



*The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden
in a field ... Matt. 13:44-52*

Praying for our dead

Recently Deceased

Eileen O'Toole (née O'Meara)
St. Killian's Place

Christina Skocir, Australia

Frances Atkins, Gyles Quay

Month's Mind

Noel Griffin

(Ferrybank -Sat. 7.30pm)

Anniversaries

Edward (Neddy) Murphy,
Davidstown
(Slieverue Sat. 6pm)

Walter (Wattie) O'Keefe
(Ferrybank – Sunday 9.30am)

Sadie Walsh (née Kelly)
(1st Anniv.)
(Ferrybank 11.30m)

Anthony O'Neill
(Ferrybank Tues. 10am)

Tom Doyle, Kilmurry (Slieverue
- Fri. 10am)

Jimmy Doherty, Ballrobin

Jack & Tommy Maguire,
Ballinlaw

Willie Doyle
Kitty & Jimmy Murphy
Mary McDonnell

May they rest in peace...

Parishes of Ferrybank & Slieverue Newsletter

Sunday 26th July 2020

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

Mass Schedule

Weekdays Ferrybank Monday to Thursday 10am
Slieverue Friday 10am

Weekends Saturday Evening Vigil Masses
Slieverue 6pm, Ferrybank 7.30m

Sunday

Ferrybank 9.30am, Slieverue 10.30am &
Ferrybank 11.30am

Eucharistic Adoration every Friday in Ferrybank from 10.30am to

The Good News this weekend

This Weekends First Reading from 1 Kings 3:5,7-12

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied,.....'Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

From the Second Reading Romans 8:28-30

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose.

From the Gospel Matthew 13:44-46

Jesus said to the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

for the coming week...

Ask the Lord to help you discern what you need most in your life now.

what is the greatest treasure you could receive?

What does your answer teach you about your life?

Why do you need this more than anything else?

What are you going to do in order to receive this gift, this grace?

Ask the Lord to help you have faith that everything can be turned to your good if you cooperate with him.

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Parish Office

The Parish Office has now reopened. The opening hours are 10am to 1pm Monday to Friday. Please respect the procedures in place for your safety. 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.

Ferrybank Conference St. Vincent de Paul

We wish to thank all who sent donations since the outbreak of Covid 19. Your generosity is greatly appreciated, and has helped us to continue supporting needy families during the last few months. However, as we still cannot hold our monthly church gate collections, our capacity to maintain all our services remains challenged.

We are, therefore, seeking your continued support to allow us to continue providing help to families in need. This time of year, can be particularly difficult for families, as children prepare to return to school.

Any contribution, no matter how small, would be very helpful in easing the burden on these families. Contributions can be made by contacting any of the members or you can put your donation in an envelope marked Vincent de Paul and drop it to the Parish office.

Cemetery Masses 2020

Cemetery masses this year 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

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

COVID - 19 Update

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.

MONTHS MINDS & ANNIVERSARIES

If you have a months mind or anniversary Mass booked we would ask you to limit the numbers attending to immediate family to avoid a situation where people will be disappointed if not admitted to the church. We would also ask that you arrive early at the church. Do also consider a weekday Mass for an anniversary if you wish to bring more. For further information contact the parish office.

FACE MASKS

The wearing of face coverings is now compulsory on public transport and in other public buildings and retail outlets. We advise that you do wear a face mask in church.

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. Social Distancing is to be observed in church grounds and parish cemeteries also.