

Ferrybank & Slieverue Parishes

Newsletter 20th December 2020

Fourth Sunday of Advent



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

As indicated last weekend at all our Masses and posted on our facebook page, website, & special newsletter, a time of registration for Christmas Masses was to take place between Monday & Wednesday of this past week. That process happened & is now completed.

Thank you to all who registered to attend our Christmas Masses.

Following the Registration Process this is our revised schedule of Masses...

Christmas Eve

Ferrybank: 2 pm, 6 pm & 10 pm

Slieverue: 2 pm (simulcast from Ferrybank), 4 pm, 8 pm

Christmas Day

Ferrybank: 9.30 am, 11.30 am Slieverue 7.30 am, 10.30 am

All Liturgies will be live streamed on our webcams & available on our parish radios

In Ferrybank those who have registered can collect their Bethlehem Pass after all Masses this weekend & from the Parish Office on Monday 21st & Tuesday 22nd from 10 am - 1 pm

In Slieverue you can collect your Bethlehem Pass after all Masses this weekend & from St Mary's Parish Centre on Monday 21st Dec. from 2 - 4 pm & on Tuesday 23rd from 7 - 9 pm

In compliance with Government Guidelines & our responsibility to keep everyone safe there will be no entry to our Churches for Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day without a Pass.

Social Distancing, Hand Sanitising & Face Coverings are essential. All who have registered should arrive early to ensure safe gathering. Please follow advice of Ushers at all times

Creating a Community of Cribs

Why not take a picture of your parish crib, the crib in your town/village/locality, home or place of work and send them to ADF@ossory.ie - let it become part of the virtual display of cribs which will be on the Diocesan Website this Christmas. St Francis was wise when he taught lots with no words; the Crib is a powerful reminder of the simplicity of it all.

Ferrybank/Slieverue Parish Christmas Cards

We still have a small amount of our Parish Christmas Cards available - to order contact the Parish Office. They 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.



Praying for those who have died...

Recently Deceased

Maureen Mernagh, Forristalstown, Glenmore

Anniversaries

Catherine Grant
(Slieverue - Sat. 6pm)

Jack & Eileen Cantwell
(Ferrybank - Sat. 7.30pm)

Rose (Dolly) Tobin
(Ferrybank - Sat. 7.30pm)

John, Joe & Rose Bollard
(Ferrybank - Sun. 9.30am)

Nicholas Roche
(Ferrybank - Sunday 9.30am)

Arthur Sealy
(Ferrybank - Sun. 9.30am)

Thomas Shalloe, Kilmurry
(Slieverue - Sun. 10.30am)

Kathleen Fitzgerald (1st Anniv.)
(Ferrybank - Sun. 11.30am)

Dick Hayden
(Ferrybank - Sun. 11.30am)

Lukas Dauksas
(Ferrybank - Sun. 11.30am)

Jimmy & Chrissie Farrell
(Ferrybank - Mon. 10am)

Maura & Sheila Cahill
(Ferrybank - Tues. 10am)

Deceased members of the
O'Dwyer Family
(Ferrybank - Wed. 10am)

Kenneth & Wayne Scannell,
Curraghmore

Michael & Catherine Dowling,
Rathpatrick

John & Bridget Doherty, Davidstown
Tony Cullen, Drumdowney
Helene Doyle
Kitty Darmody
Nellie Maher, Newrath
David Condon, Ballinamona
May they rest in peace ...



Coming to Mass over Christmas- 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.

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 26th & 27th

December

Saturday 7.30pm Yvette Purdue

Sunday 9.30am Cléir Tierney

Sunday 11.30am Una Hayden

Slieverue Ministers of the Eucharist – 26th & 27th

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Saturday 6.00pm – Martin Quilty

Sunday 10.30am – Jim Doyle

Slieverue Ministers of the Word – 26th & 27th

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Saturday 6.00pm – Ann Marie O'Donohue

Sunday 10.30am – Catriona Forristal

Weekly Church Collections 12th & 13th December, 2020

Ferrybank Envelopes €591.20/Offertory €279.50

Slieverue Envelopes €570.00/Offertory €327.35

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

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus).

Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm by calling **0818 222 024**, and will remain open over the Christmas period.

Very Rev. Kieran O'Shea P.P. Tel. 051-832787/051-830813

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