

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 22nd September 2024

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 21st SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. Peter Guinan (*Months Mind*).
2. Mae & Mick Gorman.
3. Kate & Oliver Daly and deceased family members.

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER - 11am

1. Johnny Keenaghan.

*Mon. 23rd: 10am*

*Tues. 24th: 10am*

*Wed. 25th: 10am - People's Mass.*

*Thurs. 26th: 10am*

*Fri. 27th: 10am*

*Sat. 28th: 10am*

SATURDAY 28th SEPTEMBER - 7pm

1. Ned Galvin (*1st A*).
2. Patricia Keenaghan, Delvin Park.

SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER - 11am

1. Breeda Connolly (*Months Mind*).

## SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

1. Rita Gunning (*Months Mind*).
2. Kay Perry (*1st A*).
3. Tommy Anderson.

SUNDAY 29th SEPTEMBER - 12 noon

1. Kieran Flynn & deceased family members.
2. Sean Hynes & deceased family members.
3. Paddy & Julia Taylor, their daughter Ann, Peter Devery (*25th A*) and deceased family members.

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER - 9.30am

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

**COLLECTIONS** - *Sept. 15th: Offertory/ Shrine* €2,460. Thank you.

Bank Account details -

IBAN: IE39 BOFI 9016 3475 9072 05.

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

**CONFIRMATION** - *Enrolment Ceremony* for confirmandi and their parents on Wednesday next, Sept. 25th, in Ferbane Church at 7pm.

**SVP** - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

**ST. BERNADETTE OF LOURDES** - The relics will be in St. Mel's Cathedral on Friday 27th and Saturday 28th September. *'If we had faith we would feel the Divine Presence everywhere'*. All welcome.

**GALLEN UNITED** - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €8,200; Jackpot €1,100; Star Prize €7,100). Winning numbers were 1, 4, 8, 11. Bonus 18. No jackpot winner. Five match three winners. Next draw on Monday 23rd September. *Reminder: €40 half year tickets are now due for renewal.*

**RASHINA VINTAGE CLUB** - *Threshing & Working Field Day this Sunday from 12 noon in Doon.* Old Style Threshing, Vintage Tractor and Classic Cars, Music, Kids Activities, Face Painting, Lawnmower Racing, Ploughing, Special display of 50 years of Volkswagen Golf. All welcome.

**HIGH STREET CEMETERY** - Maintenance every Tues. evening at 7pm. Volunteers required.

**BELMONT and Surrounds Community Planning Group** - Invites you to a community roundtable on Tues. 24th Sept. at 8pm in High St. Hall. This is an opportunity for all community groups and organisations to come together and collectively shape the future of this area. More information from Louise on 087 6924276.

**FERBANE GAA** - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 5, 14, 25, 29. Bonus 11. No jackpot or match three winner. 5 x €40 lucky dip winners drawn. Next week's jackpot is €5,800. Draw on Tuesday 24th September.

**FERBANE COFFEE MORNING** - Continues on Wednesday 25th September in the Social Hall (Bridge), Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. All welcome. Bus as usual.

**CROSS STITCH CLASSES** - Eight-week introductory classes will be held in Ballinahown Community Hall from 6-8pm starting on Wednesday 25th September. Booking is essential for 10 years and upwards. For more information contact Sarah 089 2353587.

**FERBANE Business & Technology Park CLG (FB&TP CLG)** - AGM on Thursday 26th September in the Mary Ward Heritage Centre at 8pm. FB&TP CLG is a not-for-profit, company, fully owned by the community with the main objective of supporting the creation of jobs in the Ferbane Catchment Area by providing infrastructure and supports to encourage business start-ups. There are now more than 150 people employed either full-time or part-time in companies operating out of Ferbane Business & Technology Park. Anyone interested in assisting with the continued development of this important community project will be very welcome to attend this meeting.

**PROGRESSIVE 25** - Cards every Fri.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 information call 090 6454068.

**LIKE TO START YOUR OWN BUSINESS** but not sure how to do it? Offaly Local Development Company are meeting unemployed people NOW for places on their next Business Development Programme. Contact Des Regan on dregan@offalyldc.ie or call/message 087 969 9998. Starting in a few weeks.

## 25th SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

*'They had been arguing which of them was the greatest'*

Today we are surprised to find the friends of Jesus arguing as to which of them is the greatest. Ambition can be healthy or unhealthy. Jesus did encourage His disciples on another occasion to be 'ambitious for the higher gifts'. This kind of ambition manifests itself in joyful, humble service, the placing of ones' gifts and talents at the disposal of those who are most powerless. It may even mean being content to take second place in order to promote the greater good. There is unfortunately, an ambition that is unhealthy. It manifests itself in a blind, ruthless, uncaring pursuit of power, status and influence, which leads, ultimately, to emptiness and sterility. We have a choice then. Do we have an ambition to rule or an ambition to serve? Most political and economic problems, most bitter divisions and disputes would be solved if people chose the path of service over the path of power. What our world needs urgently is what Jesus proposed - the heart of the servant. President John Fitzgerald Kennedy highlighted this fundamental choice when he challenged his fellow Americans in his memorable Inauguration Address in January 1961: **'Ask not what your country can do for you; ask rather what you can do for your country'**. That is healthy ambition!