

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 8th December 2024

Second Sunday of Advent - Feast of the Immaculate Conception

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CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER - 7pm

1. Paudge Dunican (20th A) and his daughter Rowena Mary (48th A).
2. John Brazil (1st A) and his wife Lily (20th 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.

Mon. 9th: 10am

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

Wed. 11th: 10am - Noel & Una McIntyre and deceased members of the McIntyre Family.

Thurs. 12th: 10am

Fri. 13th: 10am

Sat. 14th: 10am

SATURDAY 14th DECEMBER - 7pm

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER - 11am

1. Mary Duffy, Endrim (1st A).
2. Tommy & Kitty Flaherty.
3. Gregory Foley.
4. Gary Mooney (2nd A).

SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

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.

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER - 12 noon

1. Henry & Gertie Gunning.

ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

SUNDAY 8th DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Anne & Michael Dempsey.

SUNDAY 15th DECEMBER - 9.30am

1. Nancy Colgan and deceased members of the Boland and Colgan families.
2. Deceased members of the Corcoran family, Gallen.

NIGHT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION FOR ADVENT

Ferbane Church on Wednesdays at 8pm.

Lord, help us this Advent to slow down, listen to your word and focus on what's really important...

FEAST OF IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Mon. 9th December Not Holy Day of Obligation.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE - On Mon.

16th December in Ferbane Church at 8pm.

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

COLLECTIONS - December 1st:

Offertory/Shrine €2,470. 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.

SVP - Annual Appeal takes place this weekend in our local Churches. Envelopes are left in the Church. Please return your envelopes in the collection basket the following week or you can drop them into the parish office. Are you impacted by Food / Energy poverty, struggling to make ends meet on an inadequate income and worried about

bills. Our SVP Conference can also provide people with Gift Tokens for food, energy, clothing and furniture. Educational assistance and supports also available. Ferbane SVP Conference offers assistance to the people of the following areas: Ferbane, Belmont, Doon, Cloghan, Shannon Harbour, Pollough, Lumcloon, Lusmagh, Banagher and Ballinahown. All requests must go through the confidential helpline 087 9272877. Friday 13th December is the last day for requests for help for Christmas.

LOUGH BOORA Running Group & Ferbane Athletics Club are hosting a 5Km Santa Dash and a 1Km Family Walk this Sunday 8th December 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.

CLONONY CASTLE - Is pleased and excited to announce that Santa Claus will be making a return visit to the Castle this Sunday 8th December from 12 noon to 4pm bringing more sweets, treats and Christmas cheer!

FERBANE Christmas Lights Ceremony and Craft Fair - This 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.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - Mon. 9th Dec.: Christmas Cookery with Valerie Dillon, LOETB in High Street Hall at 7.30pm (Note change of time). Thank you to everyone for their great support of our Christmas market last weekend. Your support is appreciated.

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €9,300; Jackpot €1,600; Star Prize €7,700). Winning numbers were 6, 13, 16, 22. Bonus 26. No jackpot winner. Two match three winners. Next draw on Monday 9th December.

FERBANE GAA - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 6, 7, 13, 29. Bonus 20. No jackpot winner. Four match three winners. Next week's jackpot is €8,000. Draw on Tues. 10th December.

FERBANE COFFEE MORNING GROUP We will travel to The Thatch in Crinkle for Christmas dinner on Wednesday next, December 11th. Bus leaving the Church grounds at 1.30pm.

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.

BELMONT GAA - Weekly bingo continues every week and books can be purchased online until 2pm every Wed. or from Joe Cahill's shop until 9pm every Tues. evening. Thank you for your support.

FERBANE SUPPORT SERVICES, St. Hilda's - Coffee Morning on Thursday 12th December from 10.30am to 12.30pm in Ferbane Heritage Centre. Handmade Christmas crafts on sale on the day. Please support.

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

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.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

At the time of Christ, whenever a local ruler was travelling through the countryside, his servants went before him to remove obstacles from his path so that he could make a smooth, safe journey. On this second Sunday of Advent John the Baptist uses that same image, familiar to his listeners, as he cries from the wilderness: 'prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight'. The best way to prepare the way of the Lord is to tune into His presence, which surrounds us every day. It means removing from our lives any obstacles that would hinder His entry into our hearts and minds. It means straightening the crooked places within us that prevent us from being the best of ourselves, the kind of people He intended us to be. If we use these Advent days in this way, then the beauty of Christmas will be found, not in the presents, but, rather, in His presence.