

# Ferrybank & Slieverue Parishes



Newsletter 16th May 2021

The Ascension of the Lord

World Communications Day

## Welcome back!

You are all very welcome back to Mass in Ferrybank and Slieverue. It is great to see you all again in the flesh! This is a time of new beginnings as we emerge like the disciples of Jesus after the resurrection to publicly witness to Christ especially through our celebration of the Eucharist. The Eucharist should never be understood as a magic event or a weekly top up like topping up our phone or a drug that gives us a spiritual high for a while. No! The Eucharist is a celebration of thanksgiving for the life giving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ and it is a celebration of the faith that we already live Monday to Saturday. When I know my need of God in my weakness, when I forgive others as God in his mercy forgives me, when I put God's Word into action in my daily life, when I use my gifts and talents in a generous way and celebrate the giftedness of others, when I allow myself to be broken and shared for others then gathering with my sisters and brothers in the faith community on a Saturday evening or Sunday morning makes sense.

At this time of new beginnings it is also a time to reflect on the needs of our parish faith communities and to encourage everyone to become involved. We are always in need of new blood!

If you feel called to be involved in your parish as a reader or Eucharistic minister, or as part of some other ministry then don't be shy and let us know. Speaking of such things an online course will begin for the parishes of our pastoral area on Pentecost Sunday. 'Pathways to Ministry' is a course for those already involved in our parishes and those who would like to explore being more involved in the faith life of the church community. Why not give it a go! You will see details below and on our facebook page and website, Flyers are also available at the entrance to the church.

You will also see an important notice regarding ministry to the sick and finally don't forget our Novena to the Holy Spirit in preparation for Pentecost. Let us pray that the Spirit will guide us and renew us in enthusiasm for living the message of Jesus, the Joy of the Gospel.

*Fr Kieran*

## ALL MASSES AND SERVICES WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIVE STREAMED ON OUR PARISH WEBCAMS AND AVAILABLE ON PARISH RADIO

## Lets keep each other safe and abide by some simple measures when coming to church...

- If you are sick stay at home
- Wear a face mask, this applies whether you are vaccinated or not.
- Sanitise your hands on entering and leaving
- Follow the advice and directions of the ushers,
- When the church has reached capacity of 50 or pod capacity admission will not be possible.
- Directions for the reception of the Eucharist will be given during Mass
- The Eucharist can only be received in the hand
- Please leave the Church without gathering in small groups inside.

- Collection boxes will be available at the entrance of the Church

## Holy Spirit Novena in preparation for Pentecost

The Novena will commence on Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup> in Slieverue Church moving to Ferrybank Church every third evening with Prayer, Music, Rosary, Daily Scriptures, and reflections in the Presence of the Blessed Sacrament each evening.

Time 7.30pm to 8.30pm each evening up to Saturday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>

Petitions can be placed in the box before the Altar in both Churches

On **Pentecost Sunday** Fr. Tom Norris of St. Canice's Parish, Kilkenny will join us for an afternoon of prayer in Slieverue Church from 2pm to 4pm. All of the above will also be live-streamed on parish webcams & available on parish radio.

See flyers in Churches and on our facebook page and parish website for more information.



## Remembering those who have died ...

### Recently Deceased

Martin Maddock, Hewitsland/Bullawn,  
New Ross/formerly Slieverue C.E. Scheme

### Month's Mind

John Cummins, Newrath  
(Ferrybank -Thurs. 10am)

### Anniversaries

Paddy & Kitty Meagher, 7 Slieverue

William (Billy) Irish, Slieverue  
(Slieverue – Sat. 6pm)

Catherine (Kitty) O'Neill  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
(Ferrybank – Sat. 7pm)

Patrick (Paddy) Buggy  
(Ferrybank – Sat. 7pm)

Ellen Rocket (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.) and her  
Granddaughter Emma Coen, New York  
(5<sup>th</sup> Anniv.)  
(Slieverue – Sun. 10.30am)

Mary O'Mahony Brady  
(Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Michael Bohill  
(Ferrybank – Mon. 10am)

Peter Hennessy and his daughter  
Ann Mullane  
(Ferrybank – Tues. 10am)

Donor's Intentions  
(Ferrybank - Wed. 10am)

Hannah & Michael Sinnott and their son  
Michael and James Nolan, Atymore,  
Slieverue

May Doherty, Ballyrobin  
William & Ellen Walsh, Kilmurry  
Patricia (Patsy) O'Donohoe  
Babs Gleeson  
Phylis McMahon

May they rest in peace



We welcome into the Christian Community ...  
**Elizabeth Grace Antoinette Crawford &  
Alfie John Dollard**  
who were baptised recently in our parish.

## Marian Pilgrimages

Marian Pilgrimages have released their pilgrimage schedule for 2021 & 2022 to Lourdes, Medjugorje, Fatima, Italy & Holy Land. For more information or to register **your interest please visit [www.marian.ie](http://www.marian.ie)** or ring Marian Pilgrimages on (01) 878 8159

## Resuming Visitation of the sick and housebound

As restrictions ease the following will apply until further notice in relation to visitation of the sick

**Those sick at home or who are no longer able to come to Mass.**

Firstly ask the sick person if they would like to be visited by the priest and receive the Sacraments. **If they consent then contact the Parish Office to arrange a visit. Please give name and address of the person to be visited along with eircode.** After the first visit the person can be placed on the monthly visitation list if they so wish.

In the old days there was a tendency to call the priest at the last minute to anoint the person before death. This is no longer our understanding of the celebration of the Sacraments for the sick & dying. **When a person becomes ill, receives a serious diagnosis or because of frailty is no longer able to attend Mass that is the time to contact the priest so that they can be strengthened by the Sacraments and prayer of the Church community.** It should also be remembered that because of the many commitments of priests today there is no guarantee that they can be available at a minutes notice. The rule of thumb is - DO NOT LEAVE IT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

**Those in hospital**

At the moment it is not possible to visit those in hospital. A chaplain is available at all times to administer the Sacraments. Nonetheless Fr Kieran would appreciate if you would tell him if your loved ones are in hospital so that they can be added to our prayer list.

**Those in nursing homes.**

If you have a loved one in a nursing home who would like a pastoral visit please inform the parish office so that it can be arranged with the nursing home and family.

**In all cases...**

Please be aware that Fr Kieran can only visit the sick having received a request from the family himself or via the parish office & not on second hand information from others. This is in line with GDPR regulations now in force.

More detailed information on Pastoral care of the Sick can be found in our leaflet on care of the sick available in our churches and on our website.

## 'Pathways to Ministry' - A short online course for people involved in ministry in our Parish & to encourage future participation



We are blessed in Ferrybank & Slieverue to have so many people who give their time and energy to serve the faith community in a variety of ministries and roles. All of God's people are invited by virtue of their

Baptism to be co responsible for their local church. A pathway to ministry for all the Baptised has opened up in recent times and the Holy Spirt is anxious for us to travel it! That makes it all the more important to offer opportunities for reflection and nourishment of faith to all who currently serve and as a means of encouragement to many more of you to become involved. To this end a short course has been developed for people already involved in ministry in our Pastoral Area of Glenmore, Ferrybank, Rosbercon, and Slieverue and for those of you who might like to offer your services in the future and by doing so increase the possibilities for outreach to God's people in our parishes.

When we hear of such courses it is normal for some questions to arise! Is it for me? What qualifications do I need? Where do I have to go? How much time will it take?

This is where the good news begins! The only qualification needed is a willingness to explore your faith and the possibility of ministry a little bit more. You don't have to go anywhere! The course can be done online at home, all you need is your computer! Over three to four weeks you will be invited to complete four video modules giving around 1 1/2 hours per week. The topics explored include Liturgy, prayer, Scripture, and Spirituality. Participants will be expected to undertake the course between Pentecost Sunday and the feast of Ss Peter & Paul 29th June. A certificate will be presented to all who successfully complete all modules by bishop Denis Nulty our Apostolic Administrator. To register please contact the Parish Office before Friday 21st May. Once registered full details will be forwarded to you. Please take an information leaflet with you from the Church & see details on our Facebook page and Website.

## First Communion & Confirmation

Recently a notice was sent to the parents of all children registered with our parishes for First Communion & Confirmation. The recent Government announcement which did relax some restrictions does not permit Communions or Confirmations to go ahead during the month of May or June. (You can check out the current government advice on [Gov.ie](http://Gov.ie)).

This is very frustrating and disappointing for families but the advice is clear and we have to be conscious of the need for caution. At the moment it would be very unfair and only cause further confusion to suggest new dates for First Confession, First Communion and Confirmation and then to have to change them again. It is better for now that we keep the situation under review and hopefully before too long we will have better news.

## Baptisms

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

## Lourdes Mass

"To mark those days when our diocese would be on pilgrimage in Lourdes May 22-27 Bishop Denis Nulty will celebrate a Lourdes themed Mass on Saturday May 22 at 6.00 pm in St. Senan's Parish Church Kilmacow. The mass will be live streamed and can be

accessed through the parish of Kilmacow website [www.Kilmacowparish.com](http://www.Kilmacowparish.com)

Suffering and sickness has been to the fore throughout the world for almost eighteen months. It is proper that we should turn to Our Lady of Lourdes for help in the present circumstances, as many have done in the past and hopefully will have the opportunity to do so in the future."



## Parish Office Open to the Public: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May

If you have any symptoms of Covid stay at home – phone or email instead. Phone, email and collect system will still operate. On arrival at the Parish Office -sanitise – wait – enter – conduct business – sanitise - leave

## 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 – Mr Cathal Cullen**, Tel. 087 100 0232. email [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

### Ferrybank Pastoral Council

Sr Patsy Butler, Jacinta Byrne, 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

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

## The Priory Institute – Online Theology Open Day

Online Theology Open Day, is this for you? The Priory Institute provides online Theology courses to degree level. Attend Saturday lectures in Tallaght or from the comfort of your own home. Click [here](http://here) to find out more about our Online Open Day on 12 June. Tel: +353 (0)86 8510769 [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)

**Weekly Church Collections 8<sup>th</sup> & 9th May 2021 – Many thanks to all for your continued support!**

Ferrybank Envelopes €732.50 Slieverue Envelopes €120.00/Special Ed. €20.00.