

FERRYBANK & SLIEVERUE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Remembering our Dead



Recently Deceased

Margaret (Peggy) Cooper (née Hoban)

Newports Square

**Christopher (Christy) Wall,
St. Joseph's Care Home,
Little Sisters of the Poor**

**David (Daithi) Moore,
Cork/Faithlegg**

**Catherine O'Sullivan
(née Lyons),
Rocklands**

Mary Quilty

Anniversaries
William (Billy) Doyle

Paddy Buggy

**Canon Richard Phelan
late P.P. Ballycallan**

Brigid (Bea) Roche,

Jean Aylward Treacy

Paul Fitzpatrick

Andrew Quealy

Edward & Maura Hayden

Billy Irish

Tom & Maisie Culbert

Ellie & Jimmy Roche,

William Walsh

Paddy Sinnott

Special Intention

May they rest in peace

Fifth Sunday of Easter

10TH May 2020

In the gospel this weekend Jesus says to Philip 'to have seen me is to have seen the Father'. We have often heard people say about a baby or a child that they are the image of their mother or father! Even adults will say that such a person behaves this way or that way like their mother or father. We can say the same about Jesus, He is the image of His Father. Everything that Jesus says and does shows us who God is and what God is like. Jesus is God in the flesh. For Christians our God is not to be found in a big house in the sky or floating around on a cloud socially distancing himself from humanity and creation, keeping at arms length from our messiness. No! Jesus who puts a human face on God shows us that the Father's house is not in the sky it is here among us in Ferrybank and Slieverue! At the beginning of his gospel John says that 'The Word was made flesh and lived among us' (John 1:14). This is where God lives - among us- in the flesh - in the ups and downs of our lives, in Love that is shared. There are many rooms in the the father's house - not rooms filled with TV's and fine furniture but spaces where you and I can find Rest, Healing, Forgiveness, Mercy, Self Sacrifice, Truth, Justice, Peace, Light & Hope. God's house is more like a clinic, or to use a phrase of Pope Francis to describe what the church should be; ' a field hospital'. Yes, Jesus came to show us who God is. He is the way to discover the face of God today. He is the truth who teaches us the truth about God, he is Life for all who embrace the Joy of the gospel.

In these days we would usually be preparing for First Communion. Unfortunately not so this year. Nonetheless parents and children and teachers are very much in our prayers as we look forward to these special days which will happen in some way.

During the week a decision was made in relation to the leaving cert. exam. Some will be happy, some will not. Whatever happens we hope and pray that all students will be treated fairly and with justice & it is important to acknowledge the difficult task facing teachers also. let's keep all our young people & their families in our prayers so that whatever happens it will allow for the best outcome for their future lives.

Fr Kieran.



May Devotions in honour of Our Lady

During the month of May the Rosary for each day is available on our website to pray in your own time.

This Week's Calendar

Wed. 13th May Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children; Lucia dos Santos and her cousins, Francisco, and Jacinta Marto between May 13th and October 13th 1917. Our Lady came with a message from God promising that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if her requests were listened to and obeyed.

At Fatima, Pope John Paul II said; "The message of Fatima is more relevant and more urgent than when Our- Lady first appeared." Our Lady of Fatima continues to work miracles today through the message of Fatima and the prayers of countless pilgrims who have travelled here in the last hundred years.

Parish Office

Due to the **Coronavirus** outbreak our Parish Office is closed to visitors at this time but if we can help you with anything, please contact us on the phone on 051-830813 or email: ferrybank@ossory.ie slieverue@ossory.ie

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

Please remember that Baptisms, & Weddings can be celebrated with a minimum of participants and as long as social distancing is observed in accordance with Government Guidelines.

Funerals can be celebrated as long as the congregation **does not exceed ten people who are not cocooning** and as long as social distancing is observed in accordance with Government Guidelines.

Mass Intentions

Please note that Masses already booked for Ferrybank & Slieverue will be offered at the normal time of 10am every morning and will be remembered at our weekend Mass (only one Mass in our churches each weekend). All of these Masses will be celebrated without a full congregation until further notice.

Safeguarding Our Children

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are

Ferrybank - Breda Freyne & Jerry Hughes.

Slieverue - Mary Kenny

If you, or anyone you know, has a safeguarding concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to Statutory Authorities contact the Gardai or Túsla An Garda Síochána 1800 555 222. Túsla Child and Family Agency, Waterford 051-842827.

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Cemetery Masses 2020

Bishop Farrell wrote to the parishes last week to ask that Cemetery Masses and the Annual Blessing of Graves be postponed at this time. This decision is taken in light of the guidance from NPHET: social distancing would be compromised and by their very nature the gatherings would invite families to travel long distance; further concern was expressed that large family groups might gather around a single grave and that the Mass might attract a large number of elderly people.

Live & Recorded Masses from Ferrybank & Slieverue

Please note that during the coming week advance notice will be given when our Liturgies will be live streamed on our Facebook page and available immediately afterwards to watch on our website.

Mass is also broadcast daily on RTE News Now TV at 10.30m each day

Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Kilkenny Co. Council

Kilkenny Co. Council has established a helpline for those who are in need of support with services such as delivery of food or transport for essential trips. Phone 1800 500 000

Accord Help Line

Accord has established a support phone line to help relationships during the COVID 19 crisis. If you need to speak to an experienced couple and relationship counsellor contact 01-531 3331. Lines are open from 9am to 8pm Monday to Friday. All calls are charged at local rates.

Vocations

In these days we continue to pray for Vocations to priesthood and religious life in our diocese. Please pray the following diocesan prayer

Ossory Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus still today you scatter the seeds of vocation among us so that they will take root, grow, & bear fruit.
Give to all who feel called to serve in the Church the courage they need to take a first step on the journey towards discovering your plan for them in life.
Our diocese needs priests more than ever before who will work with their brothers and sisters in a spirit of co-responsibility for your Church.
Our diocese needs priests more than ever before, who will proclaim your Word, celebrate the Mysteries of your Love, be witnesses to the Joy of the Gospel and be instruments of your Mercy.
Our diocese needs priests more than ever before to bear testimony to the dignity of Human Life, to the hope that comes from faith, and to the gift of healing & peace that comes through your Cross and Resurrection.
Renew O' Lord in young hearts a spirit of faith, hope and loving service.
Renew in our society a culture of care and respect for one another & grant us humble shepherds who will lead all in their care to you.
Amen