

Parishes of Ferrybank & Slieverue

Newsletter 29th November 2020 First Sunday of Advent

A Prayer for the First Sunday of Advent

God of light and life,
give us HOPE as we wait for your coming again.
When we are tempted to be grateful to have found
you while others are lost, send us out into the
darkness in search of those who need you most.
Amen.

Ferrybank Annual Mass for the Dead

A big thank you to pastoral council members, parish office staff and sacristan who worked so hard to prepare for our memorial Mass last Wednesday evening. There was great feedback from the community and people who were bereaved during the past year found it of great comfort even though they could only join with us through our webcam or facebook live. Thanks to everyone who sent in names and photographs of their loved ones and we continue to pray for all our dead and especially our bereaved families.

Advent Resources

Diocesan resources for Advent are now available and can be viewed on our website and facebook page. Something for everyone to journey spiritually through Advent.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Draw 2020/21

The November Draw will be postponed and held on the same night as the December draw on Wednesday 16th December, 2020. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to become a member in the draw.

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Ferrybank/Slieverue Parish Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards with images of Ferrybank & Slieverue Church are available to order from the Parish Office and cost €2 which include the card and share in our Novena of Masses which will be offered over the Christmas period for the intentions of those who received them, the intentions of the sender and for all their family members, living and deceased. Images of the Christmas Cards are available

Pope's Intentions for December

For a life of prayer
We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer.

Gospel Mark 13:33-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

STAY
AWAKE



Remembering Our Dead

Recently Deceased

Rita Foley (née Walsh),
late of Newport Square and
formerly of Kilmacow

Anniversaries

Noel Mylett, Ashgrove,
Slieverue (1st Anniv.)

Mabel & Tom Walsh,
Slieverue

William & Eily Knox,
Drumdowney

Johanna Forristal
(1st Anniv.)

Carmel Kelly (1st Anniv.)

William (Billy) Aspel

Joe Bolger

Keith Daly

Anthony O'Keeffe and his
father John O'Keeffe

Lil Sadlier and her daughter
Brenda Chapman

May they rest in peace ...

Mass Intentions

Please note that while the churches are closed for public Masses all Masses already booked will be offered as shared Masses at the weekend & every weekday morning as usual. All Masses booked for next weekend in Slieverue will be offered at 6 pm & Masses booked for Ferrybank will be offered at 11.30 am

Opportunities for Private Prayer (also via webcam)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will continue in Ferrybank on Fridays from 10.30 am - 4 pm & in Slieverue on Tuesday evenings from 7.30 pm - 8.30 pm.

Visitation to the Sick and Housebound

While visitation continues to be restricted those who are seriously ill can still receive the Sacraments. As we have continually pointed out in the newsletter please do not leave it until the last minute if a loved one would like to a visit from the priest. A priest may not be available at a few minutes notice.

Celebration of Baptisms

In accordance with Government Guidelines there will be no celebrations of Baptism at this time. Baptisms previously booked will be rescheduled.

Funerals/Weddings in Church

25 people are allowed to attend funerals/Weddings in accordance with Government guidelines.

Weekly Church Collections 21st & 22nd November, 2020

Ferrybank Envelopes €340.00
Slieverue Envelopes €250.00
Many thanks to all who have continued to support the parish and the priests.

Parish Office

Our parish office is still functioning even though now closed to the public. Feel free to contact us as usual.

Donate Button

For those who wish to donate to our parishes and may not be able to do so directly you can contribute by using the donate button on our parish website.

Ferrybank Pastoral Council

Sr Patsy Butler, Jacinta Byrne, John Cummins, Brid Fetton (Secretary), Eileen Fitzpatrick, Jerry Hughes, Mary Keane, Paschal Kennedy, Br Joe Killoran, Moira Meaney, Michael O'Brien (Chairperson), Kieran O' Shea, Eileen Slattery & Barbara Wells
Southern Deanery Representatives
Eileen Slattery & Jacinta Byrne
Pastoral Area Representatives
Michael O'Brien & Jacinta Byrne

Slieverue Pastoral Council

Padraig Byrne, Keira Doyle, Jerry Forrest, Sile Grant, Breda Lynch (Chairperson), Tom O' Dwyer, Kieran O' Shea, Martin Quilty (Secretary), Michael Shalloe, Maria Tobin & Mary Walsh
Southern Deanery Representatives
Keira Doyle & Jerry Forrest
Pastoral Area Representatives
Breda Lynch & Sile Grant

Safeguarding our Children

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are **Ferrybank - Breda Freyne & Jerry Hughes and 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 Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Ferrybank wish to express their absolute gratitude at the amazing generosity of the people of Ferrybank Parish in supporting us during this difficult time. Covid-19 has as you know denied us the opportunity for our monthly Church Gate collection since March. While it is unlikely we will have a Christmas

Collection, you may if you wish make a donation to support us during this very busy period. Feel free to drop your donation (marked 'Vincent de Paul' in an envelope) to the Parish Office. Equally if you have been affected by Covid-19 and are concerned about Christmas financially, please ring the St Vincent de Paul on 051-350725 which is the Area Office. They in turn will make contact with us and we will do what we can to help.

St. Mary's Boys' N.S. Admission

St. Mary's Boys' National School, Ferrybank will be accepting application to the Junior Infant Class for the 2021/22 school year from 09/11/2020 until 21/01/2021. Applications forms and further information can be found on their website www.ferrybankbns.ie or by emailing admin@ferrybankbns.ie

Ferrybank G.A.A. Deise Draw

Congratulations to Ruth Hannigan, c/o Peggy Ahearne, Rockenham who won €250 in the November Deise Draw. The Club winner of the draw was Paddy Bergin of St Killian's Place Ferrybank. The second last Deise Draw takes place on Wednesday December 2nd.

Clothing Collection

The clothing collection has now resumed, and if you have any of the following items that you don't need, you can drop them down to the Ferrybank GAA grounds; clothes, curtains, paired shoes, belts and soft toys. Please do NOT bring down any pillows or duvets. All bags can be dropped to the club grounds between 10.00 and 11.00 on Saturday mornings.

