

Parishes of Ferrybank & Slieverue

Newsletter

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Our Mass Times

Weekdays

Ferrybank Monday to Thursday 10am
Slieverue Friday 10am

Weekends

Saturday Evening Vigil Masses
Slieverue 6pm, Ferrybank 7.30 pm

Sunday

Ferrybank 9.30am,
Slieverue 10.30am
Ferrybank 11.30am



Sundays Gospel from Matthew 13:1-9

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in

parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

We are told Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside. Jesus always found ways to reach God's people and to spend time teaching them through simple stories they would understand. Lord help us to make time to find new ways of sharing the Good News today & of sharing your story with everyone.

When we sow seeds it gives us great joy to see them growing. When we do something or put work into something we take great pride in seeing it succeed. Lord help us to be grateful for seeds that have grown & help us to be patient as we wait for the work we have done to

bear fruit. May we never give up because we do not see our efforts bear fruit straight away.

Finally the story of the sower is also about the Word of God. Lord help us to ready the soil of our hearts each day so we can receive the seed of your Word & that it may grow bringing us a harvest of peace and joy.

COVID - 19 NEWS

Thanks to all who helped in the 'return to Mass' last weekend. Well done to all our teams and all who joined us for Mass. Let's continue to keep each other safe.

All of us in Ferrybank and Slieverue Parishes will continue to do our best to ensure the safety of all. If you have been cocooning or have any underlying medical condition or are in any way medically vulnerable please seek the advice from your medical practitioner who will advise if it is safe for you to return to Church.

Remember there is no obligation to return to Mass. You can continue to watch on TV or webcams and listen on Radio.

If you go to Mass each day you might consider staying at home at weekends to make space for others - please think of others!

If you are displaying any symptoms such as cough, difficulty breathing, sneezing, runny nose, or any cold or flu symptoms you should not come to Church or go to anywhere people gather - please STAY AT HOME & contact your GP.

When you arrive at Church please follow the advice of the Ushers and sanitise your hands before being seated. Always respect social distancing guideline & follow directions for Communion and leaving the Church. Do not gather in groups inside the church but proceed outside immediately after Mass.

Collection Bags will not be passed around. A secure box will be available at the entrance to our churches for you to make a contribution. We deeply appreciate your generosity.

Our Churches will be sanitised after our Masses and other Services.

When our Churches reach capacity you will be informed and no one else will be admitted. Please be aware that due to the Government Guidelines on capacity we cannot guarantee that you will be able to enter the Church. We reserve the right to restrict access once capacity has been reached. Seats will not be reserved for anyone. We are responsible for the safety of everyone so please be patient and follow the advice of the Ushers.

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 inside **does not exceed fifty people** and as long as social distancing is observed in accordance with Government Guidelines.

Praying for those who have died

Recently Deceased

Henry Hamilton, late of London and formerly of Kilmacthomas (Mon. 10am)

Anniversaries

John Ryan, (1st Anniv.), (Slieverue Sat. 6pm)

Kathleen Hendley, (Ferrybank Sat. 7.30pm)

Donal Fleming (Ferrybank Sat. 7.30pm)

Pat Irish, (Slieverue Sun. 10.30am)

Cyril O'Neill & Family (Ferrybank Sun. 11.30am)

Maurice Slattery (Ferrybank Sun. 11.30am)

Algis Strikas & Janina Gusciuviene (Wed. 10am)

Margaret & Jim Robinson & deceased members of the Robinson Family (Thurs. 10am)

Ellen Irish, Trenaree, Slieverue

Mary & Joseph Peacock and their son Joe and Grandson Brian

Eddie O'Neill

Charlie O'Brien

Tom Lane

May they rest in peace

Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap, but by the seeds you plant!
R.L. Stevenson

Ways to join together for Mass ...

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. Tune in to our Mass from Ferrybank/Slieverue on the radio - 103.9fm. Mass is also broadcast daily on RTE News Now TV at 10.30m each day

Parish Office

The Parish Office has now re-opened. The opening hours are 10am to 1pm Monday to Friday. Please respect the procedures in place for your safety. Those who are medically vulnerable are asked not to call personally but to continue to contact us by phone 051-830813 or email: ferrybank@ossory.ie slieverue@ossory.ie

Parish Centres

Groups who wish to book the Parish Centre in Ferrybank or Slieverue from September 2020 (if public health guidelines permit!) should contact the parish office so that arrangements can be made with each group to complete the necessary documentation for use of the centres and so we can prepare adequately for reopening and put in place Covid-19 protocols.



Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism ... **Nell Mae Heffernan** who was baptised recently in Ferrybank Church.

This Week's Calendar



Mon. 13th July St Henry

Tues. 14th July St Camillus de Lellis

Wed. 15th St Bonaventure

Thurs. 16th Our Lady of Mount Carmel

Cemetery Masses 2020

Cemetery masses this year will not take place in June and July. They are postponed and may be rearranged for a later date. Please inform relatives and friends. New regulations for use of our cemeteries are being prepared and will be published in the near future.

Safeguarding Our Children

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are **Ferrybank - Breda Freyne & Jerry Hughes**
Slieverue - Mary Kenny

If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact any of the following:-

Diocesan Designated Liaison Person Mr Cathal Cullen, Tel. 087 100 0232. email dlp@ossory.ie

Deputy Liaison Person

Ms. Rose Brophy Tel. 087-331 4330

Lost/Found

A set of keys were found in Slieverue Church yard. For more information contact the Parish Office on 051-830813.

Little Sisters of the Poor

St. Joseph's Home, Ferrybank

Fundraising 10km Cycle on the Greenway Saturday 18th July, 2020

If you would like to sponsor some of the staff and volunteers taking part please go to the link <https://www.idonate.ie/lspwaterford>

Book and Browse Service

At Ferrybank Library we are delighted to have re-opened this week for our new Book and Browse Service! Library members can book a 30 min appointment to call to the library to choose some new books. Appointments can be made between 10.00am and 4.00pm, Monday to Friday, phone us at 051 897200.

Summer Stars Reading Challenge

Our Summer Stars reading Challenge returns once again, a great way to keep children reading during the summer months!. Register online at www.kilkennylibrary.ie or in the library and read books over the coming weeks. You can read eBooks or physical books and return your completed reading card to us before August 28th to enter our draw for a €200 bicycle voucher.

Eucharistic Adoration recommences next Friday in Ferrybank

10.30 am - 3 pm

Please return your empty Holy Water bottles during the week and we will sanitise them & refill them for you . Water will be blessed at our Vigil Masses next weekend for you to take away.