of Prayer for all people. In all of this, the House of God was being disrespected greatly. In Old Testament times, God always had a designated place in which to meet His people from Abraham at Bethel to Moses at the burning bush to Solomon in his temple. The meeting place between God and His people was always holy ground. It still is. While it is true that God can be encountered in the 'book of creation' and in the faces of people, we should have a heightened sense of awareness, reverence, dignity and respect for His special presence in His house. Is beannaithe Tigh Dé. 'The House of God is not a place where people meet in a trivial spirit of festivity. There should be religious awe at being face to face with God'. (Cardinal Robert Sarah). When Jesus shows anger we need to take notice.