

Parishes of Ferrybank & Slieverue

Newsletter 27th September 2020 Twenty Sixth 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 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



Praying for those who have died...

Recently Deceased

Ella Kinsella, Belmont Heights

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.

Anniversaries

**William & Mary Hartley
(Slieverue – Sat. 6pm)**

**Aidan & Joan Walsh
(Ferrybank – Sat. 7.30pm)**

**Patrick & Elizabeth O'Brien
(Ferrybank – Sat. 7.30pm)**

**Michael & Lena Connolly and
their sons Michael & Ritchie
(Slieverue – Sun. 9am)**

**Margaret Phelan
(Ferrybank – Sunday 11.30am)**

**Jimmy Scanlon
(Ferrybank – Mon. 10am)**

**Ann & Patrick Manning,
Rathpatrick**

The Moore Family, Rathpatrick

Patrick Forristal, Kilmurry

May they rest in peace ...



First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all our young people who will receive the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend in Ferrybank & Slieverue and although it will be a very different experience this year with Covid-19 thank you to their families and teachers and all who prepared them and thanks to the parent's group who organised the various Masses throughout the year.

First Communion is a very important day but it is 'first' Communion. That means there is opportunity for many more. The Eucharist is the centre of our lives. Without the Eucharist we are lacking proper food to help us be faithful Christians. When we gather regularly as a community to celebrate the Eucharist we are fed by the one who is - God with Them, the God who is with us, Jesus himself. The Eucharist is also the gathering where fresh heart is put into us and we are encouraged to persevere in faith like the community in our first reading this weekend. Above all the Eucharist is where we feed on Love so that we can Love one another and be truly disciples of Jesus.

October Stations

The October Stations are being taken up next weekend. This collection is for the support of the Priests of the parish. Many thanks to all who have continued to support the parish and the priests through the parish envelopes – these contributions have been a constant and steady stream of income towards the costs of the parish in recent months.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Draw 2020/2021

The Draw recommences on Wednesday next 30th September and runs until August 2021. We encourage your support for our Diocesan Cathedral! Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to become a member in the draw.

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.

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Parish Office: Tel. 051-830813 Ms. Marie Cashin / Ms. Angela O'Brien

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.

Covid-19 Some reminders

When our Churches reach capacity you will be informed and no one else will be admitted. 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. Seats will not be reserved for anyone

Collection Bags are not being passed around. A secure box is available at the entrance to our Churches for you to make a contribution. We deeply appreciate your generosity. Our Churches are sanitised after our Masses and other Services.

As we have continually reminded everyone over the past couple of months, adherence to public health guidelines is essential to prevent further spread of Covid-19 and anyone displaying symptoms, awaiting a test, or who has been diagnosed with Covid-19 should under no condition attend Mass or come into the Church. Those who have come to Ireland from a country not on the green list should isolate for fourteen days. To ignore any of these guidelines would be extremely reckless and put others in the community at risk. Anyone worried or concerned about symptoms should contact their GP and if advised, present for testing and isolate themselves from others. In such situations we should also inform public health authorities of all our movements and contacts when requested. If we are to curtail the spread of the Virus then we all need to play our part by protecting one another.

Parish Cemetery Regulations

New Terms and Conditions for the regulation of Ferrybank & Slieverue Parish Cemeteries have been drawn up and ratified by our parish Pastoral Councils. The new regulations came into effect on 1st September. Copies are available in our Churches and will soon be posted on our Parish Website.

Weekly Church Collections 12th & 13th September, 2020

Ferrybank Offertory €176.80/Envelopes €550.20

Slieverue Offertory €228.10/Envelopes €257.00

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



Newly Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community through the Sacrament of Baptism

Sophie Grace O'Brien Whelan who was baptised recently in Slieverue Church.

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

Ferrybank Ministers of the Eucharist October 2020

Saturday Vigil Mass 7.30pm Mary Ryan, Br. Joe Killoran

Sunday 9.30am Bessie Doherty, Ann Gleeson

Sunday 11.30am Paul Lyons, Claire Devine

Ferrybank Ministers of the Word 3rd & 4th October

Saturday 7.30pm Sr. Patsy Butler

Sunday 9.30am Catherine Howard

Sunday 11.30am Eileen Slattery

Slieverue Ministers of the Eucharist – 3rd & 4th October

Saturday 6.00pm – Keira Doyle

Sunday 10.30am – Jim Doyle

New Eucharistic Ministers Rota available to collect for Slieverue in the Sacristy

Slieverue Ministers of the Word – 3rd & 4th October

Saturday 6.00pm – Síle Grant

Sunday 10.30am – Susan O'Neill

Slieverue St. Vincent de Paul Society

As monthly collections haven't resumed, people who wish to make a donation can do so through the Church Collection Box or to any member of the Society. Please put in envelope marked 'St. Vincent de Paul'. Thank you for your support.

Ferrybank Conference St. Vincent de Paul

If you wish to make a donation you can do so through the Church Collection Box or to any member of the Society or the Parish Office. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "St. Vincent de Paul". Many thanks as always for your support.

Ferrybank G.A.A. Clothes Collection

The clothing collection is now continuing. If you have any of the following items, drop them down to the Ferrybank GAA grounds, Clothes, paired Shoes, belts etc. Please do NOT send down any DUVETS OR PILLOWS. Bags can be left at the entrance to the Ferrybank GAA club's grounds between 10am and 11am on Saturday mornings.

Deise Draw

Ferrybank GAA club would like to thank all those who supported the club by purchasing tickets for the Covid delayed Deise Draw. Congratulations to Geraldine Power, Newrath who won the 3rd prize of €2,000 in September's draw. The next draw takes place on Wednesday October 15th, best of luck to all our members.