

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 10th March 2019

First Sunday of Lent

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MASSSES - CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

Saturday 9th / Sunday 10th March

7pm Sat. Bridie, Dan & Rose Dewery.

11.00am 1. Gabriel Murphy (*Months Mind*).

2. Ann Marie McDermott and her grandchildren Alfie & Tiernan McDermott.

3. Kieran & Brigid Kelly.

7pm Sun. Michael & Kate Duffy and Michael Cusack.

Mon. 11th: 10am

Tues. 12th: 7am and 10am

Wed 13th: 7am: 10am - *Rosalien & Liam Lowe*.

Thurs. 14th: 10am - *People's Mass*.

Fri. 15th, Sat. 16th: 10am

Sat. 16th / Sunday 17th March - St. Patrick's Day

7pm Sat. John Egan & his parents Michael & Rose.

11.00am Thomas & Rose Maher and Agnes Fogarty.

7pm Sun. -

MASSSES - SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH ST.

Sunday 10th March

12 noon 1. Thomas & Catherine Shea.

2. Patrick Kenny; Clonboniff.

Thurs. 14th: 8pm -

Sunday 17th March - St. Patrick's Day

12 noon 1. Una Lyons, her husband Denis and their daughters June & Edel.

2. Joe & Oran Caulfield, Winifred & Patrick Boylan & their son James.

3. Kathleen Henry.

MASSSES - ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

Sunday 10th March

9.30am Denis Rosney.

Wed. 13th: 7pm -

Sunday 17th March - St. Patrick's Day

9.30am -

COLLECTIONS - 23rd/24th February
Offertory: €2,165; Shrine: €225.



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

The word Lent comes from the old English word 'lenten', meaning 'springtime'. For those in the faith family it is a springtime for the soul. It recalls the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, that bleak, barren strip (35 miles by 15), between Jerusalem and the Dead Sea. He went there, not to escape from the world, but to be close to His Father as He prepared for His public ministry. For forty days He faced temptations that are as old as the human story- greed, power and the pursuit of the spectacular. He emerged victorious from the struggle, showing that temptation need not cause us to stumble, but, rather, help us to grow stronger. Lent provides us with an opportunity to look temptation in the eye, to 'springclean' the soul so that we can give up who we have been for the person we can become. It's not about giving-up earthly things, but, rather, exchanging them for better things. 'Lent is a time to allow a fresh taste of God'.

MASSSES FOR LENT

Ferbane: Monday to Saturday 10am;

Tuesday & Wednesday 7am & 10am

Boora: Wednesday 7pm

High Street: Thursday 8pm

DEATHS - We pray for the souls of *Deride Ryan, Castledaly* (niece of Rosalien O'Rourke), *Russel Marleau, California* (nephew of Mary Foley and Ned Galvin, Galien) and *Pai Faulkner, formerly Killygally*. Rest in peace.

BAPTISM - We welcome in to our Christian Community *Emne Egan*.

HAITI - HAVEN - Volunteer Noel Ryan will have a *Church Gate Collection this weekend Sat. 9th/Sun. 10th March*. Please support.

COUNSELLING/PSYCHOTHERAPY - Available in Evoke Health Clinic, Ferbane with Michelle and Deirdre every Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Phone (090) 645 3500 for information.

WEST OFFALY TRAINING - *Courses: Advanced Excel! Makeup Masterclass starting 11th March, Kids After School Coding (Beginners) starting 12th March, Abrasive Wheels and Manual Handling*

Training weekly. We are also running FREE Internet for beginners course/various dates. T: 057 91 52003.

HIGH STREET / BELMONT ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP - *Arr* continues on Monday 11th March in High Street Hall. *Going for a walk* on Tuesday 12th March, please meet at Ferbane Business Park at 2.30pm.

FERBANE WALKING GROUP - In association with Operation Transformation will hold a *3km Community Walk* on Monday 11th March from the Business Park at 7pm followed by refreshments. Please wear hi-viz jacket or armband. All welcome. Contact Tom 087 2926365 for information.

FIRST CONFESSIONS - For St. Cynoc's School in Ferbane Church on Monday 11th March at 7.30pm.

GALLEN UTD - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €20,000 = Jackpot €10,000; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers 2, 22, 23, 25. Bonus 28. No jackpot winner. No march 3 winner. Two book prizes. Next draw Monday 11th March.

HIGH STREET N.S. - Enrollment packs for those children starting in September 2019 can be collected Tues. 12th, Wed. 13th or Thurs. 14th March from 9.20am-1pm at the school. Alternatively you may contact the school (Tues, Wed, Thurs) 090 6457246 and enrollment packs will be posted out.

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

FERBANE G.A.A. - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 8, 10, 16, 31. Bonus 22. No jackpot winner. Three match 3 winners. Next draw Tuesday 12th March at 10pm with a jackpot of €7,200.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wednesday 13th March in Ferbane Heritage Centre at 10.30am. Bus service as usual. All welcome.

FERBANE PRAYER GROUP - Everyone is welcome to the next Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 13th March at 4pm in St. Cynoc's Junior School.

SOCIAL DANCING CLASSES - On Wednesday 13th March, High Street Hall, 8pm, €5.

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

ST. HILDA'S SPECIAL SCHOOL, ATHLONE - Will have their OPEN DAY on Thursday 14th March from 10am to 5pm for those enrolling for September 2019. For information contact (090) 6475825, Ext 1 or Email: shildas@aicircm.net.

BAPTISM PREPARATION - Meeting for parents who have a child for baptism in the Parochial House in Ballinahown on Thursday 14th March, 8-9pm.

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

A HISTORY OF SHANNONBRIDGE - From 1600 to 1900 compiled by Brendan Ryan and Laura

Price, will be launched in the Community Hall, Shannonbridge on Saturday 16th March at 8pm. Mr. Michael Dongan will perform the launch. Guest speaker: Dr. Michael Egan. The book is in hardback and consists of some 366 pages. Price is €25 (€20 on the night of the launch). Light refreshments will be served. All are welcome.

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

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

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

HIGH STREET/BELMONT WOMEN'S GROUP DATE for your Diary - *Tues. 26th March: Cookery Demo with Adrian Martin* at 8pm. Tickets from Carrions 087 6367437 (Ferbane PO or on the door). All welcome. *Thanks* to all helped with Daffodil Day.

FUNDRAISING DANCE - In Teach Lea, Boora on Friday 29th March from 10pm-1am. Music by John Molloy. Doors open 9.30pm. BYOB, light refreshments. Adm. €10.

SHANE HYNES BENEFIT TRACTOR RUN - Sunday 31st March from Doon GAA grounds. Registration from 10am. €25 entry fee. Please support.

FERBANE BUSINESS & TECHNOLOGY PARK - A/GM on Tuesday 2nd April in Ferbane Food Campus at 7pm.

LOUGH BOORA HALF MARATHON & 5K - Sunday 7th April, 11am sharp in aid of three schools of special education - Galien Community School, Le Chéille Luncheon NS and Tuillamore School Special Education. Please support.

FERBANE TIDY TOWNS REMINDER - *Hedge Cutting/ Burning Gorse Season now CLOSED*. It is an offence to cut, grub, burn or otherwise destroy hedgerows on uncultivated land during the nesting season from 1 March to 31 August.

SVP - Confidential phone number 087 9272877.

ALTAR SOCIETY - Group 1.

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

PIONEER MAGAZINE - €17 per annum. If anyone wishes to order one, please contact Ann 087 9419510.

LENTEN TROCÁIRE CAMPAIGN BOXES - Available from the Churches of the Parish. Please support.

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

Bulletin deadline is 3pm on Wednesday.

PRAYER FOR LENT - Week One

The first Sunday of Lent moves us into the first week, a week to step out in faith, to put our trust in the Lord.

Lord, be my strength as I enter the first full week of Lent. Guide me in my thoughts, my words, my actions this week. In your goodness help me to turn my heart to you in a spirit of self-denial. Grant me a readiness to forgive as you forgive me, be considerate to others, generous to the poor and the needy of our world. May you support me throughout this week as I try to do my best to make this Lent special, turning my heart to you in trust and confidence. I know you will be my strength. Amen.