

FERRYBANK & SLIEVERUE PARISHES

14th December 2025

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Gaudete Sunday)

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Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

Monday to Thursday 10am Mass from Ferrybank

Friday - 10.00am from Slieverue

Saturday Vigil 6pm Slieverue and 7pm Ferrybank

Sunday 9.30am Ferrybank 10.30am Slieverue 11.30am Ferrybank

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

Sacramental Preparation Masses

This weekend in Slieverue we are delighted to welcome the children from Ringville NS & Our Lady of Lourdes NS, who are preparing to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion, to our Sunday 10.30am Mass. 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.

Christmas Carol Service in Slieverue Church - Monday 15th December

Join us next Monday evening at **7.30pm** 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. There will be a retiring collection for Waterford & South Kilkenny Down Syndrome Association.

Advent Intentions Board

If you have any intentions that you would like us to include in our Masses during the Advent Season please pin to Advent Intentions Board in the Church. These can be anonymous.

Ferrybank & Slieverue Parish Christmas Shared Mass Cards

Share the joy of Christ's birth with our Parish Christmas cards. You and 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 in Ferrybank or after weekend Masses in Slieverue Church. The cost of each card is €3.

Christmas Coffee Morning in support of *Ferrybank Parish*

Tuesday 16th December 2025 at 10.30am, Hill's Field Community Centre, Belmont Rd., Ferrybank. All are most welcome!

Ferrybank Church Christmas Clean-Up Team! Thank You!

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

Vocation to Religious/Consecrated Life

For Young Women (18-40yrs) who are discerning a Vocation to Religious/Consecrated Life, monthly meetings are held in Charleville Retreat Centre, Cork. The day includes prayer, talks, Holy Mass, Adoration and a chance to meet and chat with religious sisters of different communities.

If you are interested in attending please

email womendiscern@corkandross.org



The Church of the Sacred Heart Ferrybank



The Church of the Assumption Slieverue



Use QR Code to go to our parish website, facebook page & newsletter online



Remembering all our loved ones who have died ...

Anniversary

Sat. 6.00pm

Maureen O'Keeffe,
Airmount, Slieverue

William (Billy) Bowe,
Mooncoin, Co. Kilkenny

Sat. 7.00pm

Noelyne Brennan
(1st Anniv.)

Seán & Eileen Wallace
(50th Anniv. for Seán)

Oisín Ryan

Imelda Hennessy

Sun. 9.30am

Edward, Ann, Patrick &
Raymond Freyne

Sun. 10.30am

Frank & Alice Hayden
and their Grandson
Eoghan

Margaret & Peter Murphy
(Ballyrowragh, Slieverue)

Martin Kearney,
Curraghmore

Sun. 11.30am

Helen Phelan
(1st Anniv.)

Esther & Paddy Carew

Eileen Quealy,
(15th Anniv.)

Beryl Burke

Mon. 10.00am

Maura & Sheila Cahill

Tues. 10.00am

William (Billy) &
Catherine (Rena) Waters
and their son Pat

Wed. 10.00am

James & Maureen Heery

Fri. 10.00am

Mary Griffin

Tom Haberlin, Drumdowney Upper
(1st Anniv.)

Mary Power

Ted Murphy

Kathleen Fitzgerald

Helane Doyle

Elizabeth O'Brien, Killaspy

May they rest in peace ...



The Sanctuary Lamp burns in our Church every hour of every day this week before the Blessed Sacrament in ...

**Ferrybank Special Intention - V.W.
Slieverue Special Intention - M.O'D.**



Christmas Mass Schedule 2025

Sacred Heart Church Ferrybank & Church of the Assumption Slieverue

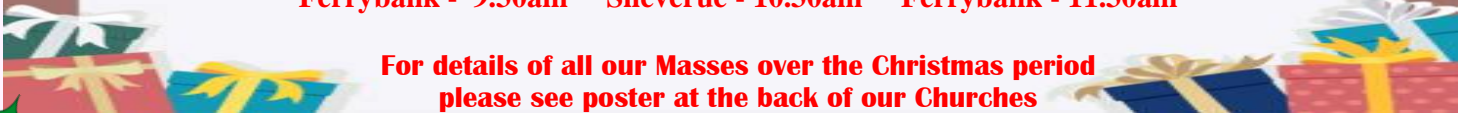
Our Christmas Eve Masses on Wednesday 24th December

Ferrybank - 5.30pm Slieverue - 7.00pm Ferrybank - 8.00pm

Christmas Day on Thursday 25th December

Ferrybank - 9.30am Slieverue - 10.30am Ferrybank - 11.30am

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




Slieverue Active Retirement Association

Wednesday 17th December Chair Yoga at 11.30am in St Mary's Parish Hall followed at 12.50pm by Christmas party and raffle. Christmas Lunch Thursday 18th in Tower Hotel, we should be seated and Lunch will be served at 2.00pm sharp. We will return from our Christmas break on Wednesday 7th January 2026 Chair Yoga at 11.30am followed by General meeting and 2026 registration at 12.50pm.



Fr. Paschal Moore New CD Soulful Harmonica

Fr. Paschal shares some of the music and songs that have sustained and invigorated him over the years. On sale in the Ferrybank/Slieverue Parish Office for €10 and would make a nice Christmas gift!



South Kilkenny Historical Society - Lá an Dreoilín (Wren Day) event

Friday, December 26th (St. Stephen's Day) in Mullinavat Parish Hall and Church Car Park at 11am.

Lá an Dreoilín, in Ireland, centers 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. At 11am a new 'King Wren Boy' will be crowned who will, weather permitting, lead the parade from the hall to Main Street and return to the hall for some music. Local musicians will provide music and people of all ages are asked to participate in the event. 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 20th & 21st Dec. 2025

Saturday 7.00pm	Eileen Long & Ray Ryan
Sunday 9.30am	Michael/Breda Freyne & Mary McEvoy
Sunday 11.30am	Paul Lyons & Michelle Byrne

Ferrybank Ministers of the Word 20th & 21st Dec. 2025

Saturday 7.00pm	Brid Mallon
Sunday 9.30am	Robert Dunphy
Sunday 11.30am	Eileen Slattery

Slieverue Ministers of the Eucharist 20th & 21st Dec. 2025

Saturday 6.00pm	Martin Quilty
Sunday 10.30am	Maria Condon & Harry Condon

Slieverue Ministers of the Word 20th & 21st Dec. 2025

Saturday 6.00pm	Paddy Drennan
Sunday 10.30am	Órla Power

Church Collections 6th & 7th December 2025

Ferrybank

Envelopes	€846.00
Offertory	€802.00
Holy Day Offertory	€167.00 (8 th Dec. '25)

Slieverue

Envelopes	€520.00
Offertory	€472.00
Holy Day Offertory	€147.65 (8 th Dec. '25)
Retired Priests	€418.10
Oss. Soc. Serv. Total	€299.00
Holy Father Total	€259.50
Nov. Online & S.O.	€328.40

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.

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 085 802 1633 or Email: @ossory.ie An Garda Síochána: 1800 555 222 (or your local Garda Station). TUSLA Waterford 051-301450 Wexford 053-9198201/TUSLA: Kilkenny 052 6177302

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