

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 5th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 4th MAY - 7pm

1. Liam Breslin (*Months Mind*).
2. Eamon Keegan and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 5th MAY - 11am

1. Seamus & Molly Gleeson, Athlone Road.

Mon. 6th: 10am

Tues. 7th: 10am - Deceased members of the McArdle & Donnelly families.

Wed. 8th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 9th: 10am -

Fri. 10th: 10am

Sat. 11th: 10am - Catherine & Arthur Bell and deceased family members.

SATURDAY 11th MAY - 7pm

1. Peggy Nagle (*Months Mind*).
2. James & Mary Heffernan and deceased family members.
3. Kathleen Kenny.
4. Arthur & Kathleen Reamsbottom and their daughter Kathleen Judge.

SUNDAY 12th MAY (Ascension) - 11am

1. Anne Madden (*1st A*).
2. Sonny Egan.

PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 5th MAY - 12 noon

1. Paul McDonald (*4th A*).
2. Seamus, Kieran & Michael Feighery and their parents and deceased family members. Paddy Barnett & Mary Clarke.

SUNDAY 12th MAY (Ascension) - 12 noon

1. Annie & Jack Connolly and their son Declan, their grandson Declan Philip and Patrick Gunning.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 5th MAY - 9.30am

1. Brid, Evelyn, Peter, Noel & Vincent Usher and Breda Bracken and deceased family members.
2. Sr. Angela Delaney, her brother Michael. Angie and Paddy Horan & Jane Leavy.

SUNDAY 12th MAY (Ascension) - 9.30am

FIRST COMMUNION

High Street - Saturday 11th May at 12 noon

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

COLLECTIONS - April 28th:

Offertory/Shrine €2,560. Bank Account details - IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05. Thank you.

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

SVP - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

DEATH - We pray for the repose of the soul of Peggy McGuire, Delvin Park. May she rest in peace.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian Community Hannah McManus.

MAYHEM FESTIVAL - Takes place in Gleeson's on Sunday 5th May from 5pm. A fantastic evening of music from an array of terrific bands. Don't miss it.

HIGH ST. / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - *Tues. 7th May:* Sarah Valliers, Irish Cancer Society Community Fundraiser for Leinster North will speak on the works of the Irish Cancer Society and the uses of the money raised. All welcome to High Street Hall at 7.30pm. *Please note change of time.*

BHM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP

Monthly meeting will be held on this Tuesday 7th May at 9pm in High Street Hall. All are welcome. Best wishes to Belmont in the Super Valu National Tidy Towns competition. Judging will take place in June.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €9,000; Jackpot €2,800; Star Prize €6,200). Winning numbers were 2, 3, 10, 23. Bonus 14. No jackpot winner. Four match three winners. Next draw on **Tuesday 7th May**.

FERBANE GAA - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 12, 17, 19, 22. Bonus 8. No jackpot winner. Five match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €15,600. Draw on Tuesday 7th May.

BELMONT GAA - Congratulations to last week's winners. Books available in Cahill's until 9pm every Tuesday and online until 2pm Wednesday.

COFFEE MORNING GROUP - Will visit Clonfert on Wed. 8th May. Bus leaving from Ferbane Church after 10am Mass. Also going to Clonfert on Wednesdays 15th and 22nd May. Back to normal on Wed. 29th May.

ANAM CARA MIDLANDS - Monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 8th May at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. For more information call 01 4045378. This is a FREE event.

BEALTAINÉ LOETB AIR FRYER COOKERY DEMONSTRATION - Join Janice on Thursday 9th May at 2.30pm in Ferbane Library. Booking essential. For further info. on any events, contact the Library on 090 6454259 or email ferbanelibrary@offalycoco.ie.

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

DARKNESS INTO LIGHT - Gallen CS are taking part again in this year's **Darkness into Light Walk for Pieta** on Saturday 11th May at 4.15am. We are asking that if you wish to participate on the walk that you send your name (clearly stated), t-shirt size and money in an envelope into Gallen Community School. We would ask that all students are accompanied by a guardian for the walk. The cost for students is €5, adults €26. Many thanks.

HUGO SMITH MEMORIAL 5K 2024 - Hosted by Ferbane AC takes place on **Sunday 12th May** at 10am. The race route is similar to last year starting on the Ballycumber Road, roughly 400 metres from the entrance to the Business Park which will work its way around the L70075 and the L30047, turning in at the back entrance of the Business Park before finishing at the front of the Business Park. See you there!

BELMONT AND DISTRICT FISHING CLUB - *Open Fishing Competition* on Sunday 19th May, Match Stretch, Shannonharbour. Registration and draw 12 noon. Fishing 2-6pm. Entry fee €10. For information please visit Belmont Anglers F/B page or contact 087 9383553. Booking is essential. All welcome

BEAT ON THE PEAT - Will take place in Moystown on **Sunday 30th June**. Tickets are €30 (plus €2.50 booking fee), under 16's free. Purchase tickets online at willwego.com/beat-on-the-peat.

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 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.

WOMENS GROUP FERBANE - Would like to sincerely thank all who supported, sponsored and contributed to their first Cake Sale. €1,815 was raised. All proceeds were in aid of Offaly Hospice.

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.

FERBANE TIDY TOWNS - #NoMowMay is an annual campaign started by Plantlife in the UK, asking everyone to put away the lawnmower during the month of May to help our native wildlife. **Native Irish wildflowers** like Dandelions, Clover and Birds-foot trefoil provide the best source of pollen and nectar for our hungry wild pollinators. By mowing less, we can give them a chance to appear naturally - no seeds needed! Ferbane Tidy Towns with the help of the Ferbane Belmont CE Scheme will be participating in No Mow May again this year and have some "managed for wildlife" areas along both sides of the Relief Road, the green area outside Gallen United and the Cloghan Road. Many thanks to Ferbane Belmont CE Scheme for keeping the verge tidy along these much needed havens for biodiversity.

6th SUNDAY OF EASTER

'Love one another as I have loved you'

Love is a much-used word in our world today. It has become an umbrella term to encompass enjoyment, fascination and infatuation. It is employed at times to suggest a way of living that is without responsibility, without boundaries, without principles. Jesus guides us in a different direction. The One who was known as the 'man for others' lived a life that was marked by humble service, selflessness and sacrifice. From country roads to city streets, from lake shore to mountain top He revealed a love that was new. It was a love that manifested itself in hands that healed, feet that walked the extra mile, eyes that looked with compassion, ears that listened with empathy, and words that lifted up and encouraged. It was a love that promoted the greatest good of all whom He encountered, and nobody was beyond the reach of that love. It was a love that led Him to the Cross. We are called to mirror that love today. It's a tall order and it will lead us to difficult places too. It will cause grey hairs and heartbreak, stressful days and sleepless nights, but, in the end, joy. The love that Jesus proposes is as simple and as difficult as that.