

Ferrybank Parish Bulletin

31st January, 2016.

The Pope's Intentions - February 2015

Universal: Care for Creation. That we may take good care of creation - a gift freely given - cultivating and protecting it for future generations.

Evangelisation: Asia - That opportunities may increase for dialogue and encounter between the Christian faith and the peoples of Asia.

Monday - February 1st

Feast of St. Brigid, (Naomh Bríd)

Secondary Patron of Ireland.

Born c. 454 and was renowned during her life for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick. She founded a monastery in Kildare and died in 524. There is widespread devotion to St. Brigid in Ireland and in many countries in Europe.

Consecrated Life

Tuesday Feb. 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is the World Day of Prayer

for Consecrated Life. On this day the Church thanks God for the gift of the different forms of consecrated life, and prays for an increase in vocations to the consecrated life.

St. Blaise

The Feast of St. Blaise will be celebrated on Wednesday, 3rd Feb. Traditionally through the intercession of St. Blaise we ask God's protection on us throughout the year. There will be two Masses on **Wednesday - 10am and 7.30pm**. The Blessing of the Throats will take place before and after each Mass.

Anointing of the Sick

The anointing of the sick will take place on Thursday, **11th February**, at the 10am Mass, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Pro Life talk on 'How to Protect the 8th Amendment'

David Quinn of Iona Institute and Kate Bopp of Family & Life will speak at a Pro Life talk on "How to Protect the 8th Amendment" at the River Court Hotel, Kilkenny on Tuesday February 2nd at 7:30pm in the Pembroke suite. All welcome!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Pope Francis inaugurated this year to be a Extraordinary Jubilee Year of Mercy which began on December 8th (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) and ends on December 20th 2016 (Feast of Christ the King). The theme for the Jubilee Year is "Merciful like the Father".

The Pope invites all Catholics to rediscover the merciful face of the Father in the Sacrament of Reconciliation during this Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Parishes of Kilmacow, Ferrybank, Slieverue, Glenmore and Rosbercon mindful of this call of the Holy Father are jointly making the Sacrament of Reconciliation available in each of our Parish Churches on each Wednesday evening of Lent from **7.30pm to 8.30pm** beginning on **Wednesday February 17th**. A priest will be available in each of the Parish Churches and the "Light will be on for You" literally to come and

meet the loving mercy of God in this wonderful Sacrament. We encourage all the faithful in our Parishes to come and celebrate God's healing love in the Sacrament of Reconciliation . "The Light is on for You" will replace the usual Parish Penitential Service in each of these Parishes for Lent 2016

Our Lady of Good Counsel GNS Ferrybank

If you have not already registered your daughter for a place in Junior Infants for September 2016 please do so immediately by calling to the school or the office number on 051 832984.

Catholic Schools Week 2016

Catholic Schools Week 2016 will take place from Sunday, January 31st to Saturday February 6th. The theme for Catholic Schools Week 2016 is "Catholic Schools: Challenged to Proclaim God's mercy".

Catholic Schools Week is an all-Ireland annual event which invites Catholic schools to give expression in a special way to the ethos of Catholic education. It is a celebration of Catholic schools throughout Ireland, North and South which acknowledges the tremendous contribution that our primary and post-primary schools make not just to Irish society, but to the mission of the Church.

To celebrate this week the staff and girls from Our Lady of Good Counsel School have prepared a **Prayer Service which will take place at 11.45am in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Ferrybank on Friday February 5th.** Please come along and attend to pray with and for our pupils and teachers and to celebrate the gift of our Catholic Faith. All are welcome.

Ferrybank & District A.R.A.

Bingo meetings will resume in the Parish Centre on Friday 5th February, 2016. All are most welcome to attend!

Slieverue & District A.R.A.

Monthly meeting on **Wed. Feb. 3rd at 2 p m** preceded by committee meeting at 1 p m. A reminder that the **Annual Membership fee of €20** is now due. Please have correct money in an envelope with your name.

