

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 18th August 2024

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 17th AUGUST - 7pm

1. John and Molly Maher, Delvin Park.
2. Christy Devery.

SUNDAY 18th AUGUST - 11am

1. Rita & Seamus Clancy.

Mon. 19th: 10am

Tues. 20th: 10am

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

Thurs. 22nd: 10am

Fri. 23rd: 10am

Sat. 24th: 10am - Matt & Annie Killian and their son John.

SATURDAY 24th AUGUST - 7pm

1. Tom Dolan and his brother Bill.
2. Noel Murray, his twin daughters Christina & Ann Marie, his son Noel and his uncle John.

SUNDAY 25th AUGUST - 11am

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 18th AUGUST - 12 noon

1. Bridget Claffey (30th A), her husband Stephen, her daughter Olive and deceased members of the Claffey & Fox families.

SUNDAY 25th AUGUST - 12 noon

1. Fr. John Sugrue (12th A), his parents Michael & Josephine, his nephew John and niece Emer and deceased family members.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 18th AUGUST - 9.30am

SUNDAY 25th AUGUST - 9.30am

1. Michael Rosney, his grandparents Martin & Cathy and deceased family members.

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

COLLECTIONS -

August 11th: Offertory/Shrine €1,940.

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.

DEATH - Please pray for the repose of the soul of PJ Martin, Baylin (brother of Eamon Martin, High St. and Bridie Smollen, Gallen View). RIP.

OUR LADY OF KNOCK NOVENA

(Continues until August 22nd). Daily ceremonies (3pm & 8pm); Anointing of the Sick (2.30pm). Candlelight Procession each evening.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE to Knock - Sunday 1st September.

PATTERN DAY Clonmacnois, Sun. 15th Sept.

SVP - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES - Next month the Relics of St Bernadette of Lourdes will be taken to Ireland to visit each diocese. In our own diocese the relics will be in St. Mel's Cathedral on Fri. 27th and Sat. 28th Sept. The purpose of this visit is to *Bring Lourdes to the Faithful*. In

other words, to help those who may not be able to travel to Lourdes themselves, to share in some of the atmosphere of prayer and consolation that pilgrims experience, while they are there. This will be an opportunity to gather together and join in the Message of St Bernadette.

BELMONT ANGLERS - Open Competition this Sunday 18th August at the Match Stretch, Shannon Harbour Grand Canal. Registration and draw 12.30pm, fishing 2pm-6pm. Entry fee €10. Please contact 087 9383553 to book. Sponsored by Bord na Móna renewable. Prizes on the day.

THE PRIORY INSTITUTE - Two week on-line Summer School is reflective, informative and interactive and will run from the 19th August. The course includes eight recorded presentations and three on-line zoom discussions and is very flexible as it is delivered entirely online. Find out more and register prioryinstitute.com.

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

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

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

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.

CARING IN OFFALY CE SCHEME - Home Respite Care Worker, Vacancy No. 2349440, Ferbane area, 19.5 hours per week. Please contact Alison Hackett for more information on 086-0213711 / ahackett@familycarers.ie.

FOUND - Outside Boora Church on the road. Gold neck chain with S D C letters attached. Phone 086 8718942.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €10,500; Jackpot €3,600; Star Prize €6,900). Winning numbers were 3, 5, 13, 16. Bonus 22. No jackpot winner. Three match three winners. Next draw on Monday 19th 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.

FERBANE GAA - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 4, 10, 26, 28. Bonus 20. No jackpot. Three match 3 winners. Next week's jackpot is €4,800. Draw on Tues. 20th August.

20th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'The bread that I shall give is my flesh for the life of the world'.

When we eat our daily bread, that bread is digested and becomes part of us. When we approach the altar to partake of the Eucharist something different happens. We become what we eat. We become part of Him who is the Bread of Life. Consequently, we must live what we celebrate. We must 'earth' the Eucharist. Having 'communicated' we must make it show. His life flowing through us should manifest itself in how we think, speak and act. It should be obvious to all that He lives in us and we live in Him. The Eucharist is our highway to heaven. It's a highway that does not necessarily pass through worship or confession of faith, but through compassion for the least and the last. It is a road paved with concern and care for others. **'The Eucharist urges us to care especially for the poorest, most despised and most marginalized members of the Body of Christ'** (Pope Francis). The Catechism of the Catholic Church further emphasizes the point: **'The Eucharist commits us to the poor'**. The one Eucharistic bread makes us one body. The 'Bread of Life' discourse provides us with food for thought.