

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 4th August 2024

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 3rd AUGUST - 7pm

1. Louise Moore.
2. Peter & Josie Horan.

SUNDAY 4th AUGUST - 11am

1. Peg Flynn.

Mon. 5th: 10am

Tues. 6th: 10am - Transfiguration.

Wed. 7th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 8th: 10am

Fri. 9th: 10am

Sat. 10th: 10am

SATURDAY 10th AUGUST - 7pm

SUNDAY 11th AUGUST - 11am

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 4th AUGUST - 12 noon

SUNDAY 11th AUGUST - 12 noon

1. Thomas & Catherine Shea and deceased family members.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 4th AUGUST - 9.30am

1. Rody Quinn and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 11th AUGUST - 9.30am

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

COLLECTIONS -

July 28th: Offertory/Shrine €2,480.

Bank Account details -

IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

Thank you for your continued support.

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 - Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Bernie Crowther, Florida, USA** (aunt of Michael Corrigan, Ballycumber Road, Ferbane) who died recently. May she rest in peace.

FR. TOM COX - Who moves to Keadue, Arigna & Ballyfarnon Parish on August 23rd will celebrate his last weekend Vigil Mass on Saturday, August 17th at 7pm in Shannonbridge Church. There will be a cup of tea and refreshments in Shannonbridge Community Centre afterwards. All are very welcome.

LIGHT THE FIRE - In Ballintubber Abbey this Sunday, August 4th. **1.15pm** Rosary. **2pm** Holy Mass. **3pm** Eucharist Healing Service. This will be led by Archbishop Francis Duffy, Dana Rosemary Scanlon and Deacon John Taaffe. Please bring a fold up stool.

MARY'S MEALS - Are walking to Knock from St. John's in Kilkenny and from Tipperary starting in Thurles on 7th August over 9 days, 7th to 15th August, to raise funds to feed starving children in the poorest countries in the world. We begin on 7th August from Tipperary (Wed) Thurles - (Thurs) Templemore - (Fri) Roscrea - (Sat) Birr - (Sun) Ferbane - (Mon) Athlone - (Tues) Roscommon - (Wed) Ballymoe - (Thurs) Ballyhaunis - Knock. If anyone would like to walk all, a day, 5k or 1k or if anyone would assist in collections, please contact Josephine 087 2037173 or Fr. Eamonn 087 9077985.

YOUTH 2000 - Prayer Meeting Come and join us every Thursday in Tullamore

Church. **7pm Holy Hour** in the Day Chapel. **8pm Happy Hour** in the Parish Centre. Contact Maria 083 3953455.

HIGH ST. CEMETERY - Maintenance every Tuesday evening at 7pm. Volunteers required.

BHM COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP - Monthly meeting will be held on this Tuesday 6th August at 9pm in High Street Community Centre. All are welcome. This year our organisation celebrates 25 years of community development in Belmont and wider West Offaly area and we are intending to mark this special occasion later in the year.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €10,300; Jackpot €3,500; Star Prize €6,800). Winning numbers were 1, 11, 25, 27. Bonus 2. No jackpot winner. Two match three winners. Next draw on **Tuesday 6th August.**

BELMONT GAA - Our **bingo** continues every week in association with our new club sponsor CMG (Claims Management Group). Congratulations to last week's winners. **Property marking** will be held in Moystown GAA pitch on Sat. 24th August between 10am and 4pm. Contact Christine on 085 8411033 to book in.

FERBANE GAA - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 16, 18, 25. Bonus 9. No jackpot winner. Two match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €4,400. Draw on Tuesday 6th August.

KILREHAN CEMETERY - Grass cutting each Wed. at 7pm. More volunteers needed please.

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

SUMMER FESTIVAL - Clongowes Wood College, Co. Kildare, 15th-18th August. Hear amazing talks, meet other young Catholics, explore your faith. Come and see. Ages 16-35. Donation only. FREE buses. Tel: 01 6753690. Email: office@youth2000.ie / www.youth2000.ie

SPECIAL BANAGHER / OFFALY PILGRIMAGE - (Limited availability) to Fatima, Ex Dublin, **Easter 2025**. Also **13th June 2025** for Feast of Saint Anthony. **13th October 2025** for Miracle of Sun. Contact James Treacy 061 921470 / james@treacyphotography@gmail.com. Payment by instalments acceptable.

GALLEN COMMUNITY SCHOOL Caretaker required for 20 hours per week for evening work. Please contact 085 2844862 or

contact the Secretary in Gallen Community School.

FERBANE BELMONT CE - Are you in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment. We currently have vacancies on our scheme for one Groundsperson/Caretaker, one General Operative 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.

18th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

“Work for food that endures to eternal life”

Jack Dempsey was one of the most famous and popular boxers in history. On July 4th 1919 he reached the pinnacle of his career when he defeated Jess Willard to become heavyweight champion of the world. The next morning when he awoke in his hotel room he had a strange sense of emptiness inside. When asked to explain this surprising feeling, he replied: ‘success didn’t taste the way I thought it would. I had won the world championship, so what? Down through the ages people have discovered as Dempsey did, that worldly success, fame, adulation do not satisfy the deepest hungers of the human heart. Seeking satisfaction in the things of the world is like chasing the wind. Something more is needed, and in chapter six of St. John’s Gospel Jesus points the way. He is the Bread of Life and our hearts will always be restless until they rest in Him. Every longing that we try to satisfy apart from Him will fall short. Come to think of it, the main difference between the greatest saint and the greatest sinner is where they go to satisfy the hungers of their hearts. The seventeenth century French philosopher Blaise Pascal expressed it better than most when he wrote: ‘There is a God-shaped vacuum in the heart of each person which cannot be satisfied by any created thing, but only by God the Creator made known by Jesus Christ’.