

# Parishes of Ferrybank & Slieverue Newsletter

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Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

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## Our Mass Times

### Weekdays

Ferrybank Monday to Thursday 10am

Slieverue Friday 10am

### Saturday Evening Vigil Masses

Slieverue 6pm & Ferrybank 7.30pm

### Sunday

Ferrybank 9.30am, Slieverue 10.30am, Ferrybank  
11.30am

### Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday in Ferrybank from 10.30am to 3pm  
(except on the occasion of a funeral)

## The Good News this weekend from Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables

and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

*Please read the Gospel again during the week & ask the Holy Spirit to help you discover what the Lord is saying to you?*

## Praying for those who have died

### Recently Deceased

Tony Whelan, Ballinlaw

Patrick (Pat) Cassin, Alphonsus Rd./Slieverue

Kathleen Lyons (née Power), Slieverue

John Fitzgerald, Woodlawn Grove/Sallypark

### Month's Mind

Margaret Walsh (Slieverue – Sun. 10.30am)

Catherine Mernagh (Slieverue – Fri. 10am)

### Anniversaries

Paddy Wall (Slieverue – Sat. 6pm)

Lukas Daukas (Ferrybank – Sat. 7.30pm)

George & Ellen Matthews (Ferrybank – Sun. 9.30am)

Pat Fetton (Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Eileen & James Byrne (Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Maura Gallagher (Ferrybank – Mon. 10am)

William & Ellen Irish (Ferrybank – Tues. 10am)

Maureen O'Brien, Glasshouse

Catherine Doyle

May they rest in peace ...

## COVID - 19 NEWS

Once again a big thank you to all our ushers who continue to do great work in helping to keep everyone safe in our churches in these days. As you will be aware the battle is not won yet when it comes to Covid - 19. Some people may find the guidelines difficult, however there can be no let up in our vigilance and in our efforts to do the right thing. As you come to Mass or other Church Services please follow the guidance of our Ushers at all times & respect the fact that they are doing their best to keep you safe.

We ask you to consider the following very carefully...

### KNOW THE RISK

If you have been cocooning or have any underlying medical condition 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!

### SYMPTOMS MEAN STAYING AT HOME

If you are coughing or sneezing please stay at home out of respect for others. It may only be a cold but do not risk the health of others. Please contact your G.P. if you are displaying symptoms such as cough, difficulty breathing, sneezing, runny nose, or any cold or flu symptoms. If you display signs of illness at Mass you may be invited to go to the designated area for your own safety and that of others.

### CHURCH CAPACITY

When our Churches reach capacity you will be informed. 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.

### FACE MASKS

The wearing of face coverings is now compulsory on public transport and will be in all retail outlets. You are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask in Church also.

### SANITISE

When you arrive at Church Sanitise your hands before being seated.

### SEATING

Please cooperate with the Ushers when it comes to finding a seat in Church. There are no reserved seats and no one has a monopoly on the use of any seat.

### SOCIAL DISTANCING

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 BOX

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.

### CHURCH CLEANING

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

### BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals can be celebrated in compliance with public health guidelines.

Baptisms are restricted to ten people per family & no more than two families can gather in the church at present.

Weddings & Funerals can be celebrated as long as the congregation inside does not exceed fifty people in Church

## NEW ROITAS FOR SLIEVERUE MINISTERS OF THE WORD & EUCHARIST ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE SACRISTY

### 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.

### 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](mailto:dlp@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 and will be published in the near future.

### 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](mailto:ferrybank@ossory.ie)  
[slieverue@ossory.ie](mailto:slieverue@ossory.ie)

### 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

### This Week's Calendar

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July

[St Apollinaris, bishop](#)

Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

[St Lawrence of Brindisi, Capuchin](#)

Wed. 22<sup>nd</sup> July

[St Mary Magdalene](#)

Thurs. 23<sup>rd</sup> July

[St. Bridget of Sweden, patron of Europe](#)

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> July

[St Declan, bishop](#)

### Weekly Envelope Collection

Thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### 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 fifty people** and as long as social distancing is observed in accordance with Government Guidelines.