

# Parishes of Ferrybank & Slieverue

## Second Sunday of Advent

Prepare the way of the Lord!

Newsletter 6<sup>th</sup> December 2020 Second Sunday of Advent

### Welcome Back to Mass!

#### 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



### Ferrybank/Slieverue Parish Christmas Cards

Parish Christmas Cards 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.

#### [Feast Of The Immaculate Conception](#)

Masses for the Holy Day are as follows....

#### Monday 7th December

**NO MASS MONDAY MORNING AT 10 AM - Vigil Mass for Holy Day in Ferrybank 7.30 pm** (50 people max in church)

*People are welcome to gather in Slieverue Church at 7.30 pm to participate in Mass via TV from Ferrybank and receive Holy Communion*

#### Tuesday 8th December 10.30 am

Mass in Slieverue (50 people max in church)

*People are welcome to gather in Ferrybank Church at 10.30 am to participate in Mass from Slieverue and receive Holy Communion.*

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

Let us ask Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, to help us deepen in our love for her Son and to lead others to the joy of friendship with Him.

#### 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 16<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. Please contact the Parish Office if you wish to become a member in the draw.

#### [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 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

### Praying for those who have died...

#### [Recently Deceased](#)

Michael Coppinger, Adelphi Quay and formerly of Marymount

#### [Anniversaries](#)

Deceased members of the Shelley & Tyler Families

(Slieverue – Sat. 6pm)

Rosemary O'Brien (née McKiernan)  
(Ferrybank – Sat. 7.30pm)

Billy Hearne  
(Ferrybank – Sat. 7.30pm)

Lil Deasy and deceased members of the Deasy Family, Belmont Rd.  
(Slieverue – Sun. 10.30am)

Milo Cooke and his son  
Fintan Cooke  
(Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Anne Knox and her sister  
Bridget Foran  
(Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Eileen Quealy  
(Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Edward, Anne, Patrick &  
Raymond Freyne  
(Ferrybank – Wed. 10am)

Robert, Anastasia & Daniel Lanigan  
(Ferrybank – Thurs. 10am)

Richard Rockett (Snr.) and his wife Katie  
Rockett & Ellen Rockett and her son Aidan  
Rockett  
(Slieverue – Fri. 10am)

Deceased members of the Atkins family  
Nicholastown, Fitzpatrick family

Ballyvalla  
Ned Hartley, Slieverue (30<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)

Mary & Martin Roche  
Ann Ryan

The Murphy Family

Kay Cunningham

The Butler Family

Myles Forristal

*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**

## 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 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 a daily Mass goer you might consider staying at home at the weekends to make space for others.

## Symptoms mean staying at Home

If you are feeling unwell or have any flu like symptoms 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 to the designated area for your own safety and that of others.

## Church Capacity

Church capacity is 50 people. Please understand when the church has reached capacity no further persons will be admitted.

## Face Masks

The wearing of the face masks is now compulsory in Church. Face shields are now deemed not to be sufficient by health authorities.

## 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

## 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

Secure Boxes will be available in our Churches for you to make a contribution. Donations can also be made online.

We deeply appreciate your generosity.

## Baptisms, Weddings & Funerals

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

Baptisms are restricted to five people per family.

All Baptisms including those celebrated by a visiting priest are to be booked through the Parish Office and registered in the Parish of Baptism. Baptisms & other Sacraments celebrated by visiting priests are subject to parish guidelines and Covid guidelines. Dates & Times of Baptisms are available from the Parish Office.

## 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 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December

Saturday 7.30pm Brid Mallon

Sunday 9.30am Mary Griffin

Sunday 11.30am Brid Fetton

## Slieverue Ministers of the Eucharist – 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December

Saturday 6.00pm – Alice Walsh

Sunday 10.30am – Declan Power

## Slieverue Ministers of the Word – 12<sup>th</sup> & 13<sup>th</sup> December

Saturday 6.00pm – Michael Shalloo

Sunday 10.30am – Paddy Drennan

## Weekly Church Collections 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> November, 2020

Ferrybank Envelopes €681.00/Standing Orders Nov. €493.00

Slieverue Envelopes €395.00

Many thanks to all who have contributed weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order in support of 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.

## 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)

## 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**.

## 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.

## Deise Draw

Ferrybank GAA Club had two winners in the 5<sup>th</sup> Deise Draw 2020 which took place last week. Keven Kehoe of Bishopsgrove won €250 and the same amount went to Billy Maley, c/o Pat O'Meara. Also co-ordinator prize went to Nicky Heffernan. The last draw will take place on Friday December 18<sup>th</sup> and will include a hamper for the Ferrybank members of the draw.