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MASS SCHEDULE <u>Saturday 24th December – Christmas Eve</u> Ferrybank Family Mass 5.30pm Slieverue 7.00pm Ferrybank 8.00pm Sunday 25th December - Christmas Day Masses Ferrybank 9.30am Slieverue 10.30am Ferrybank 11.30am Monday 26th December – Feast of St. Stephen Mass at 10.00am Ferrybank Tuesday 27th December - Feast of St. John the Evangelist Mass at 10.00am in Ferrybank Wednesday 28th December – Feast of the Holy Innocents Mass at 10.00am in Ferrybank Thursday 29th December Mass at 10.00am in Ferrybank Friday 30th December - Feast of the Holy Family Mass at 10.00 in Slieverue Saturday 31st December Vigil Mass Slieverue at 6.00pm & Ferrybank 7.00pm Sunday 1st January – New Years Day Masses Solemnity of Mary Mother of God World Day of Prayer for Peace Ferrybank 9.30am Slieverue 10.30am Ferrybank 11.30am Monday 2nd January – Wednesday 4th January Mass at 10.00am Ferrybank Thursday 5th January

Dear Parishioners and Friends

Masses at 10.00am Ferrybank/

Vigil Mass of Epiphany Slieverue at 7.30pm

(Holy Day) Mass at 10.00am in Ferrybank

Friday 6th January Masses Solemnity of the Epiphany

I want to take this opportunity to wish all of you the blessings of Hope and Love as once again we celebrate the Birth of Jesus Christ. God loved the world so much that he gave us his only Son. Why? So that as he became one with us we too could become one with him and become who we are truly called to be - a people of faith who blossom into a people of Hope and Love, a people of Mercy and Forgiveness, a people of Peace. Where people have Faith in God and in his Son Jesus Christ it changes everything. I know that there are many people sick at this time, at home and in hospital and care facilities. Others are bereaved and missing their loved ones who died during the year, others alone, worried, afraid or angry. These are people who find the going tough right now for many reasons, overwhelmed by pressures of one kind or another. The message of Christmas speaks to us all today. There is no need to be afraid! Have Faith in God and his Son Jesus Christ! What happened in Bethlehem all those centuries ago was all about saving the lonely, the sick and the poor, it was about saving all of us. Wherever acts of kindness and compassion born of faith are witnessed Christmas is truly understood and celebrated.

Our celebration of Christmas reminds us we have been given a wonderful Gift, Jesus the Son of God, wrapped in simplicity and presented to each one of us. How do we receive the Gift? The only way is with Faith and with this Faith each day will become for us a Christmas Day, a true Day of the Lord, a Day of Joy when we know how much we are loved by God no matter what this world throws at each of us and a Day when we realise that we are called to bring the Gift of Good News of great Joy to all who need to hear it. "Today a Saviour has been born for us. He is Christ the Lord." As we come to the end of 2022 and look forward to 2023 it provides an opportunity to express a word of thanks to so many people who have contributed voluntarily to the life of our faith communities of Ferrybank & Slieverue in so many ways during the past year.

I thank those who bring the Eucharist to the Sick, care for the poor. Our Collectors & Envelope Distributors. To the Brothers of Charity and the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary and the Little Sisters of the Poor for your support and witness in the community. To our Flower Arrangers & Providers & those who look after and clean the Church. To all our CE Scheme workers and all involved in maintenance & care of Church property, our Cemeteries & Parish Halls and to the Catering & Hospitality groups who provide refreshments at parish celebrations & organise various events for charity. Thanks to all our Altar Servers (and parents). Thanks to the Principals and all the staff of all our schools and to Boards of Management & Parents Associations for their great work. Thanks to the parents who make up our Sacramental Preparation Groups. Thanks to our Choirs & Musicians, our Sacristans, Our Pastoral Councils & Finance Committees and our Safeguarding Representatives, our Ministers of the Word and Eucharist, our Baptism Teams & Adoration Groups and those who coordinate the Ministry rotas. Thank you to our new Funeral Ministry Teams in both parishes. Thanks to Marie & Angela in our Parish Office and thanks to Fr. Jim and Fr. Liam for their help and support during the year. Thanks to our First Communion and Confirmation Children and their parents and to all the couples who celebrated Weddings & to those who celebrated Baptisms in our parishes.

I pray that 2023 will be filled with Hope and that we can continue the mission of renewing and celebrating our faith in new ways in our parish communities. God bless all of you Fr. Kieraw



Anniversaries

Jim Freeman (1st Anniv.) Mary (May) Power (1st Anniv.)

Mary Freeman

Brendan Walsh

Mark Staff

Kitty Darmody

Dorothy & Patrick Ryan

Bonnie & John Clarke

Elizabeth & William Clarke

Nuala & Patricio Mingozzi

Niall O'Halloran

Pat O'Brien

Breffni Walsh and her grandparents Brian & Dolly Doyle & Kay Drohan Catherine Greene, Ballyvalla

Recently Deceased

Slieverue

Fr. Patrick (Pat) Dwyer,

Philip Walsh, Portlaw

Thurles, Tipperary/Drumdowney,

Breda Dempsey, St. Joseph's Home/Dunmore Road

Deceased members of the Greene, Doyle & Keogh Families

John Foley and his parents Johanna & Thomas, Rathpatrick

Davy Condon, Ballinamona

Mary Walsh, Luffany

Nellie & William Walsh, Kilmurry

The Hogan Family, Bellevue

Eamon O'Donovan, Nicholastown

Murtagh Kearney, Gurteens, Slieverue

Hilary Freyne

Eileen & Tom McGrath

Christopher Langan (Birthday Remembrance)

Tom & Annie Flynn and their son Tom

Patsy McGavock

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May they rest in peace.

St. Patrick's NS Strangsmills

Now taking enrolment applications for the school year 2022/2023. Please apply before February 4th 2022. To request an application form please contact Ger, in the school office on 051-874474, by email schooloffice@strangsmillsns.ie or http://www.strangsmillsns.ie/pag

Christmas Cribs in our Homes

Why not take part in our Diocesan Virtual Display of Cribs

This Christmas - send images of the crib in your home, parish, school or club to afd@ossory.ie and they will be featured on the Ossory Diocesan Website - www.ossory.ie

St. Vincent de Paul - Ferrybank

To the people of Ferrybank, many many thanks for your support during 2022. We supported 73 families over the Christmas period. Without your support this would not have been possible.

Anam Cara South East

New monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 10th January at 7:15pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. Please contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 2888 888 for any queries.

The Ferrybank First Responders

Currently recruiting volunteers to join us in the New Year. No experience necessary. All training provided. Great way to give back to the community. For more information contact fcfrg999@outlook.com.

Donate to Our Parish

If you wish to make a donation to support the work of our parishes you can scan the QR code below. It will bring you to our donate page on our parish website. You can contribute to parish funds, our priest collection, or donate towards any parish project. Don't forget to indicate what your donation is for. Thank you for your continued generosity and support..

Church Collections 17th & 18thh December 2022 Slieverue

Envelopes €555/Offertory €529.15/Diocesan Charities €50

Ferrybank

Envelopes €856/Offertory €754

Many thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly & yearly and to those who donate online and by Standing Order. Your support during 2022 is very much appreciated!

Slieverue - Ministers of the Eucharist 31st Dec. & 1st Jan. 2023

Sat. 6.00pm Martin Quilty Sun. 10.30am Declan Power

Slieverue - Ministers of the Word 31st Dec. & 1st Jan.2023

Sat. 6.00pm Kay Howard Sun. 10.30am Susan O'Neill

Slieverue - Ministers of the Eucharist 7th & 8th Jan. 2023

Sat. 6.00pm Kiera Doyle Sun. 10.30am Patricia Drennan

Slieverue - Ministers of the Word 7th & 8th Jan.2023

Sat. 6.00pm Michael Shalloe Sun. 10.30am Jim Dollard

Ferrybank - Ministers of the Eucharist January 2023

Saturday 7.00pm Eileen Long & Br. Joe Killoran Sunday 9.30am Bessie Doherty & Ann Gleeson Sunday 11.30am Claire Devine & Paul Lyons

Ferrybank - Ministers of the Word 31st & 1st Jan. 2023

Saturday 7.00pm Yvette Purdue Suunday 9.30am Julie Kelly Sundaay 11.30am Mary Walsh

Ferrybank - Ministers of the Word 7th & 8th Jan. 2023

Saturday 7.00pm Barbara Wells Suunday 9.30am Julie Kelly Sundaay 11.30am Mary Walsh

Safeguarding Our Children

Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are

Ferrybank - Breda Freyne, Jerry Hughes & Mary Griffin

Slieverue - Mary Kenny & Catherine Manning

If you have a child safeguarding concern or wish to raise a matter from the past you may contact:-Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and

Designated Liaison Person

Ms. Kathleen Sherry, Tel. 085 802 1633 or

Email: safeguarding@ossory.ie

Ferrybank Pastoral Council

Sr Patsy Butler, Jacinta Byrne, Bríd Fetton (Secretary), Eileen Fitzpatrick, Jerry Hughes, Mary Keane, Br Joe Killoran, Moira Meaney, Kieran O' Shea, Eileen Slattery & Barbara Wells Pastoral Area Representative 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.

<u>Pastoral Area Representatives</u> Breda Lynch & Síle Grant

The Parish Office

The Parish Office will be closed from Christmas Eve until Tuesday 3rd January at 10am and will be closed again On Friday 6th January for the Feast of The Epiphany – Holy Day.





Ferrybank

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