

Weekly Envelope Collection

Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Despite there being no public masses, we greatly appreciate your generosity by dropping off your envelope or donations at the Church/Parish Office. Thank you as always for your kindness and support.

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 twenty five 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.

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

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

The Parish Office will be prepared during the coming week for reopening to the public

Our Parish Radio should be back on Air during the coming week !!

103.9 FM

Trócaire

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. This year, because of the Corona Virus, it was not possible to return Trócaire boxes through schools or parishes in the usual way. This is the worst possible timing coming just as the world's poorest people need us most. Therefore, Trócaire are appealing to you to return your Lenten donation. Simply count or estimate what is in your box and donate in the

1. Online at www.trocaire.org
2. By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI)
3. By post to Trócaire, Maynooth, Co. Kildare (ROI) or Trócaire, 10 King Street, Belfast, BT1 6AD (NI)
4. Parish Office

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

Garda National Protective Services
01-6663430/35

Civil Authorities Tusla Child & Family Agency,
Carlow/Kilkenny 052-617 7302 or
Laois/Offaly 044-935 3997

Diocesan Co-ordinator of Safeguarding
Sr. Ena Kennedy
Tel. 087-195 3850
safeguarding@ossory.ie



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 & will be published in the near future

This Week's Calendar

Friday 19th June

The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Saturday 20th June

Immaculate Heart of Mary

The Irish Martyrs

Seventeen Irish martyrs, men and women, Cleric and lay, put to death for the Catholic Faith between 1579 and 1654 were beatified by Pope John Paul II in 1992

Novena Prayer to the Sacred Heart



Lord Jesus, you said, "Ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened unto you". I come to you in faith and trust, in love and hope. Let me know your closeness to me, and your care for me and all who are dear to me. My intention for this Novena is dear to me, and I know that what is important to me is important to you. Hear my prayer (*mention your intention*), grant what I ask and may I always trust that in all that happens in life, you will be close to me as my friend, guide and saviour. And so, Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in You.

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.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE support for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024

Parish Centres

Groups who wish to book the Parish Centre in Ferrybank and 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.



Ferrybank & Slieverue Parish Newsletter

The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)

14th June 2020



Praying for our Dead

Recently Deceased

Margaret Walsh, Newrath

Anniversaries

Mary, John, Tommy, Jean & Maureen Burtchaell

**Jack Phelan,
Mary Treacy,
Patrick Grant,
Patrick & Eileen Kearney
& Eamon Keane**

May they rest in peace

Framework Document for Reopening of Churches

<https://t.co/69tyHTI3mx>



*O Sacrament Most holy
O Sacrament Divine
All Praise & All Thanksgiving
Be Every Moment Thine*

You are Who you Eat!

Before you run scared at the above title just stop for a minute to consider what we are talking about. You have often heard it said that 'you are what you eat'! In other words what you eat can determine the quality of your health and your life in general. All of us from time to time have had to stop and take stock of the amount (maybe too much or too little!) and quality of the food we are ingesting. Maybe we did so on our own initiative or on the advice of a doctor. We all need food to sustain our lives our health and our energy & the type of food we eat can make a big difference.

This weekend the Church invites us to reflect on another kind of Food that is necessary for the journey through this life and beyond. This food is not something we eat but someone! Yes the Food that sustains us as Christians is a person - Jesus Christ. He said 'I am the Bread of Life'. He invites us to nourish ourselves with His Word, with every aspect of his being - human and divine. When we gather together for the Eucharist we accept the invitation of Jesus to celebrate his presence with us, to receive him, to be renewed in communion with him and with one another. Jesus wants us to 'become who we eat'. He wants us to become like him, to be people who share his love by allowing ourselves to be bread broken and shared for others.

In the Eucharist we celebrate and give thanks for the real and living presence of Jesus in the bread & wine but also in the various elements of our lives. We offer him our joys and sorrows, our hopes and dreams, our sinfulness and weakness, our family life, our work, our parish, our efforts to live the gospel. We do so praying that as bread & wine become his Body and Blood broken and poured out for us so our struggle to be church through the lived experience of our lives will be healed and given new life and energy.

The Eucharist and living a Eucharistic life are so important because it is through the Eucharist that we grow in communion as sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ. If you and I want to be Gospel healthy, the food necessary is the Eucharist. Without Him who is the Food of Life the journey will be too difficult for us. Remember: 'You are who you eat'!

As we make preparations to reopen our Churches over the next few weeks let us take time to reflect on what the Eucharist means to us. Is it evident by our lives that you and I have been partakers at the Table of the Lord and are looking forward to being so again? In what ways has the Eucharist sustained us over the past few months? Remember that even if we could not go to Church Jesus never stops being Eucharist for us. He always finds a way to feed us and to nourish us. All who know the importance of feeding on the Bread of Life will never be hungry.

Framework for reopening our Churches

The Bishops Conference has produced a framework for reopening our churches for the celebration of Mass. During the coming week our pastoral councils will be invited to reflect on that document and then we will move to organise a team in Ferrybank and Slieverue who will help to make it a reality. In the interest of keeping everyone safe and caring for the more mature among us it is envisaged that younger people might volunteer for this responsibility. If you would like to be part of the reopening teams please contact the parish office.

Confirmation

A form is currently being circulated to parents of sixth class children inviting them to submit their contact details so they can be contacted to prepare for Confirmation once new dates are announced in the Autumn all going well!