

Parishes of Ferrybank & Slieverue

Newsletter 31st January 2021 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mass schedule



Weekends

Saturday Evening 6 pm - Vigil Mass from Slieverue
Sunday 11.30am - Sunday Mass from Ferrybank

Daily Mass

Monday - Thursday - 10 am Mass from Ferrybank
Friday - 10 am Mass from Slieverue

Opportunities for Private Prayer (also via webcam)

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 from 2.30pm to 3.30pm

St. Brigid - 1st February



This Monday we celebrate St. Brigid, second patron of Ireland whose feast day marks the beginning of Spring, the season of light and growth. Brigid was renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. Sadly, this year it is not possible to make St. Brigid's Crosses available.

To celebrate this feast at home why not place something that reminds you of Spring and new life on the table during meal times e.g. a flower - snow drop or daffodil etc which are already making headway & say the following prayer with your family

Prayer to Saint Brigid

You were a woman of peace. You brought harmony where there was conflict. You brought light to the dark places. You brought hope to the downcast. May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious, and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts our homes and in our world. Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made. Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary. Strengthen what is weak within us. Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens. May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen

The Presentation of the Lord



Tuesday, 2nd February, the feast of Jesus in the temple or Candlemas. Candles for both use in the Church and at home will be blessed at Mass on Tuesday morning. We welcome the donation of candles or financial contributions for the purchase of candles for use in the Church and these are always very welcome.

To celebrate feast at home why not light a candle during your meal times whether on your own or with family & say the following prayer ...

Lord Jesus, You are the Light of the world: we praise You, and ask You to guide our steps each day. Help us to love You and serve You faithfully, and to carry our daily cross with You. Let this lighted candle always remind us that You are our Light in darkness, our Protector in danger, and our saving Lord at all times. Lord Jesus, we praise You and give You glory, for You are Lord for ever and ever. Amen.



Remembering those who have died...

Recently Deceased

Joseph (Joe) Condon, Silverwood

Ellen Reidy (née Gleeson)
Hennessy's Road & Sallypark

Anniversaries

Pakie & Stasia Doyle, Carriganurra &

Jimmy Murphy, Waterford

Richard & Catherine Kent,
Ballymountain

Cissie Greene and deceased members of the Greene Family,
Ballyvalla

Nicholas & Alice Haberlin and their daughter Nellie Walsh,
Airmount

Teresa Doyle, Belmont Road
Annie, Jackie & Georgie Martin

Pat & Katty Roche

Richard Treacy

Seamus & Eileen Waters

Ellen Hynes

Kathleen Ryan (née O'Brien)

May & John Dunne

Angela Burns and Tommy Burns

Redmond Power

*Eternal rest grant unto them,
O Lord, and let perpetual
light shine upon them. May
they rest in peace... Amen*

World Day for Consecrated Life

February 2nd also marks the 25th Anniversary of St. John Paul declaring the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple as World Day of prayer for Consecrated Life. We are privileged in this parish to have both women and men who have consecrated their lives to bring the light of Christ into our lives. It is an opportunity for all of us to publicly thank the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary, The Brothers of Charity and The Little Sisters of the Poor and all others in Consecrated life who have chosen to live in our Parish, for their presence and witness to the light of Christ.

The Feast of St. Blaise - 3rd February

This year on Wednesday when we celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise it will not be possible to have the annual Blessing of Throats. A virtual Blessing will take place at our Mass on Wednesday morning.

To celebrate this feast at home you can take two candles make the shape of the cross with them and bless each others throats while saying

Through the intercession of St Blaise Bishop and Martyr may Almighty God protect you from every ailment of the throat and every other disease and evil in the name of the father and of the Son and of the Holy spirit. Amen

Slieverue New Monthly Envelopes for 2021

These are now available in the Church. A sincere word of thanks to the parishioners from the different areas of our parish who collect and distribute these envelopes.

Celebrating Faith

We continue to celebrate our faith with the help of various forms of technology. Our Newsletter, Radio (**103.9fm Ferrybank & 106.8fm Slieverue**), Webcams, Facebook page, & Website will continue to bring all that is happening to your home. If you need assistance please do not hesitate to call us and we will do our best to ensure that you are connected. We would ask our young people to help more mature members of your families to access the various media formats. If you would like a newsletter delivered let us know and our Pastoral Councils will assist.

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 11.30 am - 4 pm & in Slieverue on Wednesday evenings from 2.30 pm - 3.30 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.

Funerals

10 people are allowed to attend funerals in accordance with Government guidelines. We ask people to strictly adhere to this number and to continue with social distancing to safeguard ourselves and one another. Please use hand sanitiser before entering the church.

Weekly Church Collections 23rd & 24th January 2021

Ferrybank Envelopes €339/Offertory Donation €50.00
Many thanks to all who have continued to support the parish and the priests.

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.

Thanks to all who have contributed already via our online Donate facility. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Parish Office

The Parish Office is closed to visitors at this time but if we can help you with anything, please contact us on the phone on 051-830813 or email: ferrybank@ossory.ie
slieverue@ossory.ie

Ferrybank Pastoral Council Members

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 Members

Padraig Byrne, Maria Condon, 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**

ALONE - 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. 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.



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