

# Ferrybank & Slieverue Parishes

Praying for those who have died...

## Month's Mind

Mary Norris  
(Ferrybank - Sun. 11.30am)

Gerry Mullane  
(Ferrybank - Sun. 11.30am)

## Anniversaries

Kenneth & Wayne Scannell,  
Curraghmore  
(Slieverue - Sat. 6pm)

Esther Carew (1st Anniv.)  
(Ferrybank - Sat. 7.30pm)

Seán & Eileen Wallace  
(Ferrybank - Sat. 7.30pm)

Pylis Grant  
(Ferrybank - Sat. 7.30pm)

Oisín Ryan (1st Anniv.)  
(Ferrybank - Sun. 9.30am)

Jim Irish  
(Ferrybank - Sun. 9.30am)

Frank & Alice Hayden and their  
Grandson Eoghan Brennan  
(1st Anniv. For Eoghan)  
(Slieverue - Sun. 10.30am)

Ted Murphy  
(Ferrybank - Sun. 11.30am)

Jackie Shannon  
(Ferrybank - Mon. 10am)

Bernard Calton  
(Ferrybank - Tues. 10am)

James & Maureen Heery  
(Ferrybank - Wed. 10am)

Margaret, Daniel, Mai, John &  
Debbie Daly  
(Ferrybank - Thurs. 10am)

Dick, Stasia & Fr. Pat Wall,  
Kilmurry  
(Slieverue - Fri. 10am)

Mary Purcell and her daughter  
Mavis Purcell

Al Casey

Vincent & Nancy Cuddy,  
Slieverue Village

Michael & Mary Fitzgerald and  
their son Michael, Gyles Quay

Michael O'Neill, Drumdowney

Martin Kearney, Curraghmore

**May they rest in peace ...**

Please note that in the event of a funeral in our parish church, the funeral Mass takes precedence over Month's 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.

3RD Sunday  
of  
ADVENT

Rejoice

Newsletter 13<sup>th</sup> December 2020 Gaudete Sunday

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## 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)

**Private Prayer - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament** every Wednesday in Slieverue Church from 2.30pm - 3.30pm



Please see our separate sheet with details for all our Christmas Masses

## Ministry to the Sick - Arrangements for Visitation coming up to Christmas

The sick and housebound who wish Fr Kieran to call to them before Christmas so that they can receive the Sacraments should contact the Parish Office. A Visit can only take place when requested. The sick and housebound should consult with family members or their GP to ensure it is safe to request visitation. Only one visit will be held per day between now and Christmas so do contact the Office early. Each requested visit will be carried out in compliance with Covid-19 regulations.

Visitation to hospitals is not possible however families should be aware that there is always a chaplain available if needed. Families with loved ones in local nursing homes should discuss their pastoral needs with staff and contact the Parish Office if a visit is required.

Those with family members who are seriously ill should arrange a visit from the priest in good time. There is no need to leave it to the last minute as the priest may not be available. Families should never be concerned that the arrival of the priest will frighten the sick person. The pastoral visit is always about hope not fear. Those days are long gone and our understanding of the Sacraments has evolved greatly since Vatican II

Please remember that during the pandemic there is no obligation to attend Mass.

## 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.

## Attention all Ministers of the Word (Readers) 'The Word Made Flesh'

A two night virtual Retreat for new and existing Parish Ministers of the Word (Readers) on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th December, 8-9pm with Fr Jim Murphy, Fr Dan Bollard & the Diocesan Retreat Team. To request a link to this event please contact the Ossory Adult Faith Development Office 056 7753624

## St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Draw 2020/21

The November Draw will be 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.

## 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 to see on our parish website.

### **Ferrybank Ministers of the Eucharist December 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 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Saturday 7.30pm Yvette Purdue

Sunday 9.30am Cléir Tierney

Sunday 11.30am Una Hayden

### **Slieverue Ministers of the Eucharist - 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Saturday 6.00pm – Patricia Ivory

Sunday 10.30am – Mary Walsh

### **Slieverue Ministers of the Word - 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Saturday 6.00pm – Michael Shalloe

Sunday 10.30am – Paddy Drennan

### **Weekly Church Collections 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December, 2020**

Ferrybank Envelopes €2,292.50/Offertory €283.50

Slieverue Envelopes € 678.30/Offertory €263.95

Many thanks to all who contribute.

### **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.

### **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](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

### **The Society of St Vincent de Paul in Slieverue**

The Society wish to thank you most sincerely for your wonderful generosity over the past number of months in these challenging times.

Thanks also to those who have already contributed to this year's Christmas collection.

This years **Annual Envelope Collection will take place in Slieverue church on the weekend of Dec 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>**. You can also give your donation to the parish office or to a member of the society. The Society are always available to help if needed at this difficult time.

**Returning to Mass** - Please consider the following ...As you come to Mass or other Church Services please follow the guidance of our Ushers at all times and respect the fact that they are doing their best to keep you safe.

**Know the risk** – If you have been cocooning or have any underlying medical condition please seek the advice from your medical practitioner who will advise if it is safe for you to return to Church.

Remember there is no obligation to return to Mass – you can watch Mass on the tv or webcams or listen on the radio. If you are able to make Mass each day you might consider staying at home at the weekends to make space for others.

### **Symptoms mean staying at Home**

If you are coughing or sneezing please stay at home out of respect for others. It may be only a cold but do not risk the health of others. Please contact your G.P. if you are displaying symptoms such as cough, difficulty breathing, sneezing etc. If you display any symptoms of illness at Mass you may be invited to go the designated area for your own safety and that of others.

### **Church Capacity**

When our Churches reach full capacity you will be informed. Please be aware that due to 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.

### **Face Masks**

The wearing of the face masks/shields is now compulsory in Church.

### **Sanitise**

When you arrive at Church please sanitise your hands before being seated and again on leaving the Church.

### **Seating**

Please co-operate with the Ushers when it comes to finding a seat in the Church. There are no reserved seats and no one has a monopoly on the use of any seat.

### **Social Distancing**

Always respect social distancing guidelines and follow directions for Communion and leaving the Church. Do not gather in groups inside the Church but proceed outside immediately after Mass.

### **Collection Box**

Collection Bags will not be passed around. A secure Box will be available at the entrance to our Churches for you to make a contribution. We deeply appreciate your generosity.

### **Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals**

Please remember that Baptisms, & Weddings can be celebrated in compliance with public health guidelines.

Baptisms are restricted to five people per family and only two families can gather in the Church at present.

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.

Weddings and funerals can be celebrated as long as the congregation inside does not exceed twenty-five people in Church.

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 Now open ... Mon. to Fri. 10am to 1pm - Ms. Marie Cashin / Ms. Angela O'Brien**