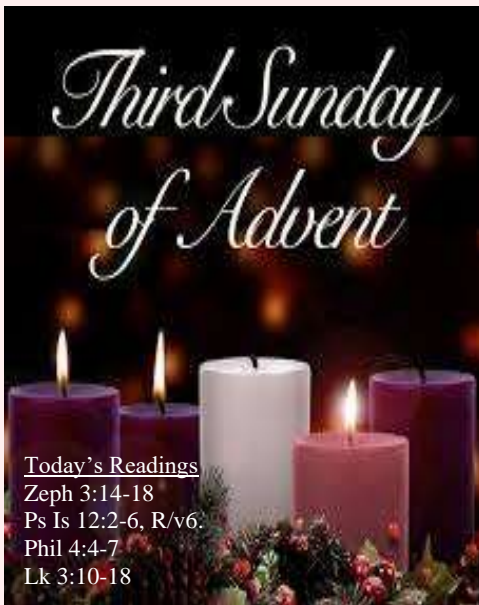


Ferrybank & Slieverue Parishes

12th December 2021

Third Sunday of Advent

Gaudete Sunday



Today's Readings

Zeph 3:14-18
Ps Is 12:2-6, R/v6.
Phil 4:4-7
Lk 3:10-18

MASS SCHEDULE

Daily Mass

Monday to Thursday 10am Mass – Ferrybank
Friday - 10.00am – Slieverue

Saturday Vigil 6pm Slieverue &
7pm Ferrybank

Sunday 9.30am in Ferrybank
10.30am in Slieverue
11.30am in Ferrybank

Eucharistic Adoration Ferrybank New Time
Wednesday 6.30 pm – 7.30 pm
Eucharistic Adoration Slieverue Every
Wednesday from 2.30pm – 3.30pm

All our Masses and Services are live streamed on our Parish
Webcams and are also available on our Parish Radio
Ferrybank 103.9fm Slieverue 106.8fm

Remembering those
who have died ...



Anniversaries

Ned Hartley
(Slieverue – Sat. 6pm)

Oisín Ryan
(Ferrybank – Sat. 7pm)

Phylis Grant
(Ferrybank – Sat. 7pm)

Seán Wallace
(Ferrybank – Sat. 7pm)

Jim Irish
(Ferrybank – Sun. 9.30am)

Joe Bolger
(Ferrybank – Sun. 9.30am)

**10.30am Michael O'Neill,
Drumdowney**
(Slieverue – Sun. 10.30am)

**Richard & Kate Rockett,
Milepost
& their Grandson
Aidan Rockett, Airmount**
(Slieverue – Sun. 10.30am)

Eileen Quealy
(Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Ted Murphy
(Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

James & Maureen Heery
(Ferrybank – Mon. 10am)

Rosie Sherwood
(Ferrybank – Tues. 10am)

Dick, Stasia & Fr. Pat Wall
(Slieverue – Fri. 10am)

Elizabeth O'Brien, Killaspy

Nellie Maher, Newrath

Esther Carew

Dolores Finnegan

Al Casey (40th Anniv.)

May they rest in peace

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve

Ferrybank

5.30 pm Family Mass- young families i.e. parents with children only.
Bethlehem stars will be required & entry to the Mass can be booked
through the Parish Office.

Limited Numbers & Covid protocols will apply

8 pm - Vigil Mass - no booking required



Slieverue

4 pm Family Mass- young families i.e. parents with children only.
Bethlehem stars will be required & entry to the Mass can be booked through the Parish Office.
Limited Numbers & Covid protocols will apply

7 pm - Vigil Mass - no booking required

Christmas Day

Ferrybank Masses 9.30 am, 11.30 am - no booking required

Slieverue Mass 10.30 am - no booking required

St Stephen's Day

Ferrybank 9.30 am, 11.30 am

Slieverue 10.30am

New Crib

During the week our new Crib began to take shape in Ferrybank Church. A little different than our traditional Crib the new design represents a cave which mirrors the traditional location of the birth of Jesus below the Church of the nativity in Bethlehem. We entrusted Paul Barry with the task of coming up with the new design and the general consensus is that Paul has done a great job on this new representation of the Nativity for the Church. We hope it will enrich our celebration of Christmas as a time of faith and thanksgiving for the coming of Christ among us.

Church Cleanup!

Volunteers are required for a general cleaning of our churches for Christmas on Tuesday 14th December at 7 pm in Ferrybank Church and in Slieverue on Thursday 16th December at 7 pm
Equal opportunities for all!

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) for Christmas

The Sacrament of Reconciliation is always available after daily Mass and will also be celebrated next weekend after all our Masses in both parishes.

Ushers

Ushers have played a very important role in our Churches during the Covid Pandemic and their assistance has proved invaluable. We thank them for their time and commitment every weekend and on special occasions. At this stage we would like to recruit more volunteers to assist especially during the Christmas season. if you would like to join our Usher teams please contact the parish office for further information.

Reflection for young People Burning Questions Gospel Advent Sunday 3

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'If anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master, what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!' A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

Luke 3:10-18

What must I do in this situation or that? What must I do with my life? What must I do to deal with this issue or problem? What must I do to correct that mistake? What must I do to accept myself and others as I am and as they are? What must I do to be a good human being? What must I do to fulfil God's dream for me? What must I do to find peace and fulfilment?

These are the burning questions all of us grapple with. Who do we share these questions with?

As a general rule only ask questions like these of people who admit they don't have all the answers. Above all avoid those who claim that they are the answer to your questions. John the Baptist fielded their questions. He showed them how to prepare to recognise the Answer when he arrived. He was that point between question and answer, the one who allowed himself to be a space for them to ask and for the Answer to respond.

Questions for you

What are the big questions for you? Who creates a space for you to explore your questions?

Do you expect them to have all the answers? Are you comfortable with uncertainty & living with the big questions?

If the above questions strike a chord with you & you would like to explore them further why not join us for a series of zoom meetings on Saturday 18th December from 10 am - 11 am. Simply drop an email with your name and parish to vocations@ossory.ie and we will send you the link. On Saturday 18th December the topic will be...Living with the Questions

See our facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/Vocations-Ossory-109568687936204> or follow us on twitter @vocossory

Weekly Church Collections

Slieverue 4th & 5th December 2021

Envelopes €517.50/Offertory €226/Oct. Standing Orders & Onlin €111.64/ Holy Day €50.95/Retired Priests €70

Ferrybank 4th & 5th December 2021

Envelopes €737/Offertory €243/Total Standing Orders Nov. €498
Many thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly & yearly and to those who donate online and by Standing Order. Your support is very much appreciated!

Slieverue - Ministers of the Eucharist 18th & 19th December 2021

Sat. Vigil Mass 6.00pm – Alice Irish
Sunday 10.30am – Eileen O'Donovan

Ferrybank - Ministers of the Eucharist Dec. 2021

Saturday Vigil 7.00pm Mary White & Angela O'Brien
Sunday 9.30am Margaret O'Driscoll & Eileen Fitzpatrick
Sunday 11.30am Maria Ronan & Eileen Long

Ferrybank -Ministers of the Word 11th & 12th December 2021

Saturday 7.00pm Sr. Patsy Butler
Sunday 9.30am Catherine Howard
Sunday 11.30am Mary Walsh

Visitation of the Sick and Housebound

If you are sick and unable to come out to Mass or if you have a family member who would like to receive Holy Communion at home please contact the Parish Office & Fr Kieran will put them on the monthly visitation list. Please remember visitation can only take place following a request from the person themselves or a family member.

Safeguarding our Children

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are

Ferrybank - Breda Freyne & Jerry Hughes

Slieverue - Mary Kenny.

Ms.Kathleen Sherry is the **Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and Designated Liaison Person**. Telephone: 085 802 1633
Email: safeguarding@ossory.ie

Slieverue Pastoral Council

Padraig Byrne, Maria Condon, Keira Doyle, Jerry Forrest, SileGrant, Breda Lynch (Chairperson), Tom O' Dwyer, Kieran O'hea, Martin Quilty (Secretary), Michael Shalloe, Maria Tobin & Mary Walsh.

Southern Deanery Reps: Keira Doyle & Jerry Forrest

Pastoral Area Reps: Breda Lynch & Sile Grant

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 Reps: Eileen Slattery & Jacinta Byrne

Pastoral Area Reps: Michael O'Brien & Jacinta Byrne

People of the Pages Week 3 We meet John the Baptist

When and where? The People of the Pages series will take place on the Wednesdays of Advent. It will be presented **via Zoom** so no need to stir from the fire. 8pm every Wednesday. It is also planned to live stream it on facebook live.

Who? Fr Kieran will open each session and will need plenty of help so do join in!

Who is it for? Short answer - everyone. All welcome.

You can just join and listen, join and share, ask a question, offer an opinion.

No qualifications required just a desire to grow your faith and understanding a little bit more.

And we will pray. No harm in that! Will be well finished in time for the 9 News!

What do I do next? If you want to join via zoom just email us at ferrybank@ossory.ie / slieverue@ossory.ie & we will send you the link. Look forward to seeing you on Wednesday evening!

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community ...

Everly May Davies, Ella Lucy McGrath, Cealan Lewis Davin Moran Bolger & Harry Jack Hoyne who were baptised recently in The Church of the Sacred Heart, Ferrybank.



Ferrybank/Slieverue Parish Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards with images of Ferrybank & Slieverue Church 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.

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Mon. -Fri. 10am to 1pm Ms. Marie Cashin/Ms. Angela O'Brien