

Parishes of Ferrybank & Slieverue

Newsletter 20th September 2020 Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

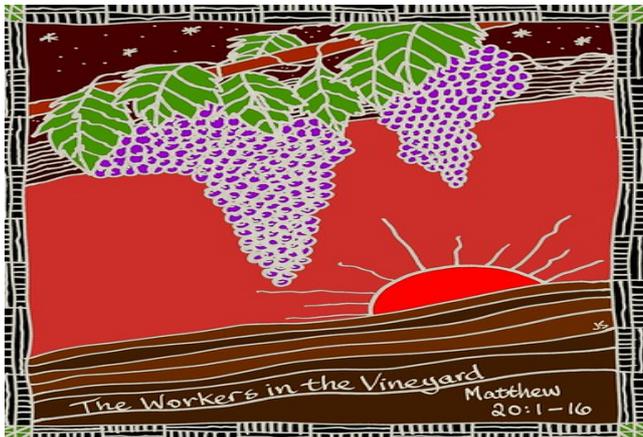
Mass Schedule

Weekdays Ferrybank Monday to Thursday 10am Slieverue Friday 10am

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

Sunday Ferrybank 9.30am, Slieverue 10.30am & Ferrybank 11.30am

Eucharistic Adoration every Friday in Ferrybank from 11.30am to 4pm (except on the occasion of a funeral)



Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first last.'

Readers for Weekday Masses

If you are interested in being a Minister of the Word for our weekday Masses or would like to recommence please contact Fr Kieran or the Parish Office so we can put a new weekday rota together. Understandably due to the Covid situation the number of readers has declined so we would be grateful if some of you attending daily Mass might consider taking up the invitation. Daily readers will be required to sit in the sanctuary area before Mass begins and can return to their seats after reading.

Praying for those who have died...

Recently Deceased

Maura Purdue (née Touhy),
Rockenham
(Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)



Maureen Walsh (née Hartley), Davidstown

Month's Mind

Paudy Walsh
(Ferrybank – Mon. 10am)

Anniversaries

Bernie Forristal, Ballinree (Slieverue – Sat. 6pm)

Maurice Bergin (Ferrybank – Sat. 7.30pm)

Paddy & Chrissie McLoughlin and their son
Tommy (Ferrybank – Sat. 7.30pm)

Arthur Doyle (Ferrybank – Sun. 9.30am)

Patrick & Mary Costello and their son Michael
(Ferrybank – Sun. 9.30am)

Eily Walsh, Bellevue (Slieverue - Sun. 10.30am)
Paddy Foskin

May they rest in peace ...

Please note that in the event of a funeral in our parish church the funeral Mass takes precedence over months mind and anniversary Masses that may have been booked. Where possible families will be contacted to inform them when this occurs. Arrangements can be made with the Parish Office to reschedule.

First Holy Communion

On Saturday next 26th September the children from the Our Lady of Good Counsel G.N.S. and St. Mary's Boys' B.N.S. will celebrate the sacrament in two ceremonies at 10.30am and 12.30pm in Ferrybank Church.

The children from Our Lady of Lourdes, Slieverue and Ringville National Schools will celebrate the sacrament in two ceremonies at 10.30am and 12.30pm on Sunday 27th September in Slieverue Church.

We congratulate the children and their parents and thank our teachers and school staff who have patiently journeyed with the children to bring them to this day.

The celebration of First Holy Communion will mean some changes to our weekend schedules in our two parishes.

Saturday 26th September Ferrybank

Funerals will not be celebrated in Ferrybank

Sunday 27th September, Slieverue

As First Holy Communion Masses are only open to families involved an additional Mass will be celebrated at 9am on Sunday morning to accommodate regular Mass goers in Slieverue. Funerals will not be celebrated in Slieverue

Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

All Church Services are subject to Covid-19 public health and diocesan guidelines. Baptisms can be celebrated with a group of no more than ten people (including parents and Godparents & child) per family in Church. All Baptisms including those celebrated by a visiting priest are to be booked through the Parish Office and registered in the Parish of Baptism. Dates & Times of Baptisms are available from the Parish Office.

Funerals can be celebrated as long as the congregation does not exceed fifty (50) people.

Weddings can also be celebrated as long as the congregation does not exceed fifty (50) people. Visiting priests are very welcome to celebrate family occasions. However all visiting priests are required to contact Fr Kieran in advance of these celebrations.

Ministry to the Sick

Please contact Fr Kieran or the Parish Office if you have a loved one who would like to receive the Sacrament of the Sick. Please have your eircode at hand when you call as you would for any other service provider. Visitation of the sick can only take place following a request from the family & not on second hand information. In the old days there was a tendency to call the priest at the last minute to anoint the person before death. This is no longer our understanding of the celebration of the Sacraments for the sick & dying. When a person becomes ill or receives a serious diagnosis that is the time to contact the priest so that they can be strengthened by the prayer of the Church community. It should also be remembered that because of the many commitments of priests today there is no guarantee that they can be available at a minute's notice.

Quite often we hear that families did not want to 'frighten' the sick person by calling the priest too early even though doctors and palliative care teams are already caring for a person. There is no need to be afraid, the visit of the priest will always be handled sensitively and no one will ever be frightened. We will be in contact with those on our First Friday list soon to organise how best to recommence visitation in these strange times. Unfortunately general visitation of hospitals & nursing homes is not possible at this time.

Security Issues

Of late there has been an increase in the number of incidents of late night (and even day time) anti social activity around the Church and cemetery in Ferrybank. This is unfortunate as people visiting graves of their loved ones sometimes feel intimidated or concerned that their graves will be damaged. Trying to find a solution to these problems is difficult. They are not new but nonetheless are a cause of concern.

Covid Update

Once again we thank you for your cooperation in keeping each other safe in these covid times. The situation is becoming more uncertain in these days and the restrictions are not easy and not to everyones liking, especially when it comes to the numbers allowed into our Churches. However there is a responsibility on all of us to support each other as we try and do our best to keep the virus at bay and to especially look after our more vulnerable brothers and sisters. Many would welcome a relaxation in our protocols when it comes to Church but this is a pro - life issue. Who among us as a priest or member of the parish community would like to ignore the regulations and put the lives of members of our community at risk? This weekend in our Gospel we see the abundant generosity of God. Let us be generous with our solidarity, patience and understanding as we go forward.

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

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Draw 2020/2021

Recommencing on Wednesday 30th September and running until August 2021. We encourage your support! Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to become a member in the draw.

Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism – Kylan Flanagan, Michael Baldwin, Cian Keogh, Hazel Sullivan & Jason Kelly who were baptised in Ferrybank Church and Donnacha O'Donovan who was baptised in Slieverue Church.

Ferrybank Ministers of the Eucharist September 2020

Saturday Vigil Mass 7.30pm Mary White, Angela O'Brien

Sunday 9.30am Margaret O'Driscoll, Eileen Fitzpatrick

Sunday 11.30am Ann O'Neill, Maria Ronan

Ferrybank Ministers of the Word 26th & 27th Sept.

Saturday 7.30pm Tony O'Byrne

Sunday 9.30am Sean O'Halloran

Sunday 11.30am Eileen Slattery

Slieverue Ministers of the Eucharist – 26th & 27th Sept.

Saturday 6.00pm – Martin Quilty

Sunday 10.30am – Mary Walsh

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Saturday 6.00pm – Ann Marie Irish

Sunday 10.30am – Marley Irish

New Rota for Ministers of the Word for Slieverue is

available for collection in Sacristy from this weekend.

If you have not already returned your Covid-19 Volunteer Return to Work Form, please sign and return as soon as possible.

Weekly Church Collections 12th & 13th September, 2020

Ferrybank Offertory €202.80/Envelopes €981.50

Slieverue Offertory €265.75/Envelopes €405.00

Many thanks to all who contribute, your support is greatly appreciated.

Parish Centres

Groups who wish to book the Parish Centre in Ferrybank or Slieverue 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 in strict compliance with Covid-19 protocols. We would like to thank those groups who despite the delay in reopening have shown great understanding & patience and by doing so are putting the safety and welfare of their members first.

Legion of Mary - Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Sunday 27th September 2020

Can be viewed on www.knockshrine.ie

and facebook page www.facebook.com/knockshrine

Commencing with Rosary at 2.30pm followed by Holy Mass at 3.00pm

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