

Ferrybank & Slieverue Parishes

19th December 2021

Fourth Sunday of Advent



Christmas Mass Schedule Ferrybank & Slieverue from 24th December - 9th January



Friday 24th December Christmas Eve - No Morning Mass

Christmas Eve Slieverue 4 pm - ticket only
Ferrybank 5.30 pm - ticket only
Slieverue 7 pm / Ferrybank 8 pm

Saturday 25th December Christmas Day

Ferrybank 9.30am & 11.30am
Slieverue 10.30am

Sunday 26th December - Feast of the Holy Family

Slieverue 10.30am
Ferrybank 11.30am NO 9.30AM IN FERRYBANK

Monday 27th December

Ferrybank & Slieverue 10 am

Tuesday 28th December

Ferrybank & Slieverue 10 am

Wednesday 29th December

Ferrybank & Slieverue 10 am

Thursday 30th December

Ferrybank & Slieverue 10 am

Friday 31st December

Ferrybank & Slieverue 10 am

Saturday 1st January

Solemnity of Mary Mother of God
World Day of Prayer for Peace / New Years Day
Slieverue 6.00pm & Ferrybank 7.00pm

Sunday 2nd January

Ferrybank 9.30am & 11.30am
Slieverue 10.30am

Monday 3rd January Ferrybank 10 am

Tuesday 4th January Ferrybank 10 am

Wednesday 5th January Ferrybank 10 am

Thursday 6th January

Feast of the Epiphany (Holy Day)
Slieverue 10.30 am / Ferrybank 11.30 am

Friday 7th Slieverue 10 am

Saturday 8th January

Slieverue 6.00pm & Ferrybank 7.00pm

Sunday 9th January

Ferrybank 9.30am & 11.30am
Slieverue 10.30am

From Christmas Eve until January 6th a Novena of Masses will be offered for the intentions of those who purchased & received our Christmas Novena Mass Cards & those on our Christmas list of the deceased.

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FROM CHRISTMAS EVE UNTIL TUESDAY 4TH JANUARY & AGAIN ON 6TH JANUARY FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY



Children's Mass

Bethlehem passes (Tickets!) can be collected from the Parish Office from Tuesday 21st December 10 am - 1 pm

PLEASE REMEMBER BOOKING IS STILL ESSENTIAL FOR OUR 4 PM MASS IN SLIEVERUE & OUR 5.30 PM IN FERRYBANK. A LIMITED NUMBER OF TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE.

THERE WILL BE NO ENTRY TO THESE MASSES WITHOUT A TICKET.

ALL OTHER MASSES DO NOT REQUIRE BOOKING

PLEASE UNDERSTAND THAT SOCIAL DISTANCING STILL APPLIES IN OUR CHURCHES AND THIS WILL AFFECT THE NUMBERS WHO MAY ENTER.

Thank You!

Many thanks to all our volunteers who came to help with the *Clean up* of both our Churches during the week. *Many hands make light work!* Our Churches are now looking clean & polished and all ready for Christmas.

A Special Word of Thanks

Many thanks to the Students of Abbey Community College for doing such a wonderful job decorating the Christmas Tree in Ferrybank Church.

People of the Pages Week 4 We meet *Mary*

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!

Diocese of Ossory Advent Carols

On Sunday 19th of December at 6.15pm, thanks to the help of our friends at KCLR96FM, the Dioceses of Ossory and Kildare & Leighlin can come together, via the radio, for a reflection of Advent Carols and prayers, led by our parishes, in the company of Bishop Denis Nulty. Why not join us from the comfort of your own home with your family for this short Advent reflection.

Slieverue Parish Christmas Cards

Last chance to get some of our Christmas Cards with images of Slieverue Church. Contact the Parish Office

Recently Baptised

We welcome into the Christian Community ...
Roisín Irish Chambers who was baptised recently
in The Church of the Assumption, Slieverue.





Remembering those who have died ...

Recently Deceased

Carmel Doyle, Newpark, Ferrybank
Kit Brennan, Farmleigh, Dunmore Rd.
Mary Power, Lwr. Yellow Rd., Waterford

Month's Mind

Philip Fenton

Anniversaries

Kenneth & Wayne Scannell
(Slieverue – Sat. 6pm)

Catherine Grant
(Slieverue – Sat. 6pm)

Jack & Eileen Cantwell
(Ferrybank – Sat. 7pm)

Carmel Kelly
(Ferrybank – Sat. 7pm)

Bridget & David Grant
(Ferrybank – Sat. 7pm)

John, Joe & Rose Bollard
(Ferrybank – Sun. 9.30am)

Ned & Chrissie Conway
(Ferrybank – Saun. 9.30am)

Michael & Mary Fitzgerald and their son
Michael Jnr., Gyles Quay
(Slieverue – Sun. 10.30am)

Tony Cullen, Drumdowney
(Slieverue – Sun. 10.30am)

Brendan Walsh
(Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Dick Hayden
(Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Kathleen Fitzgerald
(Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Lukas Dauksas
(Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Maura Cahill
(Ferrybank – Mon 10am)

Jimmy & Chrissie Farrell and deceased
Family (Ferrybank – Tues. 10am)

Edward, Ann, Patrick & Raymond
Freyne (Ferrybank – Wed. 10am)

Michael Mooney
(Ferrybank – Thurs. 10am)

John Foley (1st Anniv.)
The Hogan Family, Bellevue
Mark Staff

Catherine (Kitty) Darmody
Mary Howard
Kevin Williams

John & Bridget Doherty, Davidstown
Helane Doyle

John & Annie Grace

Michael & Catherine Dowling,
Rathpatrick

May they rest in peace ...

Weekly Church Collections

Slieverue 11th & 12th December 2021

Envelopes €390/Offertory €148.15/Nov. Standing Orders & Online €111.64

Ferrybank 11th & 12th December 2021

Envelopes €817/Offertory €365.50

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

24th, 25th & 26th December 2021

Christmas Eve 7pm Vigil Mass – Jim Doyle/Peter Dunne

Christmas Day 10.30am Eileen O'Donovan

St. Stephen's Day 10.30am – Mary Walsh

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

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, Sile Grant, 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, Kieran O' Shea, Eileen Slattery & Barbara Wells Southern Deanery Reps: Eileen Slattery & Jacinta Byrne
Pastoral Area Reps: Jacinta Byrne

YOUNG PERSONS PRAYER FOR GUIDANCE

Lord may I work with you in a spirit of trust, together building a vision for my life .
Open the doors of my my heart to allow you to come & speak to me. My I take time to connect with you, my self, and others so that the road ahead becomes clearer Help me to be amazed by you & know that you are amazed by me. May I find time to think and explore the bigger questions, always willing to learn about you and how I relate myself and to others. No matter what happens may I imitate you and be an instrument of your Love and Compassion. Give me the generosity of spirit to offer all that I am in the service of my sisters and brothers. Guide me along the right path, showing me how to navigate the course of life and discover my true destination, my true identity, my mission on this earth. Amen

Reflection for Young People Hearts that carry Joy Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

Luke 1:39-44

Mary is the one we look to as the true example of a witness to Jesus Christ. She shows us clearly what is at the heart of a Christian Vocation - a Yes to God's plan for my life which is a Gift to be shared with others. When we say yes to God in a spirit of generosity and look beyond ourselves we are truly carriers of Christ, bearers of the Good News, agents of Gospel care. We sow the seeds of Joy in a world that needs to regain its smile.

Questions for you ?

When you see others in need how do you respond? How can you as a young person bring the Love of God to other in real ways? What are the gifts and talents you have that could bring Joy to others. Could you see yourself giving your life to Christ as a bearer of his of hope and joy to people as priest or religious?