

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 16th December 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

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MASSES - ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FERBANE

Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th December

7pm Sat. *Do This in Memory.*

11.00am *Pray and Play for 4-7 year olds.*

7pm Sun. -

Mon. 17th: 10am - Noel & Una McIntyre and deceased members of the McIntyre Family.

Tues. 18th: 10am - Deceased members of the Legion of Mary.

Wed. 19th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 20th: 10am - Paddy & Julia Taylor and Peter Devery. St. Cynoc's School Mass and Christmas Carols for SVP Appeal.

Fri. 21st & Sat. 22nd: 10am

Saturday 22nd / Sunday 23rd December

7pm Sat. 1. John & Ellen Devery Moyclare.

2. Jimmy, Elizabeth & James Devery, Glebe.

3. Patrick & Lucy Grogan, Noggus.

11.00am *Pray and Play for 4-7 year olds.*

7pm Sun. -

MASSES - SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

Sunday 16th December

12 noon 1. P.J. Rourke & the Young Family.

2. Nancy & Tommy Daly and deceased family members.

3. Joseph & Diarmuid Feighery, Lisclooney.

Do This in Memory.

Sunday 23rd December

12 noon Patrick & Annie Kearns, their daughter Anne, their son Kieran and deceased members of the O'Rourke Family, High Street.

MASSES - ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

Sunday 16th December

9.30am Nancy Colgan, Leamore and deceased family members.

Sunday 23rd December

9.30am Mary & Peter Grogan.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

This is 'Gaudete' Sunday, a Latin word that means 'rejoice'. We light the pink candle on the advent wreath to remind us that, while this is a season of quiet reflection it is also a time of joy. The Lord is near, and this good news gives purpose and meaning to our journey. We are going somewhere. Joy is the echo of God's life within us. It is the most certain sign of the presence of God. John the Baptist tells us today that this joy is nourished most powerfully, when we reach out generously in the service of others: 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none'. Those who are happiest are those who do most for their brothers and sisters. We rise by lifting others. The key to joy, then, is service. Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud this Christmas.

ALTAR SOCIETY - Group 2.

COLLECTIONS -

Off. 8th/9th Dec.: €3,315. *Shrine:* €354.

BAPTISMS - We welcome into our Christian Community *Ava Kelly* and *Mason Farrell*.

DEATHS - Please pray for the souls of *Kay Walsh, Ferbane* and *Vincent Toober, Leabeg*, both of whom died recently. Rest in peace.

CONCERN CHURCH GATE

COLLECTION - This weekend Saturday 15th/ Sunday 16th December in all Churches in the Parish. Please support.

CHRISTMAS AT CLONONY CASTLE - Santa Claus will be making his annual visit to Clonony Castle on this Sunday 16th December from 12 noon to 4pm. The Castle Craft Shop will also be open with some beautiful Christmas Gift ideas. All are welcome!

GALLEN UTD - *Lotto Draw (Prize fund €20,000 = Jackpot €10,000; Star Prize €10,000).* Winning numbers in last week's draw 6, 8, 10, 24. Bonus 19. No jackpot winner.

One match 3 winner. Next draw on Monday 17th December.

FERBANE PARENT & TODDLER GROUP Every Tuesday from 10.30am- 12.30pm in Ferbane Heritage Centre. 087 1747946.

FERBANE G.A.A. - *Lotto:* Winning numbers in last week's draw 7, 8, 20, 26. Bonus 3. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Two Christmas vouchers. Next draw on Tues. 18th December at 10pm with a jackpot of €20,000.

FERBANE PRAYER GROUP - You are very welcome to come and join in the Prayer. Come together to give praise and thanks to God at the next Meeting on Wednesday 19th December at 4pm in St. Cynoc's Junior School.

NIGHT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION - Continues in St. Mary's Church, Ferbane on Wednesday 19th December. All are welcome.

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

FERBANE LIBRARY - *Polar Express:* Thursday 20th December at 6.30pm. The event is fully booked and children who have booked for our Polar Express must collect their tickets in advance. The Library will be closed to the public between 6.30 and 7.30pm to facilitate the event. *The Library will close for Christmas holidays* on Thursday 20th December at 8pm. *'My Open Library'* hours will operate as normal during Christmas.

CHRISTMAS CLONMACNOIS PRAYER VIGIL in Cluain Chiaráin Prayer Centre on Fri. 21st Dec. and every third Friday. Mass at 9pm. Adoration and prayers follow until 2.10am. Enquiries to Dave 085-7746763.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Meeting in Teach Lea, Boora, Saturday evening at 8.30pm.

ST BRIGID'S CREDIT UNION Christmas Opening Hours - *Closed:* Tues. 25th, Wed. 26th and Thurs. 27th December. *Open:* Fri. 28th December, normal hours 9.30-12.30 and 1.30-5.30. *Closed:* Sat. 29th December. *Closed:* Tues. 1st January. *Reopen:* Wed. 2nd January, normal hours 9.30-12.30 and 1.30-5.30.

ST. STEPHEN'S DAY CHARITY MILE - At Ferbane Business Park at 12.30pm organised by Ferbane Athletic Club. A great family event for all ages. No entry fee. Donation buckets on the day with all funds raised going to support St. Cynoc's NS Parents Association.

PARISH NOTICES

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. 17th December* in Ferbane Church at 8pm. We welcome all of you to this special night of preparation for Christmas.

CONFESSIONS - *Friday 21st December.* An opportunity for individual Confessions after 10am Mass in Ferbane. There will be a number of priests available. Also on *Christmas Eve, Confessions* after 10am Mass until 4pm.

2019 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.

TRÓCAIRE APPEAL

In Yemen people are facing the worst famine in a century, with five million at risk of starvation. In South Sudan, four million have had to leave their homes and seven million are in need of food aid. *Trócaire's Christmas Appeal* focuses on providing food and support for the people in countries such as South Sudan and Yemen. If you wish to make a donation this Christmas please visit the Trócaire website at <https://www.trocaire.org/christmas>.

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE from €50. Wreaths €10. Contact Kieran 087 8886214.

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

SVP - Confidential phone number 087 9272877.

SURVEY - Offertory Collection Direct Debit Facility. Thank you to all those who responded to our recent survey. The findings have shown a strong desire to continue with current arrangements for the Offertory Collection, and as a result, the direct debit facility will not be introduced at this time. We thank our parishioners for their continued generous support of our Parish collection.

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR BULLETINS - Please note all notices for the bulletins for the weekends of December 22nd/23rd and December 29th/30th must be with the Parish Office (090) 6454309, Email: parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie or Brosna Press (090) 6454327; Email: mary@brosnapress.ie by this Wednesday 19th December.