

Ferrybank & Slieverue Parish Newsletter

The Most Holy Trinity

7th June 2020



Praying for our Dead

Recently Deceased

Fr. Christopher O'Donnell
Balinteer, Dublin

Catherine (Kitty) Mernagh,
Glenmore/Slieverue

Carmel Hoey (née Keaney),
Dublin/Ferrybank

Anniversaries

Seán Purcell (1st Anniv.) and
deceased members of the
Purcell Family

Richard McGee (1st Anniv.)
and his wife Breda (Birdie)

Joe Cummins and his
mother Elizabeth

Kitty & Eddie O'Neill

Liam Tobin

Breda O'Keeffe

Marie Tyler

Christy Dowling

Elizabeth Harvey

May they rest in peace ...



Tenderness, Compassion, Patience (slow to anger), Forgiveness, Kindness, Faithfulness, Love, Peace, Grace, Fellowship or Communion. These are the characteristics associated with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in the Readings from the Word of God this weekend. Every time we invoke the Trinity by making the sign of the cross at the beginning of Mass or at the beginning of prayer we say we are blessing ourselves. However in a much greater sense we are being blessed by God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. We are being blessed with compassion, forgiveness, peace, love, etc. What God wants for us is that we would create a family a community a society where we model God as Trinity; in other words trying to do all we can to bless all the people we meet in life and indeed the world around us with the same gifts with which we have been blessed. Let us continue to bless ourselves so we can bless others.

On Friday it was great to hear some positive news from An Taoiseach when he announced that we will be able to return to our Churches for public worship on 29th June almost a month earlier than expected. However this good news is a time for serious preparation and not complacency. Over the next couple of weeks we will be implementing measures to ensure that we can open safely. The risk of contracting the virus has not gone away. We all still need to be careful and to respect each other and to observe social distancing, hand washing and other regulations.

The numbers permitted to attend funerals has also been increased from ten people to twenty five. This is indeed welcome news. However all funeral liturgies are still subject to restrictions. In our own parishes I have celebrated a number of funeral Masses recently and I have been deeply impressed by the solidarity shown by those families in the way they have observed the very painful restrictions in place. Not being able to celebrate the funeral of a loved one as we once did is a great sacrifice. However to make sacrifices for others despite our own pain. is a great act of Love. Thank You.

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.

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.

Ways to join together for Mass ... 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 and available immediately afterwards to watch on our website.

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

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 Gardaí 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

Cemetery Masses 2020

Bishop Farrell has written to all parishes to ask that Cemetery Masses and the Annual Blessing of Graves be postponed at this time. This decision is taken in light of the guidance from NPHET: social distancing would be compromised and by their very nature the gatherings would invite families to travel long distance; further concern was expressed that large family groups might gather around a single grave and that the Mass might attract a large number of elderly people.

Trocaire Boxes

You are welcome to drop your Trocaire Boxes/ Donations to the Parish Office.

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 1800 500 000

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

Peadar's Summer Camp Committee



It is with a heavy heart, a lot of soul searching, and a lot of anguish that this great bunch of people have made the most difficult decision they have ever had to make, and cancel this year's Peadar's Summer Camp. In the current pandemic the unanimous decision was made in the best interest of everyone's health and wellbeing during these most difficult and challenging times. This year would have been year 29. That in itself is a credit to the organizers/ helpers/ sponsors/ supporters/ and everyone in general supporting Peadar's Summer Camp. WE WILL be back, stronger and better than ever NEXT YEAR. The G.A.A. however are looking to have their cul camp on the following dates, August 4,5,6,7, so go along and support this great event. more news can be gotten on G.A.A. web sites and other social media platforms. Thank you for your understanding and support. And WE WILL see ye all next year!

Thank You

A word of sincere thanks to all of you for your continued generosity to our parishes in these difficult times. Thank you for all your weekly envelopes, lenten stations, easter offerings and pentecost collection that have been dropped into the parish office or church box already. it is very much appreciated.

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