

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 12th May 2024

The Ascension of the Lord

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

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.

*Mon. 13th: 10am*

*Tues. 14th: 10am - People's Mass.*

*Wed. 15th: 10am*

*Thurs. 16th: 10am -*

*Fri. 17th: 10am*

*Sat. 18th: 10am - John & Katie Dolan.*

SATURDAY 18th MAY - 7pm

1. Andy & Bridie Lowbridge.
2. Seamus Reams.

SUNDAY 19th MAY (Pentecost) - 11am

1. Elizabeth Loftus (*Months Mind*).
2. Kieran Kenny, Reynaun.
3. John & Mary Foley, Gallen.
4. Chrissie Sugrue.

## PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 12th MAY (Ascension) - 12 noon

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

SUNDAY 19th MAY (Pentecost) - 12 noon

1. Sarah Lonican (*1st A*).
2. Patricia Feeney.

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 12th MAY (Ascension) - 9.30am

SUNDAY 19th MAY (Pentecost) - 9.30am

## CEMETERY DATES

### CEMETERY SUNDAY

Kilrehan - Sunday 7th July, 11am

High Street - Sunday 14th July, 12 noon

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

### COLLECTIONS - May 5th:

Offertory/Shrine €2,335. 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.

**BAPTISM** - We welcome into our Christian Community Rose Elizabeth Kenny.

**DEATH** - Please pray for Vincent Henchy, Scariff, Co. Clare (brother of Maureen Keegan, Moyclare). May he rest in peace.

**WEDDINGS** - Congratulations to Louise Fitzgerald and Conor Fennell and to Kiera Anderson and Nathan Tyrrell who were married recently.

**HUGO SMITH MEMORIAL 5K 2024** - Hosted by Ferbane AC takes place this 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.

## HIGH ST. / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP

*Mon. 13th May:* We will visit Clonfert as part of the May Novena month for Mass at 7.30pm. All welcome.

**GALLEN UNITED** - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €9,100; Jackpot €2,900; Star Prize €6,200). Winning numbers were 3, 6, 19, 27. Bonus 10. No jackpot winner. Three match three winners. Next draw on Monday 13th May.

**FERBANE GAA** - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 5, 8, 28, 29. Bonus 24. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €15,800. Draw on Tuesday 14th May.

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

## INTRODUCTION TO PERMACULTURE

Tuesday 14th May, 7-9pm, €20 - €30, Coole Eco Community, Ferbane, R42 K066. Talk about design tools that can help us to care for the planet and ourselves better. Includes tour of local eco community. To register: Info@CooleEcoCommunity.ie or call Siobhán 089-2196045.

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

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

**COFFEE MORNING, BRIC-A-BRAC & CAKE SALE** - On Saturday 18th May from 10.30am until 4pm in Ferbane Heritage Centre. All proceeds to St. Hilda's, Sr. Paula and St. Joseph of Cluny. For information or to book a table please contact Rachel on 087 9503791. Tables available for €15. Raffle on the day. Please support.

## 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.

**WOMEN'S GROUP FERBANE** - Present Table Quiz in Hennessy's Pub, Ferbane on Friday 24th May commencing at 9.30pm. Table of four €40. 1st, 2nd, 3rd prizes and raffle on the night. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**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.

**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.

**A GOOD NEWS STORY** - A record number of over 12,000 people were baptised in France during the recent Easter Vigil. Over 7,000 adults and over 5,000 teenagers, an increase of 30% on the previous year. France is a country where 50% of the people say they do not believe in God.

## FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

'He was taken up into heaven'

As Jesus ascended into heaven, He blessed His friends and they let Him go. Life is like that. As we move from one stage of the journey to the next we must bless what has been and let it go in order to embrace fruitfully what has yet to be. We must not allow ourselves to become prisoners of the past with all its' hurts and wounds. The past can blind and bind us. Holding on is believing that there is only a past; letting go is knowing there is a future. It was towards that future that Jesus directed His friends as He took their leave. While giving them a glimpse of the world beyond, He directed them to continue His work in this world. This message is presented powerfully in a striking picture of the Ascension in the College Chapel of St. Patrick's College, Maynooth. Here, as Jesus ascends, we notice that Mary is not looking towards Him, but rather outwards towards us. In other words, we are to find Him now in the lives of the people around us and help them to encounter Him. That is our mission and the reward for our efforts will be, literally, out of this world. The Feast of the Ascension, then, teaches us much about going forward, going out, going home and letting go.