

GOSPEL - (Mt 11:25-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

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MASSES - ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FERBANE

Saturday 8th/Sunday 9th July

7pm Sat. John Connor and his son Christopher.
11.00am (1) Thomas & May Kavanagh and their sons Vincent and John Joe.
(2) James & Elizabeth Olwill and their son Thomas, Mary Bridget & Jack Egan, Kilcolgan.

7pm Sun. -
Mon. 10th: 10am
Tues. 11th July: 10am - People's Mass.
Wed. 12th: 10am

Thurs. 13th: 10am

Fri. 14th & Sat. 15th: 10am

Saturday 15th/Sunday 16th July

7pm Sat. (1) Fr. Sean Rooney and his parents Joseph & Margaret;
(2) Anne Hynes, Belmont.
11.00am Jerry Farrell.
7pm Sun. (1) Marlyn Browne. (2) Oliver Costello.



MASSES - SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

Sunday 9th July

12 noon High Street Cemetery Mass.
Albert & Mary Nevin (M/M).

Sunday 16th July

12 noon (1) Claudia Connolly Brewer;
(2) Mary Connaughton and deceased family members.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day, He rose again from the dead; He ascended to Heaven, and is seated at the right hand God the Father almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.



MASSES - ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

Sunday 9th July

9.30am -

Sunday 16th July

9.30am -

PARISH COLLECTIONS -

Sat. 29th/Sun. 30th June:
Parish Collection €3,070; Shrine €240.

ALTAR SOCIETY - Group 2 this week.

SAINTS OF THE WEEK -

Tues. 11th: St. Benedict, Patron of Europe.
Sat. 15th: Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON - Taste and see that

the Lord is good; blessed the man who seeks refuge in him.

CEMETERY DATES

Tissaran: Tuesday 15th August, 8pm

We would ask those attending to bring a bottle of Holy Water so that together as a people we can ask God's blessing on the resting places of our loved ones. Just as they blessed us by their lives – we can together simultaneously return that prayer to them.

BULLETIN NOTICES - Contact the Parish Office by Wednesday, 3pm. Tel: 090 6454309 or Email: parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 9th July 2017

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

THE GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.

We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING - (Zech 9:9-10)

A reading from the prophet Zechariah.
The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war

will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

R. I will bless your name for ever, O God my King.

1. I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. **R.**
2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
3. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God. **R.**
4. The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

SECOND READING - (Rom 8:9.11-13)

A reading from the letter of St. Paul to the Romans.
Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. The word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. Alleluia!

SUNDAY 9th JULY

FERBANE/BELMONT MINOR CLUB - Sunday 9th July: Tullamore Court Hotel Intermediate Football Championship v Clonbullogue in BNM OCP at 11.30am. **Mon. 10th:** U16A Hurling Championship v St. Rynagh's in O'Brien Park at 7.30pm. **Tues. 11th:** Div 2 Football League v Walsh Island in Ferbane at 8pm. **Wed. 12th:** Minor A Football Championship v Edenderry in Cappincur at 7.30pm. **U14 B Football Competition** v Durrow in Ferbane at 7.30pm. **Fri. 14th:** Senior Hurling Championship v Shinrone in Kinnitty at 8pm. **U16A Hurling Championship** v Coolderry in Moystown at 7.30pm.

MONDAY 10th JULY

GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €12,700 = Jackpot €2,700; Star Prize €10,000). Numbers drawn 9, 10, 13, 18. Bonus 15. No jackpot winner. No match three winner. Two book prizes. Next draw on Monday 10th July. Tickets from committee members or local businesses. **Astroturf Pitch Hire:** The Astroturf pitch is available for booking for all occasions. Please contact Liam at 087 6864992.

TUESDAY 11th JULY

FERBANE G.A.A. - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's lotto draw 4, 13, 18, 32. No jackpot or match 3 winner. Five book prizes. Next draw takes place in the GAA Clubhouse on Tuesday 11th July at 10pm with a jackpot of **€7,800**. Please support. **Ferbane GAA Gym opening times:** Monday to Friday 7-9pm.

WEDNESDAY 12th JULY

FERBANE PRAYER GROUP - Prayer Meeting is a time for giving Glory to God, through spreading His Word, prayer of praise and thanks, prayer of petition and joyous songs. You are very welcome to the next Prayer Meeting in St. Cynoc's Junior School on Wednesday 12th July at 8.30pm.

CARDS - Progressive 25, single hand, 20 games, in Ferbane GAA Clubhouse continues every Wednesday at 8.45pm. Please support.

FRIDAY 14th JULY

FERBANE LIBRARY - Upcoming events at Ferbane Library for July include: Friday 14th July: 12-1pm, Arts & Crafts for 6-8 year olds. Booking essential (FREE event). Thursday 20th: 2pm, Story time animal theme, please bring a furry toy (FREE). Friday 21st: 11am, Dogs Trust – Be Dog Smart (For adults).

Keeping your children safe from dogs (FREE). Friday 28th: 12-1pm, Arts & Crafts for 6-8 year olds. Booking essential (FREE Event). We are now taking bookings for Creative Writing for 8-12 years for Saturday 12th August. This is a taster course with Pauline McNamee. Cost €12. **Ferbane Library is open on Thursday** from 1pm-5.30pm and 6-8pm. **Friday** from 10am-1.30pm and 2-5pm. **Saturday** 10am-1pm. FREE Internet and WIFI available. **SUMMER STARS READING ADVENTURE:** Summer Stars is a FREE programme, open to all children. Each child who registers for the programme at their local library joins in the fun of reading lots of exciting books during the summer. Children will receive their own Summer Stars Reading Card to record their progress and the Summer Stars Reward Stamp will be added to their card at the library for each book read. Fun rewards will be provided along the way. At the end of the programme, all children who have participated will be invited to attend an awards event.

NAOMH CIARÁN - Training for U6, U8 and U10 continues every Friday at 6pm at Ferbane GAA pitch.

SUNDAY 16th JULY ONWARDS

OFFALY HOSPICE CHURCH GATE COLLECTION - Is taking place in Ferbane Parish on the weekend of 15th & 16th July. Your support would be much appreciated.

BAPTISM - The next meeting for parents in our pastoral area who have a child for baptism will be held in the Parochial House in Ballinahown on Thursday 20th July from 8pm to 9pm. Subsequent pre-baptism meetings are scheduled for Thursday 17th August and Thursday 14th September. Parents are asked to contact their local priest about attendance at these meetings.

BELMONT & DISTRICT FISHING CLUB - Open competition on Sunday 23rd July at the Grand Canal, Belmont from 2-7pm. For enquiries contact 087 9383553.

FERBANE/BANAGHER MACRA NEWS - Thanks to all who came to the Annual Club BBQ on July 1st in Ferbane. Next Club meeting is in early August. Contact Sarah Kelly for more details on 086-3575915.

INTRODUCTION TO PROJECT MATHS COURSE - Ideal for students who are commencing First Year in Secondary School and those who have just completed First Year and

need help. Commencing Monday 7th August for 3 mornings. **Time:** 10:30 to 12:30. **Venue:** The Heritage Centre, Ferbane. **Contact:** The Learning Workshop on 087 2100103.

YOUTH 2000 SUMMER FESTIVAL - Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co. Tipperary from Thursday 17th – Sunday 20th August 2017. For young people aged 16-35, an opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new people with over 1,400 young people from all corners of Ireland attending last year. The festival is donation only. Free buses travelling from all around Ireland. For more info and to book online, see www.youth2000.ie or tel: 01 6753690.

HIGH STREET/BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - Are proposing to go to An Grianán from Friday 20th to Sunday 22nd October. Places available. Names now being taken. **Phone Marian 086 4098010 before July 15th.**

OTHER NOTICES

MUSIC SUMMER SCHOOL FERBANE - Beginners and Intermediate. Contact Claire Anne Kearns 090 6454146 / 087 3163104.

JOSEPH MAHER VOCALIST - Singing classes available on evenings or weekends. Also available for Weddings, Funerals and other occasions. For further information contact 086 8696567.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Meetings each week in Ferbane. Contact 01 852 7000.

PARISH RADIO - We invite you to join us on radio for all Parish Church liturgies on 106.5FM. **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL -** Contact 087 9272877.

FERBANE HERITAGE CENTRE - Groups wishing to use this facility please contact Joe Hiney 087 2621515 or Colm/Geraldine in the CE Scheme office 090 6454068 to discuss rates etc.

THE WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES 2018 Volunteer Application Process is now Open: As part of its pastoral preparations the organisers of the World Meeting of Families are now inviting thousands of volunteers to participate in this once-in-a-generation event. The volunteers will be part of the operational team which will organise and run what will be the largest gathering of families in the world. It's National Volunteer Week in Ireland and we are delighted that our Volunteer Application Process is now open! You can apply to volunteer here: www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer.

Applicants to volunteer must be residents of the island of Ireland at the time of application and be over 18 years of age as of 1st January 2018 (or as part of a group), among other terms and conditions. Volunteers can also help in the lead up to the event in the main offices of WMOF2018.

PRAYER OF BLESSING IN CEMETERY

May God's perpetual light shine upon the faces of all laid to rest here.

May the lives they lived in our homes continue to inspire and to guide us on the way.

May the memories we carry and share in stories keep them part of our lives and part of our family.

May the gentle summer rains fall like tears from the skies of heaven to bless them.

May the wild flowers and the summer meadows whisper their prayer in the gentle breeze of silence.

May the birds of the dawn chorus sing their prayer of the beauty and joy of heaven.

May we always reverence this sacred clay as the holy ground that holds seeds of hope.

May each time we visit, walk, sit, pray and listen here bring us closer to the heart of God's kindness.

May the angels guide them, the Saints protect them and the prayer of Mary hold them in the light.

May God raise them up on eagles wings, bear them on the breath of dawn, make them shine like the sun, and forever hold them safe and free in the palm of his hand.

It is a profound spiritual experience to contemplate our loved ones with the eyes of God, and to see Christ in them. This demands a freedom and openness that will enable us to appreciate their dignity. We can be fully present to others only by giving fully of ourselves and forgetting all else. Our loved ones merit our complete attention. Jesus is our model in this, for whenever people approached to speak with him, he would meet their gaze, directly and lovingly.

Pope Francis in 'The Joy of Love'