

FERRYBANK & SLIEVERUE PARISHES

26th April 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations

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The Church of the Sacred Heart Ferrybank

The Church of the Assumption Slieverue



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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

Vocations Sunday - 26 April 2026

This Sunday, 26 April, our parish marks the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. This day invites us all to reflect on the call God extends to each of us, and to pray especially for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and committed Christian living in the world.

Pope Leo XIV's message for the day reminds us that vocation is not simply a task or duty but "the interior discovery of God's free gift that blossoms in the depths of our hearts." He encourages us to see vocation as a "path of beauty," rooted in a personal encounter with the Risen Jesus "the Good Shepherd", who knows us and calls us by name.

As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray that Christ will guide many hearts to recognise and respond generously to God's loving call, and that our parish community continues to support and encourage one another on our journey of faith.

First Confessions

Congratulations to all the boys and girls from both parishes of Slieverue and Ferrybank who have now made their first Confession. They were all exceptional in every way and we thank their parents and teachers who are now very busy preparing them for First Holy Communion next month.

Ferrybank Parish - New Weekly Envelopes for 2026/2027

Commencing 2/3rd May 2026

This weekend (25th & 26th April) is the last weekend in the current Ferrybank Church Envelope year. Parish Envelope Distributors are asked to call to the Parish Office to collect the new envelopes. A sincere word of thanks to all those who help with this task every year.

If you are not already included on our Envelope List and would like to support the Priests/Parish please contact the Parish Office with your name and address.

Sincere thanks to those who contribute to the Parish Clergy Fund which pays the Priest's salary and the Parish Church Fund which is used for the upkeep of parish property, diocesan expenses, the insurance and energy costs, as well as the support of retired Priests. These regular payments through the Envelope Collection and the Offertory Collection are used to fund the parish, as well as the six income collections for the Priests. If you would prefer to make your contribution to the Church by direct debit you are welcome to do so. Forms are available from the Parish Office.

Many thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly & yearly and to those who donate online and by Standing Order. Your support is very much appreciated! Please remember if your combined contribution to the Church and the Priests amounts to a minimum of €250 in one year, it enables the parish to claim the tax paid at the rate of 31% for both Self-employed and PAYE Taxpayers.

Coffee Morning in support of Oasis House Women's Refuge, Waterford

On Tuesday next, 28th April 2026 at 10.30am in Hill's Field Community Centre, Belmont Road, Ferrybank. Tea/Coffee/Scones/Raffle/Small Sales Table - All are most welcome.

I am the good shepherd.

The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

John 10:11



Remembering all our loved ones who have died ...

Recently Deceased

Mary Aylward (née Heffernan)

Rochestown, Glenmore, Co. Kilkenny

Month's Mind

Sun. 10.30am Eileen Breen
(née Desmond)

Anniversary

Sat. 6.00pm Aidan, Kitty & Jim
Cullen, Drumdowney,
Slieverue

Hilary Freyne, Luffany,
Slieverue

Sat. 7.00pm Margaret Mooney

Sun. 9.30am Alice Kiely

Sun. 11.30am Catherine Higgins

Patrick (Pat) Dunphy

Deceased members of the
McLoughlin, Scully &
Allen Families

Tues. 10.00am Bridget Cheasty
(née Cowman)
(1st Anniv. & Birthday
Remembrance)

Catherine (Kitty) O'Neill (née Quinn)
Billy Haberlin, Slieverue

May they rest in peace ...



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in our Church every hour of every day this week before the Blessed Sacrament in ... Slieverue Special Intention - B.H.



Recently Baptised

We welcome in to the Christian Community ... **Jayden Mark Ryan, Olivia Esha Bandi, Michael Gareth Ryan & Jeff Richard Kavanagh** who were baptised recently in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Ferrybank and

Delilah Rose Walsh who was baptised recently in the Church of the Assumption, Slieverue. Please keep them, their parents and their god-parents in your prayers.

Diocesan Nurse

The Diocese of Ossory requires a Nurse to provide an advocacy and support service to Priests in the Diocese of Ossory. The Diocese comprises of 42 parishes in Counties, Kilkenny, Laois and Offaly. The post will be part-time, flexible and initially for a three-year period. The ideal candidate must be:

- * A registered General Nurse (ideally with Community experience).
- * Self-motivated and have the ability to co-ordinate care planning in a community based environment.
- * Possess excellent communication skills.
- * Competency in time management.
- * Full clean driving licence and own transport are essential.

Please email your application to <mailto:admin@ossory.ie> admin@ossory.ie or by post to The Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Office, James's St, Kilkenny, R95 NH60. Closing date for applications is Friday, 29th May 2026.

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound

Next Friday is 1st May 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 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.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul - Ferrybank

Our May monthly collection will take place next **Saturday and Sunday the 2nd & 3rd May 2026.**

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

Taize Vigil for Peace

The Island of Ireland Peace Choir will host a Vigil for Peace on Friday 1st May at 8:00pm to 9:30pm in The Edmund Rice Chapel, Mount Sion, Barrack Street, Waterford. Come and join us in prayer, music, reflection in solidarity with all those who are suffering in so many countries at the present moment. We remember also those around us who are also going through sad times due to the loss of a loved one and those who are burdened in any way. Come rest awhile, feel supported in your loss or trouble. All are welcome!

Ferrybank Library

Bealtaine– Celebrating creativity, arts & aging. Workshop: Learn how to use straw, grass & strong string to make a coiled basket. Friday 1st May at 2-5pm. Booking essential. Limited spaces. Email ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie or ring 051897200

Slieverue Active Retirement Association

Wednesday 29th April Chairyoga in St Mary's Parish Hall at 11.30am followed by Bingo, Social Club knitting & Crochet etc at 12.50pm. As usual we are always looking for new members male and female and remember we are on the bus route and at suitable times.

Service of Remembrance and Hope

Wednesday 6th May 2026 7 p.m. St. Paul's Parish Centre. Followed by light refreshments.

Ferrybank Ministers of the Eucharist 2nd & 3rd May 2026

Saturday 7.00pm	Elaine Searson & Susan Freeman
Sunday 9.30am	Bessie Doherty & Ann Gleeson
Sunday 11.30am	Paul Lyons & Michelle Byrne

Ferrybank Ministers of the Word 2nd & 3rd May 2026

Saturday 7.00pm	Barbara Wells
Sunday 9.30am	Mary Griffin
Sunday 11.30am	Eileen Slattery

Slieverue Ministers of the Eucharist 2nd & 3rd May 2026

Saturday 6.00pm`	Peter Dunne
Sunday 10.30am	Geraldine McDonald & Willie Mullally

Slieverue Ministers of the Word 2nd & 3rd May 2026

Saturday 6.00pm	Síle Grant
Sunday 10.30am	Paddy Drennan

(New Rota available for collection from Slieverue Church Sacristy)

Church Collections for last Weekend

Ferrybank

Envelopes	€ 585.00
Offertory	€ 761.00
Trócaire (Total to date €3,287.50)	€ 150.00

Slieverue

Envelopes	€ 85.00
Offertory	€ 381.50
Lenten Alms (Total to date €371.00)	€ 10.00
Trócaire Total to date	€1,429.77

Many thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly & yearly and to those who donate online and by Standing Order. We very much appreciate your generosity.

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, Fintan Fanning at 085 802 1633 or Email: @ossory.ie An Garda Síochána: 1800 555 222 (or your local Garda Station). TUSLA Waterford 051-301450 Wexford 053-9198201/TUSLA: Kilkenny 052 6177302

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