

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 17th December 2017

Third Sunday of Advent

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## MASSES - ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FERBANE

Saturday 16th/Sunday 17th December

7pm Sat. 1. Con O'Rourke & deceased family members. (*Do this in Memory*).  
2. Hugh Gleeson.

11.00am -

7pm Sun. -

*Mon. 18th: 10am - An opportunity for individual confessions after 10am Mass. There will be a number of priests available.*

*Tues. 19th: 10am*

*Wed. 20th: 10am*

*Thurs. 21st: 10am - (1) Julia & Paddy Taylor & Peter Devery & deceased family members.*

*(2) St. Cynoc's School Mass & Christmas Carols for SVP Appeal.*

*Fri. 22nd: 10am*

*Sat. 23rd: 10am*

Saturday 23rd/Sunday 24th December

7pm Sat. -

11.00am *Individual Confessions after Mass from 12 noon until 3pm.*

Sunday 24th/Mon. 25th Dec. (Christmas Day)

9pm Sun. Christmas Eve.

9.00am Christmas Day.

11.00am Christmas Day.

**NO 7pm EVENING MASS on Christmas Day.**

## MASSES - SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

Sunday 17th December

12 noon 1. P.J. Rourke. (*Do this in Memory*).  
2. Nancy & Tommy Daly & deceased family members.  
3. Joseph & Diarmuid Feighery and deceased family members, Lislooney.

Sunday 24th December

12 noon -

Sunday 24th /Mon. 25th Dec. (Christmas Day)

7pm Christmas Eve.

12 noon Christmas Day

## MASSES - ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

Sunday 17th December

9.30am 1. Michael & Anne Dempsey.  
2. Nancy Colgan.

Sunday 24th December

9.30am -

Sun. 24th/Mon. 25th Dec. (Christmas Day)

7pm Christmas Eve.

9.30am Christmas Day.

## PARISH COLLECTIONS -

*7th/8th Dec.:* Parish Collection €1,110;

*9th/10th Dec.:* Parish Collection €1,720.

**ALTAR SOCIETY** - Group 1 this week.

**DEATH:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Seamus Gleeson, Athlone Road*. Rest in peace.

**SPINA BIFIDA & HYDROCEPHALUS CHURCH GATE COLLECTION** - On Sat. 16th/Sun. 17th December. Please support.

**TAILTEANN GAMES TUG-O-WAR** - West Offaly History Group will unveil a billboard on the Ballycumber Road on Sunday 17th December at 12 noon to commemorate the men from the locality who claimed Gold at the 1932 Tailteann Games. All welcome.

**SHANNON HARBOUR** - Children's activities taking place Sun. 17th December in Shannon Harbour Community Hall. Magician at 3.30pm and Santa arrives at 5pm approx.

**MACRA** - Meeting on Monday 18th December in the Cosy Bar, Ferbane at 8.30pm. Contact Sarah Kelly 086 3575915.

**CHRISTMAS CRAFT SEWING WORKSHOP** - At Belmont Mills on Tuesday 19th December from 11am - 1pm. €14 per person. Materials supplied. Numbers limited. For booking contact Sandra on 086 3769459.

**HIGH STREET / BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP** - *Tues 19th Dec.:* Christmas Flowers. Cost €10. Bring your own flowers. High Street Hall, 7.30pm. All welcome.

**GALLEN UNITED - Lotto Draw** (Prize fund €15,000 = Jackpot €5,000; Star Prize €10,000). Numbers drawn 6, 11, 18, 28. Bonus number 26. No jackpot winner. One match three winner. Next draw on Monday 18th December.

**FERBANE PARENT AND TODDLER GROUP** - Every Tuesday from 10.30am to 12.30pm in Ferbane Heritage Centre. 086 2114855 / 086 8646805.

**FERBANE G.A.A. - Lotto:** Winning numbers in last week's draw 13, 15, 29, 32. Bonus 23. No jackpot winner. No match three winner. Five book prizes. Next draw takes place in the GAA Clubhouse on Tuesday 19th December at 10pm with a jackpot of **€12,400**.

**LC OL MATHS, JC HL MATHS GRINDS** - On Wed. afternoon's after school in Ferbane Heritage Centre. Contact 087 2100103.

**FERBANE PRAYER GROUP** - Prayer Meeting time is for giving praise and thanks to God, who in turn gives His peace and Joy. You are very welcome to the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 20th December in St. Cynoc's Junior School at **4pm**.

**CARDS** - Progressive 25, single hand, in Ferbane GAA Clubhouse every Wed. at 8.45pm.

**FERBANE LIBRARY - Junior Knitting Class** display of their work on Thursday 21st December at 6.30pm. All are welcome. *Ferbane Library will be closed* from Friday 22nd to Saturday 30th December inclusive. The Library will reopen on Thursday 4th January at 1pm.

**ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** - Meeting in Teach Lea Boora on Sat. evening at 8.30pm.

**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 18th January from 8-9pm. Please contact your priest.

**CHRISTMAS TREES & WREATHS FOR SALE** - 7ft, 8ft and 9ft = €50. Wreaths = €10. Contact 087 8886214.

**FERBANE AND DISTRICT CREDIT UNION** - *Car Draw* took place on Wed. 13th December and the winner of the car was Geraldine Woods. A list of prize winners for both the Car Draw and Members Draw are displayed in our office. **Opening Hours for Christmas: Tuesday 19th - Sat 23rd:** Normal

## PARISH NOTICES

**CONFESSIONS** - *Monday 18th December.* An opportunity for individual confessions after 10am Mass in Ferbane. There will be a number of priests available.

**ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE** - Featuring our local choirs from High Street & St. Cynoc's Primary Schools, Gallen Community School and Ferbane Parish Choir takes place on *Mon. 18th December* in Ferbane Church at 8pm. We welcome all of you to this special night of preparation for Christmas.

**2018 SUNDAY MISSAL** - Available in the Parish shop for Sunday rota readers.

**PARISH SHOP** - Stocking a wide range of cards, cribs, gifts, Parish Christmas cards €1 and Bible diaries.

opening hours 10.30am-1pm and 2-5pm. **CLOSED Tues. 26th, Wed. 27th and Thurs. 28th. REOPEN Fri. 29th and Sat. 30th:** Normal opening hours 10.30am-1pm and 2-5pm.

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

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL** - Contact 087 9272877.

**ADVENT SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE 2017** - As we approach Christmas we remember that Jesus Christ was born into a family; he was a son. He was brought up by Mary and Joseph and by his wider family and local community. Scripture records his connections with family and friends. Mary and Joseph looked after their son; they protected and kept him safe at a time when there were many threats. In our time, as a Church community, we look after and protect our young people and adults at risk. I thank our Parish Safeguarding Representatives and our Priests for their valuable work in ensuring the safety of children and adults at risk in our Church related activities. I encourage anyone with concerns regarding the safety of children or anyone who suffered in the past to contact our Designated Liaison Person, Sean Leydon (087-7431649) or our Deputy Designated Liaison Person, Róisín O'Doherty (087-3327587).

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR BULLETINS** - Please note all notices for the bulletins for the weekends of December 23rd/24th and December 30th/31st must be with Brosna Press (090) 6454327; Email: mary@brosnapress.ie or the Parish Office (090) 6454309, Email: parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie by this Wednesday 20th December.