Ferrybank & Slieverue Parishes

Newsletter 18th April 2021 Third Sunday of Easter

Mass Schedule <u>Weekends</u> Saturday Evening 6.00 pm Vigil Mass from *Slieverue* & Sunday - 11.30am from *Ferrybank* <u>Daily Mass</u> Monday to Thursday – 10.00 am Mass from *Ferrybank* & Friday - 10.00am from *Slieverue* Opportunities for Private Prayer (also via webcam) <u>Eucharistic Adoration</u> every Friday in Ferrybank from 11.30am to 4pm (except on the occasion of a funeral) <u>Private Prayer - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament</u> every Wednesday in Slieverue Church from 2.30pm – 3.30pm



Recently Deceased John Cummins, Newrath

Rosemary Norris (née Heylin), The Orchard, Inner Ring Road, Waterford and formerly of Belmont Road

Anniversaries

Bridget & James Mylett, 4 Slieverue Margaret & Dick Ryan, Ballinamona Breda McGee, Drumdowney Jimmy Searson (1st Anniv.) Bridie Fleming

Pat & Minnie Sullivan and the McLoughlin, Barnes & Allen Families

Margaret Doyle Mary Revilles (née O'Reilly) Peadar Ahearne

May they rest in peace ...

They have gone no further from us than to God, and God is very near ...



Contact Information Very Rev. Kieran O'Shea P.P. Tel. 051-832787/051-830813 Website www.ferrybankslieverueparis hs.ie www.ossory.ie Ferrybank/Slieverue Parish Office Tel. 051-830813 Mon. -Fri. 10am to 1pm Ms. Marie Cashin Ms. Angela O'Brien

GOSPEL A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Lk 24:35-48

The disciples told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread. They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they could not believe it, and they stood dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes. Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms, has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'

The Gospel of the Lord

Funerals/Baptism

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. Individual Baptisms can take place with a maximum of five people attending. Contact the Parish Office for details.

Sick and Housebound

It is not possible to visit the sick regularly at home or in hospital. If you would like Fr. Kieran to be aware of a family member who is sick please contact him directly or via the parish office. Otherwise he may not know and only information from families can be acted upon. Please see our special leaflet available in our Churches and on our website in relation to ministry of the sick. Those who are seriously ill or family members of someone nearing death who wish to receive the sacraments can still contact Fr. Kieran or the Parish Office to organise a pastoral visit in a safe way. You are encouraged to d o this as soon as possible when someone becomes sick so it is not left until the last minute as a priest may not be available at a few minutes notice. We continue to remember in our prayers at this time all our sick.

National Synod

The Bishops want to know: What would be your preferred option for engagement in a conversation process about a national synod? The Irish Catholic Bishops announced at their Winter 2020 meeting a new Synodal Pathway for the Catholic Church in Ireland, leading to the holding of a National Synodal Assembly within the next five years. Before embarking on an initial two year phase of consultation, bishops are inviting submissions between Easter (5 April) and Pentecost (23 May), 2021 to reflect on what methods/models would be best to adopt in these coming two years of conversations. For example: focus groups, parish hall meetings, questionnaires, deep-listening sessions; written submissions; family-focused gatherings; summary of findings of assemblies that have already taken place across dioceses; and/or conferences. Parish teams, parish pastoral councils and other parish groups, as well as individual parishioners can make their submissions, in not more than 300 words, via the Bishops Conference webpage: https://www.catholicbishops.ie/synod/submissions/



Vocations to the Priesthood

"Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so am I sending you." Is Jesus trying to send you to proclaim his truth and peace as a priest, sister or brother? Speak to your local priest or Diocesan Vocations Director, or email the National Vocations Office: email: info@vocations.ie

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.

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 6pm & Masses booked for Ferrybank will be offered at 11.30 am.

Weekly Church Collections 10th & 11th April 2021

<u>Ferrybank</u> Envelopes €631.00/Offertory Donations €70.00 <u>Slieverue</u> Envelopes €215.00/Diocesan Charities €30.00/Trócaire €60.00 Many thanks to all for your continued support.

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.

Safeguarding Our Children

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are **Ferrybank** - Breda Freyne & Jerry Hughes **Slieverue** - Mary Kenny. If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact:- **Diocesan Designated Liaison Person** – <u>Mr Cathal</u> Cullen, Tel. 087 100 0232. email <u>dlp@ossory.ie</u>

Ferrybank Pastoral Council Members

Sr Patsy Butler, Jacinta Byrne, John Cummins, Bríd 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 & Síle Grant

Parish Office

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

Ossory Times

The Easter edition of the Ossory Times is available. It is a reminder of the life of faith that continues in our parishes in these months. Please take a copy. Online copies are available at www.ossory.ie

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Diocesan Draw

The Diocesan Draw did not take place in March and it is hoped to have the next draw at the end of April – subject to Government guidelines.

Trócaire Boxes

Very many thanks to all who have returned Trócaire Boxes and for supporting communities in the world's poorest regions to live with independence and dignity. Trócaire boxes can be left into the Parish Office over the coming weeks. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Contact Details for Help Agencies

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The helpline number is 051-350 725 or Unit 3, Six Cross Roads Business Park, Waterford.

Samaritans

We Are Here for You Every hour, every day, a Samaritan is waiting to answer your call. Please don't suffer in silence. We are here today, and always, on freephone 116 123 or email jo@samaritans.ie.

Age Action

Age Action is offering five hours tutoring, by telephone, to anyone who needs support using their smart device or laptop. For more information, please call 01 475 6989 or email gettingstarted@ageaction.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. Open from 8.00am - 8.00pm; call 0818 222 024.

Accord

Call the couples and relationships support line on 01 531 3331, staffed by counsellors Monday to Friday, 9.00am to 8.00pm. Counselling is also available to anyone wanting to talk through a relationship difficulty. Visit the accord.ie website to check for a convenient location and arrange a face to face appointment.

Bereavement Support

Kilkenny Bereavement Support is a voluntary organisation that offers a free listening service to bereaved people of all ages. Because of Covid-19 we are not able to offer face to face meetings. At the moment, we support the bereaved by phone or by Zoom. For appointment: phone 056 775 6538 or email <u>director@kilkennybereavementsupport.com</u>.