

FERRYBANK & SLIEVERUE PARISH NEWSLETTER

This week's Calendar

Mon. 4th May St. Conleth

Tues. 5th May Bl. Edmund Rice

Fri. 8th May Bl. John Sullivan

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

This fourth Sunday of Easter is known as 'Good Shepherd Sunday' and is also World Day of Prayer for vocations to priesthood and Consecrated Life. I would ask you to pray for Vocations.

Today many people lament the dwindling number of priests available to serve our parishes but the question is -what are we going to do about it? Sometimes when people are asked if they would encourage a son / grandson/ friend/ any young person to become a priest the answer is NO. This is unfortunate. If we complain about the lack of priests then we must be willing as a Church to encourage young people to be open to God's call to ministry in the church.

Priests cannot be manufactured and ordered online from Amazon and delivered into a community. A vocation to priesthood grows in families and communities that live the gospel of Jesus Christ with joy and enthusiasm.

So this weekend let us pray for vocations but let us also pray for ourselves that we will become more joyful advertisements for Jesus Christ and the Gospel so that our young people might be attracted to follow Christ and perhaps answer His call to serve.

Resources for Vocation Sunday are available on our parish website and on the diocesan website also.

As you will be aware the Government have extended the present restrictions until 18th May when a phased lifting of restrictions will begin depending on the prevalence of the virus in the community. Those who have been cocooning will be delighted to get out for a walk or a drive after Tuesday! This gives another opportunity to once again thank all those who have faithfully cocooned over the past few weeks. You have given a great example of being willing to make sacrifices for the good of others for the lives of others. Thank You! You will now enjoy your walk & little bit more freedom all the more. Families too have given up a lot to save lives. Remember that even though these restrictions are difficult, every person who observes them is playing their part in fighting the good fight against this pandemic. The virus thrives on selfishness. Care for and solidarity with others are the greatest weapon against it. That is why we cannot make any apology for doing what is right in these days. Every life matters.

Looking at the plan announced by the Taoiseach on Friday evening it looks as if the earliest we will be able to gather again in any reasonable numbers in our Churches is July. However as time goes on we will be working towards this new beginning with hope. The pandemic and its aftermath will mean adjustments for us all in the church community and in society as a whole. Some will be difficult while others will be life giving. Let us embrace the 'new normal' with the help of the Lord. **Please go to our parish website or facebook page to view the complete document produced by the government on Friday evening** which outlines clearly the continuing restrictions and their phased lifting.

Fr Kieran.

During the month of May the Rosary will be brought to you on Tuesday and Friday evenings on our website and facebook page at 7.30pm. If you would like to be involved in the recording (i.e.lead a decade of the Rosary on camera!) please contact Fr Kieran or the parish office. Recording will be carried out in strict compliance with the current restrictions.

Blessed Edmund Ignatius Rice

Born at Callan in Co Kilkenny in Ireland on June 1st 1762. He was born into a large farming family with seven brothers and two step-sisters and had a happy childhood. He married at the age of 25, but sadly his wife died in an accident. They had a daughter who was born with special needs. Edmund was heartbroken after the loss of his wife and sold his business, he devoted

3rd May 2020

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Day of Prayer for Vocations



Recently Deceased

Noel Griffin
Bishopsgrove

Mary Quilty
Woodstown

Catherine O' Sullivan
Rocklands, Christendom

Mary Shanahan,
Abbey Park

Month's Mind
Alan Lyons

Anniversaries
Sr. Eileen Purcell
(1st Anniv.)

John Forristal
(Bishopsgrove)

Ellen & Tommy
Lonergan

Diarmuid O'Flynn

Wladyslaw Buchaniec

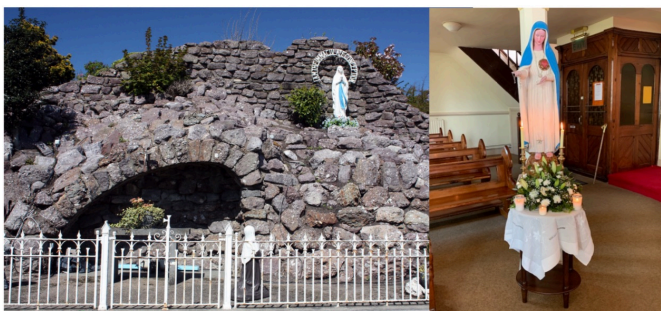
Peter Power

Kitty O'Neill

Michael Larrisey and
deceased members of the
Larrisey Family

May they rest in peace

his life thereafter to the care of the poor, particularly through education. A school was opened in 1802 in New Street in Waterford, and in 1803 a larger institute was opened called Mount Sion, which remains to the present day. Edmund founded both the Congregation of Christian Brothers, and the Congregation – of Presentation Brothers, two teaching congregations which have flourished and are now found all over the world. They each honour Edmund Rice as their founder and follow his principles of prayer, care for the poor and the promotion of education. Edmund Rice died on 29th August 1844, and was buried at Mount Sion. He was beatified in 'Rome by Pope John Paul II on 5th October 1996.



Rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home during the month of May

Pope Francis is encouraging the faithful to pray the Rosary during the month of May, when the People of God

express with particular intensity their love and devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary.

In a letter for the month of May, published on the feast of St Mark the Evangelist (25 April), Pope Francis notes that it is a tradition to pray the Rosary at home with the family during this month. This year, he continues, “the restrictions of the pandemic have made us come to appreciate all the more this ‘family’ aspect, also from a spiritual point of view”. That is why he is proposing to everyone to “rediscover the beauty of praying the Rosary at home in the month of May”, whether individually or as a group, “making the most both opportunities”. Pope Francis says that the key to doing this is always simplicity.

**Bring flowers of the rarest, bring blossoms the fairest,
from gardens and woodlands and hillside and dale;
Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling
the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!**

**Chorus: O Mary we crown thee, with blossoms today!
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.
O Mary we crown thee, with blossoms today,
Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May.**

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). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. 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 1800500000

Pope's Intentions May 2020

Prayer Intention for evangelisation: For Deacons – we pray that deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church

Live & Recorded Masses from Ferrybank & Slieverue

Please note that any Liturgies celebrated in our churches will be available on our Facebook page and on our website.

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

Website www.ferrybankparish.com

Ferrybank & Slieverue 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

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.

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

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

Please remember that Baptisms, Weddings & 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 G 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.



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