

# FERRYBANK & SLIEVERUE PARISHES

**7th December 2025**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

**Very Rev. Roderick Whearty P.P.**

**Tel. 086 813 3661**



The Church of the Sacred Heart  
Ferrybank



The Church of the Assumption  
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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 Ferrybank we are delighted to welcome the children from Our Lady of Good Counsel GNS & St. Mary's BNS, who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, to our 7.00pm Saturday Vigil Mass and the children preparing to make First Holy Communion to our Sunday 11.30am 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.



## **MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER HOLY DAY - SOLEMNITY OF THE**

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION - Mass times as follows...**

**Vigil Mass in Slieverue Sunday evening (7<sup>th</sup> Dec.) at 7.30pm**

**Holy Day Mass in Ferrybank Monday (8<sup>th</sup> Dec.) at 10.00am**

### **Sacrament of Confession – the best preparation for Christmas**

To prepare our hearts to be ready for Christ and the Christmas season the Sacrament of Confession takes place from 7.00 to 8.00pm on ...

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December in Ferrybank Church**

**Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December in Slieverue Church.**

### **Diocese of Ossory - ADVENT 2025**

#### **Baptismal Teams Understanding the Sacrament of Baptism**

A Sacrament filled with rich symbolism – Fr. Liam Bergin

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, St. Kieran's College, 7.30pm

How to make these celebrations fruitful – Rev. Dr. Dermot Ryan

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December, St. Kieran's College, 7.30pm

#### **Confirmation Retreat Evening**

A short prayerful meditation for children preparing to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, St. Mary's Cathedral, 7.00pm

#### **Godly Play**

The Story of Advent for Children preparing for First Holy Communion

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December, St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny, 6.30pm

#### **Reshaping Structures**

Parishes and Dioceses opportunities to collaborate - Very Rev. Albert McDonnell

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, St. Kieran's College, 7.30pm

#### **Advent Penitential Service**

City Advent Penitential Service Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December, St. John's Church, 7.30pm

#### **Emmanuel God with us**

An evening of prayer, reflection, music and song

Join us for our Diocesan Carol Service

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December, St. Mary's Cathedral, 7.30pm

#### **Daily Advent Tweet**

Thoughts, reflections, prayer and ideas – why not take a few moments each day during Advent to pause in prayer. Follow us on Twitter @ossorydiocese

**Ferrybank/Slieverue Parish Office**

**CLOSED Monday 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER FOR HOLY DAY - SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**



**Remembering all our loved ones who have died ...**

### **Recently Deceased**

Sr. Mary Alice de l'Assomption (Rosann Costello), St. Joseph's Home, Ferrybank, Waterford / Tullamore, Offaly

Alice Coates (née Walsh), Whitethorn Grove, Kill, Kildare / Slieverue, Kilkenny

Johnny Treacy, Rockenham, Ferrybank

Sun. 11.30am Pattie Joy

### **Anniversary**

Sat. 7.00pm Sr. Imaculee Morris, RSHM (1<sup>ST</sup> Anniv.)

Phylis Grant

Carmel & John Doyle

Sun. 9.30am Milo & Fintan Cooke

Eamon & Mary Breen

Joseph & Brigid Stephens and their daughters Antoinette & Claire and deceased members of the Stephens Family

Michael & Johanna Fielding and their son Edward and Margaret Fielding

Sun. 10.30am Tony Cullen, Drumdowney

Brendan Haberlin, Drumdowney

Denis, Richard & Alice Vereker, Ballincra

Aidan & Richard Rockett and deceased members of the Rockett Family, Airmount

Sun. 11.30am Ann Knox & Bridget Foran Billy Hearne

Mon. 10.00am Mary Purcell and her daughters Mavis & Anne and deceased members of the Purcell Family

Tues. 10.00am Bernard Calton

Wed. 10.00am Jack & Alec Cahill

Thurs. 10.00am Ellen Fanning

Fri. 10.00am Karl Cummins and deceased members of the Griffith Family, Milepost

Jim Irish

**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.**

## 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 Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist – New Rota for Weekend Masses - January to June 2026

The new rota covers a six month period and Ministers are rostered for two consecutive Saturdays/Sundays.

The new Rotas are available from the Sacristy or the Parish Office. The rota for the following Saturday/Sunday will be printed on the weekly newsletter as before. We are very grateful to all who serve in the ministry at our weekday and Sunday Masses and we thank them for their service and commitment

## 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.

## Ferrybank Church Christmas Clean-Up!



The Christmas Clean-up in Ferrybank Church takes place on Wednesday evening, 10<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm and we are appealing for volunteers to come and help out on the night.

## Christmas Carol Service in Slieverue Church - Monday 15th December at 7.00pm

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. Retiring collection for Charity.



**Christmas Coffee Morning in support of Ferrybank Parish - Tuesday 16th December 2025**  
**10.30am, Hill's Field Community Centre, Belmont Rd., Ferrybank. All are most welcome!**

## Date for your Diary



The Piltown Church Christmas Carol Service with guests will take place on Thursday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm in the Church of the Assumption, Piltown. This year's theme is 'On Journey to Bethlehem'. All are welcome.

## Slieverue Active Retirement Association

Wednesday 10th December Chair Yoga at 11.30am as usual in St Mary's Hall, Slieverue. We have chiropodist, Helen Whelan coming to speak to us afterwards. We had a lovely day at the Arboretum everyone enjoyed it and thanks to Comeragh coaches (JJ Kavanagh) for being so helpful.

## St. Joseph's Care Home - Little Sisters of the Poor, Ferrybank

We are seeking Volunteer(s) to help with the evening meal service on Saturday & Sunday evenings on alternate weekends from 5pm – 7pm. Please contact Sr. Roseline – Tel. 051 – 833 006.

## For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start

The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025. See -

<https://www.gov.ie/en/departments-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

## Ferrybank Ministers of the Eucharist 13th & 14th Dec. 2025

Saturday 7.00pm	Br. Joe Killoran & Angela O'Brien
Sunday 9.30am	Eileen Fitzpatrick & Margaret O'Driscoll
Sunday 11.30am	Maria Ronan & Eileen Heffman

## Ferrybank Ministers of the Word 13th & 14th Dec. 2025

Saturday 7.00pm	Yvette Purdue
Sunday 9.30am	Robert Dunphy
Sunday 11.30am	Mary Walsh

## Slieverue Ministers of the Eucharist 13th & 14th Dec. 2025

Saturday 6.00pm	Maria Tobin
Sunday 10.30am	Patricia Drennan & Mary Walsh

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Saturday 6.00pm	Keira Doyle
Sunday 10.30am	Kay Howard

## Church Collections 29th & 30th November 2025

### Ferrybank

Envelopes	€776.00 / Offertory €719.00
Retired Priests	€ 40.00 (Total to date €611.50)
Total S.O.'s for Nov.	€412.00

### Slieverue

Envelopes	€345.00 / Offertory €450.75
Retired Priests	€ 75.00 (Total to date €338.10)
Missions Total	€589.00
Oss. Soc. Serv. Total	€289.00
Children with	
Spec. Educ. Needs Total	€349.78

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

## Counselling Services

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