

Ferbane Parish Bulletin

Sunday 23rd February 2020

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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MASSES - CHURCH OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION, FERBANE

Saturday 22nd / Sunday 23rd February

7pm Sat. Andy Wynne and dec'd members of the Wynne and Smollen families.

11am Bernadette Devery (1st A) and her parents John & Ellen.

7pm Sun. Jimmy Dee (1st A).

Mon. 24th: 10am

Tues. 25th: 10am - People's Mass.

Wed. 26th - Ash Wednesday: 7am & 10am

Thurs. 27th, Fri. 28th, Sat. 29th: 10am

Saturday 29th February / Sunday 1st March

7pm Sat. John Egan (Months Mind).

11am 1. Ann Marie McDermott and deceased family members.

2. Agnes Holmes.

3. Jim & Mary Cox and their daughter Annie, U.K.

7pm Sun. -

MASSES - SS. PATRICK & SARAN, HIGH STREET

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12 noon Aaron Malone, Belmont (Months Mind).

Wed. 26th - Ash Wednesday: 8pm

Sunday 1st March

12 noon 1. Thomas & Catherine Shea and deceased members of the Shea & Gleeson families.

2. William & Margaret Ryan.

MASSES - ST. OLIVER PLUNKETT, BOORA

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9.30am Joe, Paddy & Dinny Delaney and their parents Joe & Mary.

Wed. 26th - Ash Wednesday: 7pm

Sunday 1st March

9.30am -

COLLECTIONS -

Offertory: €2,375; Shrine €135.

MASSES FOR LENT

Ferbane: Mon.-Sat. 10am. Wed. 7am & 10am.

Boora: Wed. 7pm.

High Street: Mass beginning from Thursday 5th March.

Night Prayer and Benediction in Ferbane Church from Wed. 4th March at 8pm and continuing for the Wednesdays of Lent.

ALTAR SOCIETY - Group 2.

BAPTISM - We welcome into our Christian Community Danny McDonagh.

DEATHS - Please pray for the souls of Doney Coffey, Gallen and Janie Robinson, Ballyclare. May they rest in peace.

ATHLONE IT - Mass will be celebrated in AIT Monday to Friday at 8.40am and 1.05pm at the Institute Chapel during Lent. All welcome.

GIVE BLOOD - At Tullamore Court Hotel Monday 24th, Tuesday 25th, Wednesday 26th, Thursday 27th February. Time: 4.30pm to 8pm
Fact: One pint of blood can save three lives.

PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME "You will be by Witnesses" starts on Monday 24th February at 7.30pm in St. Cynoc's Junior School and continues on Monday's 2nd and 9th March.

GALLEN UTD - Lotto Draw (Prize fund €15,700 = Jackpot €5,700; Star Prize €10,000). Winning numbers in last week's draw 12, 16, 22, 24. Bonus 10. No jackpot winner. One match 3 winner. Next draw on Monday 24th February.

ANAM CARA - Bereavement Information Evening on Tuesday 25th February at 7.15pm in the Mullingar Park Hotel. This is a FREE EVENT and open to all bereaved parents. Please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Monday 24th February or call 085 2888 888.

HIGH STREET BELMONT ACTIVE RETIREMENT GROUP - Continue our Computer Classes with Paula on Tuesday 25th February at 2.30pm. Yoga on Wednesday 26th February at 11.15am in High Street Hall.

FERBANE G.A.A. - Lotto: Winning numbers in last week's draw 1, 22, 25, 29. Bonus 13. No jackpot or match 3 winner. Five book prizes. Next draw Tuesday 25th February at 10pm. Jackpot €9,200.

ASH WEDNESDAY, 26th February - 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 to 60 years.

COFFEE MORNING - Continues on Wednesday 26th February in the Heritage Centre at 10.30am. Bus as usual. All welcome.

FERBANE PRAYER GROUP - Prayer Meeting time is for giving praise and thanks to God, who in turn gives His peace and joy. You are very welcome to the Prayer Meeting on Wed. 26th February at 4pm in St. Cynoc's Junior School.

SOCIAL DANCE - Classes continue in High Street Hall on Wednesday 26th February at 8pm. Adm. €8. Refreshments served. All welcome.

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

ST. CYNOC'S N.S. ENROLMENT - Enrolment packs are available and can be collected or posted out. Please return them by Feb. 28th. Contact 090 6454234 / 6454249.

FERBANE LIBRARY - Saturday 29th February is National Library Open Day. If it's been a while since you visited your local Library or even if you are a regular user, please come along and take a closer look at what is on offer. Library membership is free! We will be hosting a Gymboree music and play for children under 6 years at 11.30am on the day. FREE EVENT and booking is essential 090 6454259.

WEST OFFALY TRAINING - Are running some great courses starting in March. Call West Offaly Training on 057 9152003 for info.

RASHINA N.S. - Enrolment Evening on Tuesday 3rd 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 contact the school 090 6454336 and arrange to visit at another time.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF THE YEAR

'Love your enemies'

'The glory of Christianity is to conquer by forgiveness', according to the poet William Blake. The command to 'forgive and love your enemies' is certainly at the heart of Jesus' teaching, but we would have to admit that it is the most difficult teaching of all. We are somehow programmed to retaliate, to hold-on to old hurts, to nurse old grudges. Forgiveness does not come easy. It is the attribute of the strong. Gandhi once said 'the weak can never forgive'. Forgiveness is liberating. It is a gift to yourself, as American Christian author, Lewis B Smedes articulated so memorably in his book 'Forgive and Forget': 'To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you'. It doesn't alter the past, but it does enlarge the future, and the far side of forgiveness is always better.

FERBANE & BELMONT GAA - Together are hosting a Presentation Dinner Dance for our Champions on Saturday 14th March in the Tullamore Court Hotel. Music by the LOLS. Tickets on sale from Clodagh (Belmont GAA) 087 2960497 and Claire (Ferbane GAA) 087 3933734. All welcome.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL - Tel: 087 9272877.

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

THANK YOU - The family of the late John Egan Curraghadowd would like to sincerely thank all those who helped out in any way during our recent bereavement, to our neighbours, friends, Army Veterans and colleagues, to Fr. Peter and Joe Grennan, your help and kindness is greatly appreciated.

FERBANE APOSTOLIC WORK - We would appreciate any used stamps you may have. These can be left into Ferbane Convent.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Has been a cherished devotion in our Church for the past 21 years. It is a beautiful time of silent personal prayer for a heart-to-heart encounter with the Lord. We invite you to consider being part of this special prayer ministry. Contact: Iris 086 8427695, Sharon 087 2437934, Sr. Joseph 087 7912586.

SPRING STATIONS - To book your Station please contact the Parish office 090 6454309, 9am - 5pm. Leabeg: Alice Farrelly, 5th March. Ballycumber Road: Declan & Ruth Kavanagh, 19th March, Ballyclare East: Sean & Kay Flynn.

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