# FERRYBANK & SLIEVERUE PARISHES

# **30th November 2025**

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT Very Rev. Roderick Whearty P.P. Tel. 086 813 3661

Ferrybank/Slieverue Parish Office Tel. 051-830813 Mon, -Fri. 10am to 1pm **Closed on Holy Days & Bank Holidays** Ms. Marie Cashin/Ms. Angela O'Brien email Slieverue@ossory.ie/ferrybank@ossory.ie Website www.ferrybankslieverueparishes.ie **Mass Schedule** 

**Daily Mass** 

**Monday to Thursday 10am Mass from Ferrybank** Friday - 10.00am from Slieverue

Saturday Vigil 6pm Slieverue and 7pm Ferrybank

Sunday 9.30am Ferrybank 10.30am Slieverue 11.30am Ferrybank

**Eucharistic Adoration Every Wednesday in the Blessed Sacrament** 

Chapel Ferrybank Church from 10.30am to 11.30am

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** 

Every Tuesday in *Slieverue* Church from 7.30pm - 8.30pm Every Wednesday in *Slieverue* Church from 2.30pm - 3.30pm Every Friday in *Slieverue* Church from 10.30pm - 11.00am

#### **Diocesan Celebration for the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025**

Bishop Coll extends an invitation to all to come along to our Diocesan celebration for the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025: Theme: From Brokenness to Hope, "The time is coming you must wake up now", acknowledging the great work of both the Carer and the Health Care Professional.

Saturday, 6th December 2025 from 10 a.m. to 2.00 p.m. St. Patrick's Pastoral Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny. All welcome. For further information please contact the Diocesan Office at 056 7762448 or email admin@ossory.ie <mailto:admin@ossory.ie

#### **Advent Intentions Board**

If you have any intentions that you would like us to include in our Masses during the Advent Season please pin to Advent Intentions Board in the Church. These can be anonymous.

#### **Visitation of the Sick and Housebound**

Friday next, December 5th, is the First Friday and Fr. Roderick will visit the sick and the housebound in both Ferrybank & Slieverue Parishes. If you are already on our monthly visitation list we will be in contact with you during the week to arrange visitation. If you have a family member who is sick or housebound and would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office. Please remember visitation can only take place following a request from the person themselves or a family member.



# MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER HOLY DAY SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION Mass times as follows...

Vigil Mass in Slieverue Sunday evening (7th Dec.) at 7.30pm Holy Day Mass in Ferrybank Monday (8th Dec.) at 10.00am

# Sacrament of Confession - the best preparation for Christmas

To prepare our hearts to be ready for Christ and the Christmas season the Sacrament of Confession takes place from **7.00 to 8.00pm on ...** 

8<sup>th</sup> December in Ferrybank Church Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December in Slieverue Church. Wednesday

All are most welcome.

#### Ferrybank St Vincent de Paul Society

Ferrybank St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold their Christmas Collection on Saturday 6th & Sunday 7th December. With your help we hope to support many families in the parish this Christmas and we ask parishioners to donate whatever they can spare. Many thanks to all for your continued support.

# Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Slieverue

Sincere thanks to all who have contributed so generously to the Society over the past year. We would like to remind parishioners that envelopes for our Christmas Collection are available in the Church this weekend. We would appreciate if you would take one and return it next weekend when our Christmas Collection will take place. Thank you in anticipation of your support.



The Church of the Sacred Heart Ferrybank



The Church of the Assumption Slieverue



Use QR Code to go to our parish website. facebook page & newsletter

formerly of St. Killian's Place, Ferrybank.

online

**Month's Mind** Sun. 11.30am

Martha Kennedy Mariola Majok

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Remembering all our loved ones

who have died ...

Aoife Bird (née Oates) and her baby

daughter Ailbhe, Longwood, Co. Meath and

**Recently Deceased** 

Michael (Mick) Walsh

Anniversary

Sat. 7.00pm Vincent Foskin

(1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)

Sun. 10.30am Frank Keogh, Gurteens

> William & Eily Knox and deceased members of the

Knox Family, Drumdowney

Sun. 11.30am Jack & Josie Hayes

and their sons Paddy &

John Hayes

Tues. 10.00am All on our Anniversary

Wed. 10.00am John & Annie Grace

Thurs. 10.00am Ann Ryan

Fri. 10.00am Edward & Ann Freyne

and their sons Raymond

& Patrick Freyne

John Kavanagh and his son Ken Kavanagh May they rest in peace ...



#### Congratulations

Every blessing and good wishes to ... Saoirse Casey Power and

Liam Lanigan

who were married recently in the **Church of The Sacred Heart, Ferrybank** 

#### Ferrybank & Slieverue Parish **Christmas Shared Mass Cards**

Share the joy of Christ's birth with our Parish Christmas cards. You and your recipients will be remembered in our Masses over the Christmas period in both Ferrybank & Slieverue Churches beginning on Christmas Eve. The cards are available from the Parish Office in Ferrybank or after weekend Masses in Slieverue Church. The cost of each card is €3.

#### Ferrybank Church Christmas Clean-Up!



The Christmas Clean-up in Ferrybank Church takes place on Wednesday evening,

10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm and we are appealing for volunteers to come and help out on the night.

#### **Prayer for Vocations**

The Diocesan Vocation Team is hosting a Holy Hour for Vocations on Thursday 4th December at 7pm in Mullinavat Parish Church; St Canice's Church Kilkenny, Castletown Parish Church Please join us for a time of prayer for vocations in Ossory.

#### Slieverue Simply Singing Group and Church Choir Christmas Carol Service

Christmas Carol Service in Slieverue Church on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm.

# St. Joseph's Care Home - Little Sisters of the Poor, Ferrybank

We are seeking Volunteer(s) to help with the evening meal service on Saturday & Sunday evenings on alternate weekends from 5pm – 7pm. Please contact Sr. Roseline – Tel. 051 – 833 006.

#### **Slieverue & District Active Retirement Association**

Please note there will be no chairyoga or Bingo on Wednesday 3rd December as we will be travelling to Arboretum, Leighlinbridge for a day out. Bus will leave Ferrybank at 9.45am and Slieverue at 10.00am.

#### Slieverue GAA - Christmas Craft Fair and Bazaar 1pm to 5pm November 30° Slieverue Parish Hall

Free Admission – Come meet Santa and Mrs. Claus, browse a selection of handmade crafts, food, jewellery, cake sale, kids activities and so much more! Enjoy the festivities!

# **Date for your Diary**



The Piltown Church Christmas Carol Service with guests will take place on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Church of the Assumption, Piltown. This year's theme is 'On Journey to Bethlehem'. All are welcome.

#### Thank You - Coffee Morning

Heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended and supported our recent Coffee Morning in support of our local Vincent de Paul. Thanks also to those who helped out in any way on what was a lovely morning for everyone. The total amount raised was €870.00.

# South Kilkenny Historical Society A Night of Reminiscing with Bridie Kineavy

Friday, 5th December at 7pmat the Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue. Cost: €30 including food. On the remote isle of Inis Treabhair in Connemara, the island known for its Yuletide traditions, Bridie grew up listening to the tales of the ancients under starlit skies..

Booking and further information from: Brigid Barron, Blossom Hill, Kilmacow (087 9507295, <a href="mailto:brigidbarron@hotmail.com">brigidbarron@hotmail.com</a>); Katherine Grant, Curraghmore, Slieverue (086 1954616, <a href="mailto:katherinegrant@gmail.com">katherinegrant@gmail.com</a>); or Mary Ryan, 'Gort Glas', Carrigeen (086 3790655, <a href="mailto:maryearyan@gmail.com">maryearyan@gmail.com</a>).

#### **Anam Cara – supporting parents after Bereavement**

Online Bereavement Information Evening, in light of the joys and difficulties this time of year brings to grieving parents. This event will take place online on Monday 8th December at 7pm. Our monthly Support Evening for bereaved parents is on Tues.9th December at 7.30pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. This event is free. You do not need to register in advance. To find out more call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

#### For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start

The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025. See - <a href="https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/">https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/</a>

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Saturday 7.00pm	Br. Joe Killoran & Angela O'Brien
Sunday 9.30am	Eileen Fitzpatrick & Margaret O'Driscoll
Sunday 11 30am	Maria Ronan & Fileen Heffrnan

#### Ferrybank Ministers of the Word 6th & 7th Dec. 2025

Saturday 7.00pm	Yvette Purdue
Sunday 9.30am	Mary Griffin
Sunday 11.30am	Mary Keane

#### Slieverue Ministers of the Eucharist 6th & 7th Dec. 2025

Saturday 6.00pm Keira Doyle

Sunday 10.30am Eileen O'Donovan & Declan Power

# Slieverue Ministers of the Word 6th & 7<sup>th</sup> Dec. 2025

Saturday 6.00pm Pádraig Byrne Sunday 10.30am Síle Grant

Church	Collections	22nd &	<b>23rd</b>	November	<b>2025</b>
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<u>Ferrybank</u>	
Envelopes	€701.50
Offertory	€625.50
Retired Priests	€571.50

#### Slieverue Envelopes

Envelopes	€390.00
Offertory	€542.10
Retired Priests	€ 50.00
Missions	€ 20.00
Oss. Soc. Services	€ 20.00

Many thanks to all our parishioners in both Ferrybank & Slieverue parishes who contribute weekly, monthly & yearly and to those who donate online and by Standing Order.

#### **Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives**

# Ferrybank - Jerry Hughes & Mary Griffin Slieverue - Mary Kenny & Catherine Manning

If you, or anyone you know, has a Safeguarding concern please contact: Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and Designated Liaison Person, DLP, Ailish Higgins at 085 802 1633 or Email: <a href="mailto:@ossory.ie">@ossory.ie</a> An Garda Síochána: 1800 555 222 (or your local Garda Station). TUSLA Waterford 051-301450 Wexford 053-9198201/TUSLA: Kilkenny 052 6177302

#### **Counselling Services**

Towards Healing Confidential Helpline: 1800 303 416 <a href="www.towardshealing.ie">www.towardshealing.ie</a> Towards Peace Helpline: 01 5053028 <a href="www.towardspeace.ie">www.towardspeace.ie</a>

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