

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 9th December 2018

Second Sunday of Advent

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MASSES - ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FERBANE

Saturday 8th / Sunday 9th December

- 7pm Sat. 1. Paudge Dunican and his daughter Rowena Mary, Aughaboy.
2. Peggy & Des Rosney and their daughter Raphael.
3. Birdie Monaghan (*Months Mind*).
11.00am 1. James Gleeson (*1st A*).
2. Kitty & Willie Madden.
Pray and Play for 4-7 year olds.

7pm Sun. -

Mon. 10th: 10am

Tues. 11th: 10am - Tom & Annie Claffey, Endrim.

Wed. 12th: 10am - People's Mass.

Thurs. 13th: 10am

Fri. 14th: 10am - Margaret, Martin & John Egan, Kilcolgan.

Sat. 15th: 10am

Saturday 15th / Sunday 16th December

7pm Sat. *Do This in Memory.*

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

7pm Sun. -

MASSES - SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

Sunday 9th December

- 12 noon 1. Gertrude Gunning.
2. Jimmy & Annie Daly, Blackwater and Johnny & Kathleen Daly, Clononey.
3. P.J. Minogue and his parents John & Mary and Michael & Annie Heavin.

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.

MASSES - ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

Sunday 9th December

9.30am Anne & Michael Dempsey.

Sunday 16th December

9.30am Nancy Colgan, Leamore and deceased family members.

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.**

ALTAR SOCIETY - Group 1.

COLLECTIONS -

Off. 1st/2nd Dec.: €2,215. Shrine: €195.

BAPTISMS - We welcome into our Christian Community Keira Kenny and Hannah Doyle.

DEATHS - Please pray for the souls of *Esther Boylan* (mother of Francis Boylan, High St.); *Mary Reamsbottom, Kilcormac* (mother of Damien Reamsbottom, Ballyvora Grove); *Sr. Helen Weston, St. Joseph of Chuny* who died in Mount Sackville, all of whom died recently. May they rest in peace.
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - *Church Gate Collection* this weekend Saturday 8th / Sunday 9th December. Your support is greatly appreciated. *Meeting* on Monday 10th December at 7pm. Confidential phone number 087 9272877.

BELMONT GAA - Will host our *AGM* on Sunday 9th Dec. at 7.30pm in High St. Hall. All welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICE - On Monday 10th December in Ferbane Church at 8pm in preparation for Carol Service and Christmas.

HIGH ST./BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP - *Christmas Flowers* on Mon. 10th December in High Street Hall at 8pm. Please bring own flowers and container. All welcome.

ST. BRIGID'S CREDIT UNION - *AGM* in Ard Scoil Chiaráin, Clara on Monday 10th December at 8pm. All members are welcome. **Free Draw** on the night for all members who attend.

FERBANE WALKING GROUP - Each Monday and Thursday evening. Meet in Ferbane Business Park at 8pm. Contact 087 2926365.

GALLEN UTD - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €19,900 = Jackpot €10,000; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 11, 13, 17, 28. Bonus 19. No jackpot winner. No match 3 winner. Two book prizes. Next draw on Monday 10th December.

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

FERBANE BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY PARK - Would like to invite you to a *Social Networking Event* being held in the training room upstairs in the main building (opposite the Creche) in the Business Park at 8pm on Tuesday 11th December. Festive nibbles and refreshments will be available on the night and you are all welcome to come along. This could be a great opportunity to network and chat with local businesses within your area.

FERBANE G.A.A. - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 5, 21, 28, 29. Bonus 17. No jackpot winner. Ten match 3 winners. Next draw on Tuesday 11th December at 10pm with a jackpot of **€20,000.**

HIGH STREET / BELMONT ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP - *Christmas Lunch* on Wednesday 12th December in Athlone. Bus leaves Belmont at 12 noon and Ferbane Church car park at 12.10pm. Please call 087 6372787 for more information.

COFFEE MORNING - *Christmas Dinner* takes place in the Black Boot on Wednesday 12th December. Meet in the bar at 2.45pm. To confirm attendance phone Lily 086 8389820 or Maureen 087 6721166. We would like to thank FÁS and Brosna Press for all their help throughout the year and wish them and all our members and volunteers a happy and peaceful Christmas.

FERBANE PRAYER GROUP - Come together to give praise and thanks to God and to ask for the needs of his people. You are very welcome to come and join in the prayer at the next Meeting on

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 *Monday 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.

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.

Wednesday 12th December at 4pm in St. Cynoc's Junior School.

NIGHT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION - Continues in St. Mary's Church, Ferbane on Wed. 12th Dec. at 8pm and continues on Wed. 19th Dec. All are welcome.

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

BAPTISM PREPARATION - Meeting for parents in our pastoral area who have a child for baptism will be held in the Parochial House in Ballinahown on Thurs. 13th Dec. from 8pm to 9pm. Parents are asked to contact their local priest about attendance at these meetings.

CLEANER REQUIRED - For St. Cynoc's Senior School. Please apply in writing with references before Friday 14th December.

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

GALLEN VIEW RESIDENTS - *Christmas tickets on sale*. Draw takes place on Sun. 16th Dec. Please support.

WEST OFFALY TRAINING - Are putting together an exciting schedule of classes to begin in the Spring of 2019 - Working with Autism, Understanding Dementia, Mindfulness, Hairdressing, Make-Up, Spring Gardening, Abrasive Wheel, Manual Handling, HR Training and After School Coding are just a sample of what will be on offer. We also continue to offer Computer classes from very basic to advanced level. For further information or to secure a place call Carmel on 057 9152003 or email info@westoffalytraining.com

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

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

PARISH OFFICE - Wednesday from 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm. 090 6454309 • parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie. Bulletin deadline is 3pm on Wednesday.