

# Ferrybank & Slieverue Parishes



He said:  
Blessed are you  
who are poor for yours is  
the Kingdom  
of God.

**Newsletter Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

## Today's Readings

**Jer 17:5-8.**

**Ps 1:1-4, 6, R/Ps 39:5.**

**1 Cor 15:12, 16-20.**

**Lk 6:17, 20-26**

## Remembering those who died ...

### Recently Deceased

Teresa Martin (née Revilles), St. Killian's Place

Gretta Murphy (née Kearney), Monmahogue, Tramore  
and formerly of Drumdowney, Slieverue

### Anniversaries

Thomas (Tommy) Cassin (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
(Slieverue – Sat. 6pm)

Carmel Roche, Drumdowney Upper  
(Slieverue – Sat. 6pm)

Antoinette Kavanagh (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
(Ferrybank – Sat. 7pm)

Niall O'Halloran (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
(Ferrybank – Sun. 9.30am)

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

Mick Dillon, Airmount, Slieverue  
(Slieverue – Sun. 10.30am)

Helen Dunphy (Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

John Collins (Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Vincent Martin (Ferrybank – Sun. 11.30am)

Kay Drohan and her parents Brian & Dolly Doyle and  
her niece Breffni Walsh (Ferrybank – Mon. 10am)

Mick Power (Ferrybank – Tues. 10am)

Seán Fenton & Ellen Hurley  
(Ferrybank – Wed. 10am)

Brigid Creaton (Ferrybank – Thurs. 10am)

Hannah & Michael Sinnott, Attymore and their son  
Michael and James Nolan

Jimmie & Maureen Claridge, Glenmore & Michael &  
Bridie Phelan, Waterford

Johanna Foley, Rathpatrick, Slieverue

Ruby O'Keeffe

Seamus & Eileen Waters

Catherine, John & May Doyle, Sallypark

**May they rest in peace ...**

## 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

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*

## Covid 19 Update

The Irish Bishops Conference have asked that to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the vulnerable or anxious members of our congregations we would ...

1. Continue to wear face coverings inside Church buildings
2. Use sanitizer on entry and exit
3. Continue the suspension of a handshake as a sign of peace
4. To receive Holy Communion in the hand
5. Not to restore the use of Holy Water for communal use at the entrance to Church buildings

The Bishops Conference will meet in March to review this situation. Please continue to be respectful of each other & make good use of the 'space' in each seat.

## Meeting of Ministers of the Word

Thank you to all the Ministers of the Word (Readers) from Ferrybank and Slieverue who gathered for a very enjoyable evening in Slieverue Parish Centre on Wednesday evening last to celebrate their ministry by reflecting on God's Word and by talking about some practical points to help us proclaim the Word of God. We are blessed to have so many Ministers of the Word and we are grateful for their time and commitment to the faith community. Again, a big thank you to all who took the time to come along.

## New Boiler in Parish Centre

During the week a new boiler as installed in Ferrybank Parish Centre which will provide more adequate heat for the Centre in the future. It is wonderful to see the Parish Centre once again a hive of activity occupied by two main tenants - a fitness centre operated by Mr Ken Browne with local sports groups in the community availing of the facility which is great to see, and of course Foroige who provide a great service to young people in the community and especially young people in need. This is great progress as an income will now be generated which we can reinvest in the maintenance and continuing development of the Parish Centre giving us more possibilities as a faith community. We hope to recommence some work disrupted by Covid in the near future.

## The Synodal Path



### Synod and Synodality

**Pope Francis wants to hear you – and we do too!**  
**Our Synodal Journey**

You may have heard a lot about synodality recently. Not so long ago our pastoral area council met to discover what synodality is all about and we will be gathering soon again to advance our planning.

The Church in Ireland and throughout the world is on a synodal journey. This is, Pope Francis is clear, not a journey to a particular destination rather it is the journey itself which is our destination. It is a church that walks together, sharing our hopes and fears about faith, a church wherein we listen deeply to each other - that is our goal. It is not the voices of some but the voices of all that truly matter. In doing this we will hear the promptings of the Holy Spirit for the Church today. In the weeks ahead plans will be made for these conversations. We will keep you informed.

**On our Parish website you will see a video outline simply what synodality is all about.**

#### **First Phase (February – March)**

In these months we will create awareness of Synod/synodality throughout the Diocese.

#### **Second Phase Lent (March, April)**

During our "Listening Lent" we will have consultation sessions in all our parishes and Pastoral Areas to ensure that the voices of all in Ossory all are heard.

#### **Third Phase (April, May)**

During Easter the Synod Group will collate all these responses (what has been heard) to share with the bishop and each other.

### **Church Collections**

#### **Slieverue 5th & 6th February 2022**

Envelopes €820/Offertory €300.20/Spec. Ed. €20/Lourdes €45/Candles €30

#### **Ferrybank 5th & 6th February 2022**

Envelopes €968.20/Offertory €397/Standing Orders January €457  
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 19th & 20th February 2022**

Sat. Vigil Mass 6pm – Alice Irish  
Sun. 10.30am – Declan Power

#### **Ferrybank - Ministers of the Word**

Saturday 19th February 7.00pm Yvette Purdue  
Sunday 20th February 9.30am Robert Dunphy  
Sunday 20th February 11.30am Mary Walsh

#### **Ferrybank - Ministers of the Eucharist February 2022**

Saturday Vigil 7.00pm Maura Moore & Elaine Searson  
Sunday 9.30am Bride Doyle & Susan Freeman  
Sunday 11.30am Margaret Hughes & Br. Frank Brennan

#### **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](mailto:safeguarding@ossory.ie)



#### **Happy St. Valentines Day**

We celebrate the Feast of St Valentine on Monday next 14 February. But who was St. Valentine? He was a priest martyred in Rome approx. 1,800 years ago because he blessed couples who were in love. Young men were reluctant to join the Roman Empire Army of Claudius. Claudius placed the blame for this on women. He forbade marriages and marriage engagements. Anybody who opposed him was put to death. Valentine did not agree with this. He was imprisoned and beheaded in Rome in February 270A.D.

In 1835 an Irish Carmelite priest  
Fr. John Spratt visited Rome.

Many came to hear him preaching.

As a reward he received the relics  
of St. Valentine from Pope Gregory XVI

and they are in the Church of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Whitefriar Street, Dublin ever since. Many couples visit his shrine to ask for a blessing on their marriages. St. Paul says: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking." (1 Cor. 13: 4-5)

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### **Gospel Luke 6:17,20-26**

Happy are you who are poor, who are hungry, who weep  
Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon. Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

'How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you,

denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man.

Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

'But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

'Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.'

### **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.

Please take a leaflet from our churches about our ministry to the sick.

### **Celebration of Baptism Ferrybank and Slieverue 2022**

Baptism is celebrated on the second Saturday of the Month in Ferrybank at 4.30 pm and on the third Saturday of the month in Slieverue at 5 pm. Occasionally there may be a change to these dates or times because of other celebrations such as Christmas & Easter, First Communion dates etc.

Ferrybank and Slieverue Parishes reserve the right to change the date or time of the celebration of Baptism. Families will be given adequate notice should this be necessary.

For a full list of dates please see our website

<https://ferrybankslieverueparishes.ie/sacraments/baptism/>

Parents requesting Baptism for their children will be required to attend a pre Baptism Course on the first Tuesday of every month. This may be held in person or online.

### **Recently Baptised**

We welcome into the Christian Community ...

**Daniel Reville, Caoimhe Downey**

**& Pippa Ryan** who were baptised recently in

The Church of the Sacred Heart, Ferrybank.



### **St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Draw**

The annual prize fund is €60,000 and the subscription is €120 per annum or €10 per month. Draw tickets are available at the Parish Office. Your support is very much appreciated. **Be in to win!**

### **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 Fetteson (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 Rep: Jacinta Byrne

**Very Rev. Kieran O'Shea P.P. Tel. 051-830813**

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