

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 1st December 2024

First Sunday of Advent

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## CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER - 7pm

1. Bridget & Joseph Reams and deceased family members.
2. Vincent Nannery.
3. Donal Burke.
4. Pat & Mary Spollen.

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER - 11am

*Mon. 2nd: 10am*

*Tues. 3rd: 10am - People's Mass.*

*Wed. 4th: 10am - Bridie Coughlan (40th A), her husband Johnny, their daughter Margaret Meacle, their grandson Stephen Coughlan and their great grandson Tiernan Grennan.*

*Thurs. 5th: 10am*

*Fri. 6th: 10am - First Friday.*

*Sat. 7th: 10am - Maggie, John & Martina Egan.*

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER - 7pm

1. Paudge Dunican (20th A) and his daughter Rowena Mary (48th A).

SUN. 8th DEC. (Imm. Conception) - 11am

1. Peter & Maura Doyle and their son Raymond.
2. Josie & Peggy Keenan and their daughter Tessie Guinan.
3. Kitty & Willie Madden.
4. Michael & Mary Haverty.

## SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER - 12 noon

1. Leo Kelly (*Months Mind*).
2. Joe Feighery and his son Diarmuid.
3. P.J. Minogue, his parents John & Mary and Michael & Annie Heavin.
4. Michael O'Brien.

*Fri. 6th: 8pm - First Friday.*

SUN. 8th DEC. (Imm. Conception) - 12 noon

1. Olive Hanniffy and her parents Colm and Rose.
2. P.J. Rourke and deceased members of the Young family.

## ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 1st DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Jane Leavy (2nd A).

*Fri. 6th: 7pm - First Friday - Vincent Tooher.*

SUN. 8th DEC. (Imm. Conception) 9.30am

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

### NIGHT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION FOR ADVENT

Ferbane Church on Wednesdays at 8pm.

**SENIOR CITIZENS Young at Heart Christmas Party** - Takes place on Sunday 8th December in Gallen CS commencing with Mass at 1.30pm.

**FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION** Sunday 8th December.

**COLLECTIONS** - *November 24th:*

Offertory/Shrine €2,500. 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.

**2025 CALENDAR** - As we are preparing our 2025 calendar can all clubs and organisations please check to see that all contact numbers are correct. If numbers need to change, can you please inform Fiona in the Parish Office 090 6454309. Please leave your organisations name and new number on voicemail or via email parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

**DEATHS** - We pray for the souls of William Keeshan, Shinrone (brother of Mary McCormack), Noel Walsh, Ballyclare and Kathleen Coughlan, Ballycumber Road all of whom died recently. May they rest in peace.

**CHRISTMAS MARKET** - Sun. 1st December in High Street Hall from 10am - 2.30pm. Cakes, food, crafts, flowers, gifts and cards, raffle and much, much more. Start your Christmas shopping here. All money raised goes to local charities. All support welcome.

**CLONONY CASTLE** - Is pleased and excited to announce that Santa Claus will be having his annual visit to the Castle today Sun. 1st December from 12 noon to 4pm, as always, a lovely Christmas event!

**ENROLMENT** - High Street N.S. enrolment for September 2025 will commence on Monday 2nd December. Enrolment packs may be obtained by calling to the school Monday to Thursday 9.30am to 2pm. Alternatively please email the school highstreetsn@gmail.com with enquiries and packs may be posted out to you.

**FREE LUNCH AND LEARN EVENT** - Hosted by the Local Enterprise Office Offaly in Ferbane Business & Technology Park on Tuesday, 3rd December from 12.30pm - 1.30pm. This event aims to provide valuable insights on the supports available for local businesses and aspiring entrepreneurs.

**SVP** - Meeting on Tues. 3rd Dec. in Parochial House at 7pm. Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

**CHOIR PRACTICE for Christmas** - On Tuesday 3rd December in Ferbane Church at 8pm. We would be delighted to see new members.

**B.H.M. COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GROUP** - Meeting on Tuesday 3rd December at 9pm in High Street Community Centre. All are welcome. **Congratulations** to B.H.M. Community Development Group on being selected for Tesco community support fund in their Tullamore store.

**FERBANE COFFEE MORNING** - Continues on Wed. 4th December in the Social Hall (Bridge), Ballycumber Road at 10.30am. Bus as usual.

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

**CHRISTMAS JUMBLE SALE** - On Sat. 7th Dec. in Ferbane Heritage Centre from 10.30am - 3pm. All money raised will go to Sr. Paula Healy for the Missions, the Srs. of St. Joseph of Cluny, Ferbane and St. Hilda's Services, Ferbane. All donations welcome or to book a table contact Rachael 087 9503791. Coffee Morning at 10.30am. Raffle on the day.

**SVP CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** - Takes place on Sat. 7th/Sun. 8th December. Please support.

**LOUGH BOORA Running Group & Ferbane Athletics Club** are hosting a 5Km Santa Dash and a 1Km Family Walk on Sun. 8th Dec. at 11am

in Lough Boora Discovery Park. Register online at www.myrunresults.com. With special guest Santa. Refreshments afterwards in Teach Lea. All proceeds to Offaly Hospice & Dóchas, Offaly Cancer Support.

**FERBANE Christmas Lights Ceremony and Craft Fair** - Sunday 8th December from 5pm to 9pm in the Heritage Centre, Ferbane. Carol singing, raffle, hot chocolate, baking, local crafts, face painting, Santa and much more. All welcome.

**ANAM CARA** - The organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its monthly **Parent Support Evening on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel.** This event is FREE and open to all bereaved parents. Call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

**CHRISTMAS PRESENT for those abroad** - *As The Years I Backward Span* - collected essays on the Wonders of Ferbane by Brendan Ryan (€25). Postage will be paid anywhere in the world (until Dec. 12th 2024). Outlets O'Callaghans Centra, Ferbane and Ryan's of Ballyclare (086 0693670).

**FERBANE BELMONT CE** - Are you signing for credits or in receipt of a Social Welfare Payment. We currently have vacancies on our scheme for one Groundsperson/Caretaker, General Operative, Caretaker Cleaner and Administration person. 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.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

A new Church Year begins. We move into the season of Advent. The word 'advent' means 'coming'. During these days we are asked to think about the coming of Christ at Christmas, His coming at the end of time, and His coming into our lives every day. In other words, we look back, we look forward and we look around. It is really a four-week course in waiting. Like its cousin, Lent, it is a season for reflection and reformation. We have travelled the road often, but sometimes we see something for the first time on familiar roads. As we gaze on the Advent wreath today we might reflect on the circle of life with its constant cycle of endings and beginnings, comings and goings, while the gentle flame of the candle should reassure us that the darkest night cannot quench the light of hope which a tiny infant brought to our world over two thousand years ago. 'Advent is a journey towards Bethlehem. May we let ourselves be drawn by the light of God made man'. (Pope Francis).