

# Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 8th December 2019

Second Sunday of Advent

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## MASSES - CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

Saturday 7th / Sunday 8th December

- 7pm Sat. 1. Peggy & Des Rosney and their daughter Raphael.  
2. Paudge Dunican (15th A) and his daughter Rowena Mary (40th A), Aughaboy.  
3. Con Rourke  
4. Thomas & Rose Coughlan.
- 11am 1. Kay Walsh, Athlone Road (1st A).  
2. Willie & Kitty Madden.  
3. Peter & Maura Doyle and their son Raymond.
- 7pm Sun. Sean Guinan (Months Mind), Ballyvora, his parents Michael & Julia and his brother Paddy, U.S.A.

Mon. 9th: 10am -

Tues 10th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 11th, Thurs. 12th, Fri. 13th, Sat. 14th: 10am

Saturday 14th / Sunday 15th December

- 7pm Sat. Maggie & John Egan, Kilcolgan.  
(Do this in Memory)
- 11am John & Ellen Devery, Moyclare & Timmy, Jimmy & Lish Devery, Glebe & Paddy & Lucy Grogan, Noggus.
- 7pm Sun. -

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

Sunday 8th December

12 noon Mary Gleeson (Months Mind).

Sunday 15th December

- 12 noon 1. P.J. Rourke & the Young family  
2. Stephen & Brigid Claffey, Ferbane Road, Belmont and the deceased members of the Claffey & Fox family.  
3. Gertrude Gunning.  
(Do this in Memory)

## MASSES - ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

Sunday 8th December

- 9.30am Deceased members of the Corcoran Family, Gallen.

Sunday 15th December

9.30am Nancy Colgan and deceased family members.

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

*'Prepare the way of the Lord'*

John the Baptist takes centre stage again. He is the saint of Advent. Rugged, steadfast, fearless, charismatic, humble, the greatest of the prophets, his voice thunders from the wilderness and down the ages: **'prepare the way of the Lord'**. It was in the silence of the barren and bleak wilderness that John found enlightenment as he came face to face with himself and his Creator. There he discovered that silence is not the absence of something but the presence of everything. We can learn from John by cultivating stillness in our lives during this special season. In the quiet space we will come to appreciate more deeply that Advent is not so much about preparing for Christmas, as it is about preparing for Christ. **'Stillness reveals the secrets of eternity'**.  
(Lao Tzu).

ALTAR SOCIETY - Group 3.

COLLECTIONS 30th Nov. /1st December -

Offertory: €2,400. Shrine: €385.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian Community *Nova Lee Cunniffe*.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - *Annual Church Gate Collection* will take place on the 7th & 8th December at all Churches. If you require assistance over the Christmas period please submit your request in writing for the attention of SVP C/O Ferbane Parish Office, The Presbytery Ferbane. Closing date for receipt of all applications by 8th Dec. Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

CHRISTMAS 2019 AT CLONONY CASTLE The Season of Good Will is upon us again and the good news is that Santa will be visiting the Castle on Sunday the 8th and will be greeting children from 12 noon till 4pm. All are welcome.

POLLAGH HERITAGE GROUP - Would like to invite people to the launch of their book *"The*

*Story of Brickmaking in Pollagh, Co. Offaly*" on Sun. 8th Dec. in the Community Centre at 2pm.

ST. BRIGID'S CREDIT UNION - *AGM* in Gallen Community School, Ferbane on Monday 9th December at 8pm.

NAOMH CIARÁN - *AGM* in Ferbane GAA Clubhouse on Monday 9th December at 8.30pm. *Clothes Collection* before December 12th. Contact 087 6308668 / 087 2344469.

GALLEN UNITED - *Lotto Draw* (Prize fund €14,800 = Jackpot €4,800; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers 3, 11, 17, 23. Bonus 5. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next draw on Monday 9th December.

STOMA SUPPORT GROUP - Meeting on Tuesday 10th December, 6.30-8.30pm in the Dóchas Offaly Cancer Support Group Centre. Please contact Anne 086 3074846. All are welcome

FERBANE IFA - Annual branch meeting will take place on Tues. 10th Dec. in Teach Lea Community Centre, Boora at 8.30pm. Commodity updates and presidential voting on the night. All are welcome.

FERBANE G.A.A. - *Lotto*: Winning numbers in last week's draw 2, 14, 21, 27. Bonus 29. No jackpot winner. Four match 3 winners. Next draw Tuesday 10th December at 10pm. Jackpot €7,000.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wed. 11th December in Ferbane Heritage Centre at 10.30am. *Christmas Dinner* in the Black Boot on Wed. 18th December at 4pm. Please ring Lily 086 8389820 or Maureen 087 6721166 to book your place.

FERBANE PRAYER GROUP - You are very welcome to the Prayer Meeting on Wednesday 4th December at 4pm in St. Cynoc's Junior School.

BANAGHER COLLEGE Coláiste na Sionna - Presents *"Robin Hood"* on Wed. 11th and Thurs. 12th December at 7.30pm in the School Hall. Admission: Students €5; Adults €10. Raffle each night sponsored by local traders. All welcome.

CARDS - Progressive 25, single hand, in Ferbane GAA Clubhouse every Wed. at 9pm. *Ten Week League* continues. €300 in prizemoney. All welcome.

FERBANE LIBRARY - *Arts & Crafts* for children in Ferbane Library on Sat. 14th Dec., 11am. Suitable for ages 6+. Booking essential. (FREE).

SHANNON HARBOUR CAROL SINGING - Is taking place on Sat. 14th Dec. at 6.30pm. Santa is coming on Sun. 15th December to Shannon Harbour Community Hall at 5pm approx.

FERBANE APOSTOLIC WORK - Would like to thank all the people that supported our recent Table Quiz in aid of the Mission which realised €1,300.

CHRISTMAS TREES FOR SALE - €50. Phone Kieran 087 8886214. Can be delivered.

## PARISH NOTICES

NIGHT PRAYER AND BENEDICTION FOR ADVENT in Ferbane Parish Church continues on Wednesdays 11th and 18th December at 8pm.

ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE - Featuring our local choirs from High Street and St. Cynoc's Primary Schools, Gallen Community School and Ferbane Parish Choir takes place on Monday 16th December at 8pm. We welcome all of you to this special night of preparation for Christmas.

ST. CYNOC'S SCHOOL MASS AND CHRISTMAS CAROLS FOR SVP APPEAL on Wednesday 18th December at 10am.

2020 SUNDAY MISSAL - Available in the Parish shop for Sunday rota readers.

PARISH SHOP - Stocking a wide range of Cards, Cribs, Gifts and Bible Diaries.

2020 PARISH CALENDAR - The Parish calendar will be going to print very soon, can any organisation that has made changes to contact details since last year please send in updated contact phone numbers to the Parish office 090 6454309 ASAP or you can email parishoffice@ferbaneparish.ie

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS - Meetings each week in Ferbane. Contact 01 8527000.

THE SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY COMMITTEE - Would like to thank all their faithful sponsors, all who gave donations and spot prizes and those who gave to the Church Gate Collection, and anybody who helped to make the day a success.

ADVENT SAFEGUARDING MESSAGE 2019 - Arising from the preparations for our Diocesan Assembly 2020 it is very clear that 'family' is a central concern for people. Advent is a time of preparation to celebrate the beginnings of a special family, 'the Holy Family' of Mary and Joseph and Jesus. Special, as it is the place where the Son of God came among us. Special also, because it is like any other family with its mixtures of joys and sorrows, happiness and burdens. As a local Church we work towards having safe environments for children in our activities. Places where parents can be reassured their children will be safe, treated with respect and valued. Many are involved at Parish and Diocesan level to maintain these standards. I thank you for your vigilance and your commitment to making our Church as safe as possible for children. 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 (087-7057516).

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