

# FERRYBANK & SLIEVERUE PARISHES

15th December 2024

Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)

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## Eucharistic Adoration

Every Wednesday in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel  
Ferrybank Church from 10.30am to 11.30am

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday in *Slieverue* Church from 7.30pm – 8.30pm  
Every Wednesday in *Slieverue* Church from 2.30pm – 3.30pm  
Every Friday in *Slieverue* Church from 10.30pm – 11.00am



The Church of the Sacred Heart Ferrybank



The Church of the Assumption Slieverue



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Remembering all our loved ones who have died ...

## Recently Deceased

Tommy Haberlin,  
Upper Drumdowney, Snowhill, Slieverue,  
Co. Kilkenny, late of Holy Ghost Residential Home and the Tower Hotel, Waterford

Sr. Immaculée Morris RSHM  
Madonna House, Ferrybank/Bannow, Wexford.

Bridget (Breda) Peel (née Frawley), Dunmore Road and formerly of Ferrybank

## Anniversary

Sat. 6.00pm William (Billy) Bowe  
Maureen O'Keeffe, Airmount  
Catherine Grant, Airmount

Sat. 7.00pm Imelda Hennessy (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Carmel Doyle  
Esther & Paddy Carew  
Seán & Eileen Wallace

Sun. 9.30am Robert, Anastasia, Dan,  
Daniel & Thomas Lanigan

Sun. 10.30am Margaret Murphy,  
Ballyrouagh and her brother  
Martin Kearney, Curraghmore

Sun. 11.30am Beryl Burke (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv.)  
Ted Murphy  
Eileen Quealy  
William & Catherine (Rena)  
Waters and their son Pat

Mon. 10.00am Catherine & John Conway  
Tues. 10.00am Mary Griffin  
Wed. 10.00am Maura & Sheila Cahill  
Thurs. 10.00am Sr. Judith Penkert, RSHM  
Fri. 10.00am Dick, Stasia & Fr. Pat Wall

Mary Power  
Kathleen Fitzgerald  
Brigid Butler  
Helane Doyle  
Elizabeth O'Brien, Killaspy, Slieverue  
Vincent Cuddy, Slieverue Village  
May they rest in peace ...



## Christmas Mass Schedule 2024

Sacred Heart Church Ferrybank  
Church of the Assumption Slieverue

Our Christmas Eve Masses on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December  
Ferrybank - 5.30 pm  
Slieverue - 7.00 pm  
Ferrybank - 8.00 pm

Christmas Day on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December  
Ferrybank 9.30 am  
Slieverue 10.30 am  
Ferrybank 11.30 am

For details of all our Masses over the Christmas period please see poster at the back of our Churches



## Year of Hope

Pope Francis has dedicated the new liturgical year 2024/2025 as the year of Hope. To initiate the year of Hope in Slieverue we ask you to gather at the main door of the Church on Sunday 15th December at 10.30am. The doors will be closed and then opened to symbolize the beginning of the year of Hope. As we gather we will say a short prayer.



## Sacramental Preparation Masses

This weekend in Slieverue we are delighted to welcome the children preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation/First Holy Communion to our 10.30am on Sunday. We keep them in our prayers and pray that with God's help their parents and families may truly pass the light of faith on to them.



## Sanctuary Lamp

The Sanctuary Lamp burns in our Church every hour of every day this week before the Blessed Sacrament in ... **Slieverue Anniversary Remembrance M.O'D.**

## Ferrybank Church Christmas Clean-Up Team! Thank You!

A big thank you to all who turned up last Thursday evening to take part in our Church cleanup in Ferrybank. The results are very evident and our Church is looking beautiful for Christmas.



### Ferrybank & Slieverue Parish Christmas Shared Mass Cards

Share the joy of Christ's birth with our Parish Christmas cards. Your recipients will be remembered in our Masses over the Christmas period in both Ferrybank & Slieverue Churches beginning on Christmas Eve. The cards are available from the Parish Office or after weekend Masses in Slieverue Church. The cost of each card is €3.



### Christmas Coffee Morning in support of Ferrybank Parish

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 10.30am**

**at Hill's Field Community Centre, Belmont Rd., Ferrybank.**

*All are most welcome!*



### Christmas Carol Service in Slieverue Church Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 pm .

Join us for an evening of festive carols ranging from the traditional to the unexpected presented by Slieverue church choir and Simply Singing group as well as special guests and children from both parish schools. Let us begin our parish celebration of Christmas.



### Diocese of Ossory Advent 2024 - Preparing Pilgrims of Hope

*The Bible – a message of Hope* - Rev. Dr. Sean Maher, a priest of the Diocese of Kildare & Leighlin – an evening exploring the hopefilled message of the Scriptures. St. Kieran's College, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm

*Evening Retreat – forgiveness our Hope* - Very Rev. Ray Dempsey and the City Priests lead a short evening Retreat and an opportunity for reconciliation. St. Patrick's Parish Church, Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at 7.00pm

*A Story of Hope – Diocesan Carol Service* - An evening of prayer, reflection, music & song. Join us for our Diocesan Carol Service in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.30pm



### St. Mary's Cathedral, Chapter House Bookshop, Kilkenny

On Sunday after the 11.00am Mass, Chapter House Gift shop will move the shop to the Cathedral – this will make it easier for people to get Christmas cards, Cribs or gifts in advance of the scramble of the week ahead. The shop has a great selection of Nativity Sets, Christmas Cards, Christmas Mass Bouquets, Nativity stories, spiritual books and other religious gifts. Selection of Calendars, Catholic Diaries for 2024, Bibles and a wide range of Children Stories Picture Bibles also available.



### South Kilkenny Historical Society

Lá an Dreoilín (Wren Day) event - Thursday, December 26th (St. Stephen's Day) at 11 a.m. at Mullinavat Parish Hall and Church Car Park. Lá an Dreoilín, in Ireland, centres around the tradition of capturing a wren, which is said to bring luck. People march dressed in garbs made of straw, including headwear that is woven into a bell shape, playing drums and traditional music, and singing. Following on last year's very successful event, participants are asked to make costumes and a prize will be given for the best costume. People of all ages are asked to participate in the event and participants are not restricted to 'boys' - for this event the term 'boys' means any gender and any age! Participation is not restricted to those who have costumes and/or can sing or play a musical instrument - people are asked to participate in whatever way they can, or are comfortable doing and everyone is welcome to join in on the fun.

### Ferrybank Ministers of the Eucharist December 2024

Saturday 7.00pm Mary White, Imelda Kennedy & Ray Ryan  
Sunday 9.30am Eileen Fitzpatrick & Margaret O'Driscoll  
Sunday 11.30am Maria Ronan & Paul Lyons

### Ferrybank Ministers of the Word 21st & 22nd Dec. 2024

Sat. 7.00pm Bríd Mallon  
Sun. 9.30am Robert Dunphy  
Sun. 11.30am Eileen Slattery

### Slieverue Ministers of the Eucharist 21st & 22nd Dec. 2024

Sat. 6.00pm Keira Doyle  
Sun. 10.30m Deirdre Roche & Adam Roche

### Slieverue Ministers of the Word 21st & 22nd Dec. 2024

Sat. 6.00pm Martin Quilty  
Sun. 10.30am Paddy Drennan

### Church Collections 7th & 8<sup>th</sup> Dec.2024

#### Ferrybank

Envelopes €863.00/Offertory €767.00

#### Slieverue

Envelopes €595.70/Offertory €387.65/

Retired Priests €7.00/Nov. Online and Standing Orders €188.40

Many thanks to all our parishioners in both Ferrybank & Slieverue parishes who contribute weekly, monthly & yearly and to those who donate online and by Standing Order. Your support is very much appreciated.

### Counselling Services Towards Healing Confidential

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### Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives

**Ferrybank - Jerry Hughes & Mary Griffin Slieverue - Mary Kenny & Catherine Manning**

If you, or anyone you know, has a Safeguarding concern please contact: Diocesan Director of Safeguarding and Designated Liaison Person, DLP, Ailish Higgins at 087 802 1633 or Email: [@ossory.ie](mailto:@ossory.ie) An Garda Síochána: 1800 555 222 (or your local Garda Station). TUSLA Waterford 053 9198201/TUSLA: Kilkenny 052 6177302