

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 29th December 2019

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

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MASSES - CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

Saturday 28th / Sunday 29th December

7pm Sat. 1. Mary, Peter & Ann Kearns.

11am -

7pm Sun. 1. Sally & Paddy Kenny, Athlone Rd.

2. James, Anne, Noel & Joe Reams.

Mon. 30th: 10am

Tues. 31st: 10am

Wed. 1st Jan. 2020: 10am

Thurs. 2nd: 10am

Fri. 3rd: 10am - First Friday.

Sat. 4th: 10am

Saturday 4th / Sunday 5th January 2020

7pm Sat. 1. John & Isabella Molloy and their sons Charlie & Sean.

2. Jack Nagle

11am 1. Eileen Dunican (1st A).

2. James Kilmartin.

7pm Sun. -

MASSES - SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

Sunday 29th December

12 noon Alo Kenny (1st A).

Fri. 3rd Jan. 2020: 8pm - First Friday.

Sean Murray and his niece Chloe Coleman,

Baby Alan Melia (21st Birthday remembrance),

his father Michael and his Grandad John Connolly and deceased family members.

Sunday 5th January 2020

12 noon Seamus & Chrssie Kenny.

MASSES - ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

Sunday 29th December

9.30am -

Fri. 3rd Jan. 2020: 7pm - First Friday.

Sunday 5th January

9.30am Mary Grogan

ALTAR SOCIETY - Group 2.

FERBANE G.A.A. - Next draw Tuesday 31st December at 10pm.

CARDS - Progressive 25, single hand, in Ferbane GAA Clubhouse on Wednesday 1st January (New Years night) at 9pm. All welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY - January 3rd. The sick and housebound will be visited as usual.

ARK OF DIVINE MERCY - Will host First Saturday in honour of our Blessed Lady at St. Ronan's Parish Church, Taughmaconnell on Saturday 4th January 2020 starting at 2pm with Adoration, Rosary, Chaplet of Divine Mercy concluding with Holy Mass. Celebrant Fr. Sean Nealon P.P. All are most welcome. Details from Kathleen O'Connor or Paul Woods on 087 7828283 or arkofdivinemercy@gmail.com.

SHANNONBRIDGE VIGIL MASS - Moves to 7pm from Saturday 5th January 2020 onwards.

GALLEN UNITED - Next lotto draw on Monday 6th January 2020.

LOUGH BOORA RUNNING - FERBANE AC - Couch to 5K starting in Lough Boora Discovery Park on Sunday 12th January at 9am sharp. 12 week programme, €25. All walkers, joggers and runners welcome.

BELMONT SENIOR CITIZENS PARTY - Takes place on Sunday 12th January in High Street Community Centre commencing with Mass at 3pm.

BELMONT GUN CLUB - Annual Draw tickets now on sale. Proceeds to Senior Citizens Party. Kindly support.

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

This Feast is well placed, because Christmas is above all the season of the family. These are the days when we return to rest again in the cradle of our life and love. The family is a Gospel in itself. It is good news for society. It is one of nature's masterpieces. While parents stand at the centre of family life, we are reminded, in the persons of Simeon and Anna, that grandparents are a precious gem at the heart of the household too. 'They sprinkle stardust over the lives of little children' (Alex Haley). On the threshold of another year, we raise-up in prayer our families, young and old, living and sleeping. May our departed ones sleep in peace, and through the intercession of Jesus, Mary and Joseph may our homes continue to be circles of strength, schools of faith and communities of love. **Athbhliain shuaimhneach orainn uilig.**

FERBANE PARISH STATISTICS FOR 2019

Baptisms	33
First Communions	40
Confirmations	35
Marriages	11
Funerals	34

IMPORTANT DATES:

Confirmation, Friday 3rd April, 3pm.

First Communion:

Ferbane, Saturday 2nd May, 12 noon.

High Street, Saturday 2nd May, 12 noon.

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

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Confidential phone line 087 9272877.

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

PRAYERS FOR THE NEW YEAR

May God make your new year a happy one!
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But, by keeping your face bright even in the shadows;
Not by making your life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most.
God's peace, hope, love and joy to you in the year ahead. (Anonymous)

May I be a healing energy,
May I be a benefit to all,
May my life enrich others,
May I know what matters,
And live in harmony with nature.
(Abby Willowroot)

As the dawn breaks on a new year, let us give thanks for all we hold dear: our health, our family and our friends.
Let us release our grudges, our anger and our pains, for these are nothing but binding chains. Let us live each day in the most loving ways, the God-conscious way. Let us serve all who are in need, regardless of race, color or creed.

Let us keep God of our own understanding in our hearts and to chant God's name each day. Let us lead the world from darkness to light, from falsehood to truth and from wrong to right.

Let us remember that we are all one, embracing all, discriminating against none. May your year be filled with peace, prosperity and love. May God's blessings shower upon you and bestow upon each of you a bright, healthy and peaceful new year.

Rev. Marcy Sheremetta