

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 3rd March 2019

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES - CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

Saturday 2nd / Sunday 3rd March

7pm Sat. -
11.00am Agnes Holmes.
7pm Sun. -
Mon. 4th: 10am
Tues. 5th: 10am - Sr. Ann Claffey.
Wed. 6th - Ash Wednesday: 7am and 10am
Thurs. 7th: 10am
Fri. 8th: 10am

Sat. 9th: 10am - Vera and Kathleen Hand.

Saturday 9th / Sunday 10th March

7pm Sat. Bridie, Dan & Rose Devery.
11.00am 1. Gabriel Murphy (*Months Mind*).
2. Ann Marie McDermott and her grandchildren Alfie & Tiernan McDermott.
3. Kieran & Bridgid Kelly.
7pm Sun. Michael & Kate Duffy and Michael Cusack.

MASSES - SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

Sunday 3rd March

12 noon -
Wed. 6th - Ash Wednesday: 8pm -
Thurs. 7th: 8pm -

Sunday 10th March

12 noon Thomas & Catherine Shea.

MASSES - ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

Sunday 3rd March

9.30am -
Wed. 6th - Ash Wednesday: 7pm -

Sunday 10th March

9.30am Denis Rosney.

COLLECTIONS - 23rd/24th February

Offertory: €2,315; Shrine: €365.

DEATHS - We pray for the souls of *Bernadette Devery Endrim; Mary Rosney, Kilcormac* (sister of Nancy Guinan, Killolgan) and *Seamus Whyte, Ballykeeran, Athlone* (father of Martin Whyte, Athlone Road). Rest in peace.

EIGHTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Words are powerful tools and dangerous weapons. They can inspire and they can destroy. They can be used in a manner that is awfully positive or positively awful. Words should never offend the dignity of another. We should guard against the terror of the untamed tongue. It is an interesting fact that we invariably judge others by their worst actions, while we tend to judge ourselves by our best intentions. Every time I judge someone else harshly, I reveal an unhealed part of myself. Jesus calls us, rather, to look into our own hearts first. If we do that honestly, we will notice 'the plank in our own eye'. Then, whatever criticism we have to offer will be offered gently and out of love. Seventeenth century English Quaker, William Penn, after whom the American state of Pennsylvania was named, summed up the challenge succinctly: 'They have a right to censure who have a heart to help'.

MASSES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY 6th March

Ferbane: 7am and 10am
High Street: 8pm
Boora: 7pm

MASSES FOR LENT

Ferbane: Monday to Saturday 10am;
Tuesday & Wednesday 7am & 10am
Boora: Wednesday 7pm
High Street: Thursday 8pm

WEST OFFALY TRAINING - *Courses over the next few weeks:* Advanced Excel, Makeup Masterclass starting 4th March, ECDL, Kids After School Coding (Beginners) starting 5th March, Abrasive Wheels and Manual Handling training weekly. Also running FREE Internet for beginners course/various dates. Call 057 9152003 to book or find out more.
SVP - Meeting on Monday 4th March at 7pm.
HIGH ST./BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP *Sun. 3rd March: Daffodil Day with Cake Sale and Raffles.* Your support would be much appreciated. *Mon. 4th: Exercise Class with Denise* from Offaly Community

Sports, High Street Hall, 8pm. All welcome. **Date for your Diary - Tues. 26th March: Cookery Demo with Adrian Martin** at 8pm. Tickets from Caitriona 087 6367437 (Ferbane PO or on the door). All welcome.
COUNSELLING/PSYCHOTHERAPY - In Evolve Health Clinic, Ferbane with Michelle McLoughlin every Monday, Tuesday & Thursday. Commencing Monday 4th March. Phone (090) 645 3500 for info.
HIGH STREET / BELMONT ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP - *Art* continues on Monday 4th March in High Street Hall. Contact 087 6372787.

GALLEN UTD - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €20,000 = Jackpot €10,000; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers 3, 7, 9, 17. Bonus 14. No jackpot winner. 3 match 3 winner. Next draw Monday 4th March.

FERBANE LIBRARY - Will be unstaffed on Tuesday 5th, Thursday 7th and Saturday 9th March. *My Open Libraries* will be in operation at all other times.
ENROLMENT EVENING - In Rashina N.S. on Tuesday 5th March from 6-7pm. New pupils and their parents are welcome to come to view the school facilities and meet the teachers. If this date is not suitable please feel free to contact the school 090 6454336 and arrange to visit at another time.

FERBANE G.A.A. - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 3, 22, 27, 28. Bonus 32. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next draw Tuesday 5th March at 10pm with a jackpot of **€7,000.**

ASH WEDNESDAY - Is a day of FAST and ABSTINENCE. **Fast** = one full meal and two "collations" or two light meals. **Abstinence** = the use of meat or its products is forbidden. Ages 18-60 years.
ATHLONE INST. OF TECHNOLOGY - Mass will be celebrated Monday-Friday at 8.40am and 1.05pm at the Institute Chapel during Lent. All are welcome.
COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wednesday 6th March in Ferbane Heritage Centre at 10.30am. Bus service as usual. All welcome.

FERBANE PRAYER GROUP - You are very welcome to the next Prayer Meeting. Through this "extra" prayer time, God increases our sense of praise and thanks and our faith and trust in Him for each day. The next Prayer Meeting will be held in St. Cynoc's Junior School and 4pm on Wed. 6th March.
FERBANE APOSTOLIC WORK - Meeting in the Presbytery on Wednesday 6th March at 7pm.

SOCIAL DANCING CLASSES - NO class on Wed. 6th March. Continue as usual on Wednesday 13th.

CARDS - Progressive 25, single hand, in Ferbane GAA Clubhouse every Wednesday at 9pm.

ACTIVE AGE GROUP - Talk on *Crime Prevention* on Thursday 7th March in Ferbane Heritage Centre at 10.30am. All welcome.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUNG PRIESTS SOCIETY - Meeting on Thursday 7th March at 7.30pm.

ROSARY RALLY - Fair Green car park, Athlone on Sat. 9th March at 2pm. All welcome. Contact 087 7828283.

KILREHAN CEMETERY - **First Clean-up on Sat. 9th March from 10am-12noon.** All help greatly appreciated.

FARMERS MARKET - On Saturday 9th March in Ferbane Heritage Centre from 11am-4pm. Contact 086 1210200.

HAITI - HAVEN - Volunteer Noel Ryan will have a *Church Gate Collection next weekend Sat. 9th/Sun. 10th March.* Your support would be greatly appreciated.

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

CARDS - Each Saturday night at 9pm in High Street Hall.

HIGH STREET N.S. - Enrolment packs for children starting in Sept. 2019 can be collected on Tues. 12th, Wed. 13th or Thurs. 14th March from the school. Alternatively you may contact the school (Tues., Wed., Thurs.) 090 6457246 and enrolment packs can be posted out.

NIGHT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION - In Ferbane Church on Tuesday 12th March at 8pm and continuing for the Tuesdays of Lent.

BAPTISM PREPARATION - The next meeting for parents who have a child for baptism will be held in the Parochial House in Ballinahown on Thurs. 14th March, 8-9pm.

DAFFODIL DAY - Is being held in Ferbane on Friday 15th March. Anyone wishing to volunteer an hour please contact Mary 087 2919314.

ROCK 'N' ROLL BINGO NIGHT - In Gleeson's on Friday 22nd March. Suitable for all ages. Proceeds to the Missions.

FERBANE APOSTOLIC WORK - Please leave your used stamps into St. Joseph's Convent. Thank you.

SVP - Confidential phone number 087 9272877.

ALTAR SOCIETY - Group 4.

STATION MASS - Thursday 7th March: Phil Anderson, Aughaboy, 8pm.

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

LENTEN TRÓCAIRE CAMPAIGN - Boxes available from the Churches of the Parish. Please take one home.

PARISH OFFICE - Wed. from 9am-1pm and 2pm-5pm. T: 090 6454309 • parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie.

Bulletin deadline is 3pm on Wednesday.

PRAYER FOR LENT

Ash Wednesday & Thursday, Friday, Saturday

The beginning of Lent, a time for fasting and abstinence, a time to renew our lives. Lord, be my strength as I take on the challenges of this new Lent. Give me a willing heart so I may keep Lent faithfully. I ask you to bless me and to be my encouragement. In your goodness help me in these first days to turn my heart to you in a spirit of penance. Grant me a steadfast focus as I seek to please you, a resolve to overcome my faults, to persevere in prayer and good deeds. May you spur me on to make the most of these first days, to make this a precious time in my life, a time to grow in your friendship. I know you will be my strength. Amen.