

Ferrybank & Slieverue Parishes

Newsletter 23rd May 2021 Pentecost Sunday

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass Monday to Thursday – 10.00 am Mass from *Ferrybank* & Friday - 10.00am from *Slieverue*

Saturday Vigil 6pm *Slieverue* and 7pm *Ferrybank*
(please note Saturday evening change of time in *Ferrybank*)

Sunday

9.30am in *Ferrybank* 10.30am in *Slieverue* 11.30am in *Ferrybank*

Eucharistic Adoration every Friday in *Ferrybank* from 11.30am to 4pm
(except on the occasion of a funeral)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every Wednesday in *Slieverue* Church from 2.30pm – 3.30pm



This Sunday we celebrate the feast of Pentecost. Jesus had already poured himself out on the Cross and now he pours out his Spirit on his followers to give them strength for the mission ahead. What is that mission? It is to witness to his Resurrection. In other words, the Holy Spirit enables them to act as people who are energised by his risen presence, as people who believe that they are loved by God & who have a mission to proclaim the Good News of God's Love and Mercy to the world.

This is how the Holy Spirit works in us too when the Spirit 'moulds us, fills us, uses us' as the words of the hymn go. We have all received the Holy Spirit at Baptism and Confirmation. Do you Remember the gifts of the Holy Spirit? There's a project for you - try and remember the gifts of the Spirit and if you can't look them up! What we do with these gifts is the important thing. God never forces himself on us, he invites us to unwrap the gifts he has given so that our lives too will witness to the fact that Jesus is alive. When we do so we are transformed, our lives have new meaning, the quality of our lives improves, we discover what our calling in life is. We become agents of the gospel, imitators of Jesus, other Christs in the world.

It is wonderful to see the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of so many people in our parishes, in the church and the world. This pentecost let us ask for the grace from the Father and from Jesus to unwrap the gifts of the Spirit so that our lives will be a living witness to the risen Lord. Send forth your Spirit O Lord and renew our lives, renew our families, our homes, our schools, our workplaces, our sports & leisure activities, our parishes, renew every facet of society, renew our country, renew the face of the earth.

Please join in the final session of the Novena to the Holy Spirit this Pentecost Sunday between 2 & 4 pm. See details below

Well over twenty people from our Pastoral area have expressed an interest in participating in the 'Pathways to Ministry' Course which begins shortly. This is a great sign of hope and encouragement that people are interested in knowing more about their faith and their church and willing to explore the possibilities of ministry going forward. - Fr Kieran

Ferrybank Pastoral Council

Ferrybank Pastoral council met during the week and among the topics discussed were the recommencement of public worship, plans to relocate our Baptism font to provide more access for families, the present advice regarding the celebration of First Communion & Confirmation, upkeep of our cemetery, news from our pastoral area and southern deanery, praying for young people doing exams & the pathways to ministry course.

Slieverue Pastoral Council

The Slieverue Pastoral Council meeting was postponed due to the ongoing Novena. Next meeting in June

New Petition Boxes

New petition boxes are available in Ferrybank and Slieverue Churches. You can place your petitions and intentions in the boxes and they will be remembered during our Masses and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament each week.

Note for Cantors & Musicians in Church

The Advisory Committee on Church Music with the National Centre for Liturgy will host a *Conversation on Zoom* for Cantors and their Accompanists on Wednesday, 16 June 2021 from 7.30pm – 8.30pm. The conversation is titled *Keeping the Song Alive – Celebrating and Supporting the Work of Cantors in our Church*. The brochure can be found on our parish website & contains the link for the **Registration** of each participant. When the participant registers, he or she will then, in due course, receive by email, the link to be admitted to the Zoom conversation. The Advisory Committee on Church Music looks forward to meeting the Cantors and their Accompanists from around the country and opening up the conversation of how to move forward in song within this pandemic and beyond.

Holy Spirit Novena in preparation for Pentecost

The Holy Spirit Novena concludes today, Pentecost Sunday with Fr. Tom Norris of St. Canice's Parish, Kilkenny who joins us for an afternoon of prayer in Slieverue Church from 2pm to 4pm. Live-streamed on parish webcams & available on parish radio.

Remembering those who have died ...

Recently Deceased

Billy Ivory, Crooke
Carmina Aguera, London

Month's Mind

Ann Kennington (née Tyler), Piltown
and formerly Airmount, Slieverue
(Slieverue – Sun. 10.30am)

Anniversaries

James Hartley, Kilmurry

Edward (Eddie) Hartley

(Slieverue – Sat. 6pm)

Finbarr Hickey, Milepost

Mary, Larry, Ruth & Derek Howard
(Anniv.)

(Ferrybank – Sun. 9.30am)

Margaret (Peggy) Davin
(Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

William (Billy) Hoban
(Ferrybank - Sun. 11.30am)

Tommy Darmody
(Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Thomas Purcell and his sons
Seán & Tommy Purcell
(Ferrybank – Tues. 10am)

Jim O'Donoghue



May they rest in peace

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created. And you shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy Spirit we may truly be wise and ever enjoy His Consolations, through Christ Our Lord.

Amen

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

Ferrybank 103.9 fm/Slieverue 106.8 fm

**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

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.

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). 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.

Parish Office Open to the Public

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

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

Diocesan Draw will take place on Wednesday, 26th May 2021. There will be five draws held on that night, i.e. the draw for January, February, March, April and May. The first draw will start at the earlier time of **7.00 pm.**

Ferrybank - Ministers of the Eucharist

May 2021

Saturday Vigil Mass 7.00pm

Maura Moore & Elaine Searson

Sunday 9.30am

Bride Doyle & Susan Freeman

Sunday 11.30am

Margaret Hughes & Paul Lyons

Ministers of the Word

Sat. 29th & Sun. 30th May, 2021.

Saturday 7.00pm Yvette Purdue

Sunday 9.30am Cléir Tierney

Sunday 11.30am Moira Meaney

Slieverue - Ministers of the Eucharist

29th & 30th May 2021

Saturday Vigil Mass 6.00pm

Keira Doyle

Sunday 10.30am Patricia Drennan

New Rotas available for Collection in the Sacristy. Thank You.

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

Ferrybank Pastoral Council

Sr Patsy Butler, Jacinta Byrne,

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

Padraig Byrne, Maria Condon,

Keira Doyle,

Jerry Forrest, Síle Grant,

Breda Lynch (Chairperson),

Tom O' Dwyer, Kieran O'Shea,

Martin Quilty (Secretary),

Michael Shalloe,

Maria Tobin & Mary Walsh.

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Ms. Marie Cashin

Ms. Angela O'Brien

Weekly Church Collections 15th & 16th May 2021

Ferrybank Envelopes €2,044.50/Offertory €276.00

Slieverue Envelopes € 750.00/Offertory €446.00

Diocesan Collections € 140.00/Total Trócaire €1,862.00

Many thanks to all for your continued support!