

# Ferrybank Parish Newsletter

**27th November, 2016. First Sunday of Advent**

## Advent Wreath

At all the Masses this weekend we will have the traditional blessing of the Advent wreath and the lighting of the first candle.

## Christmas List 2016

We are now putting together the List of names of those you would like to have remembered at Mass this Christmas. If you would like to have someone included please drop the names in to the Parish Office.

## Prayer for the our Diocese

O God, eternal shepherd, who governs your flock with unfailing care, grant in your boundless fatherly love a pastor for your Church in the diocese of Ossory who will please you by his holiness and to his priests and people show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen. St Kieran & St Canice ....pray for us.

## Advent Scripture Reflection

The Advent Scripture Reflection Booklet, is an opportunity for groups or individuals to come together once a week to reflect on the scriptures. The booklets guide people through a simple method of scripture reflection and contain the Sunday Gospels of Advent.

## Advent Text

Each day during Advent a text message will be sent to you, something to help you enter into the season. Text your mobile number to Adult Faith Development, no. 0858313100, email number to [afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie), or telephone your number to 7753624. Stop anytime by texting 'stop'. A Thought for the Day booklet is available from the Parish Office.

## St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

The November monthly Draw will be held in the Cathedral Chapter Room at 8.00pm on Wednesday, 30th November. Draw tickets are available at the Parish Office. We encourage your support for our Diocesan Cathedral.

## Transition Years - Abbey College

Last week the Transition Years in Abbey College were delighted to welcome Fr. Charles, Fr. Bernardino, Sr Marie Grace and Sr Jacinta all from the Franciscan Friars and Sisters of the Renewal. The friars and sisters shared with them their personal testimonies of God's call in their lives which the TY students found very interesting. We ask the Lord to bless the mission of the Franciscans of the Renewal in Ireland and their work and visible witness for the New Evangelisation.

[www.franciscanfriars.com](http://www.franciscanfriars.com) [www.franciscansistersefr.com](http://www.franciscansistersefr.com)

## Collection for Retired Priests of the Diocese.

Very many thanks to all who contributed to the above collection last Sunday. Your support is very much appreciated.

## Stations of the Cross

Very many thanks to the person who made a generous donation during the week. Your contribution and continued support is very much appreciated.

**Annual Christmas Collection Ferrybank Conference Society of St.**

**Vincent de Paul**

Our annual Christmas Collection will take place outside the Church at Masses on **3rd and 4th December.** Your support and donations are urgently needed and will be deeply appreciated. Donations maybe handed in to Bernard Byrne, 11 Ard Mhuire or Betty Walsh, 30 Ard Mhuire. All monies received will be used to assist needy families in Ferrybank parish.

**Christmas Concert with the Three Tenors**

***St. Mary's Cathedral, Sat. 10th Dec.***

in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund. Tickets €25.00, Tel. 056 7721253 or online at [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie)

**Christmas Fayre 2016**

**Little Sisters of the Poor, St Josephs Home, Ferry bank.**

**Saturday 10th DECEMBER, 2016.**

**Doors open at 2.p.m.**

**Spinner wheel for luxury prizes.. Christmas cake sale..**

**Christmas gifts and much more.**

**Ossory Vocations**

***You are alive for God. Trust that God will welcome you into the kingdom.*** If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Kieran O'Shea Ossory Vocations Director. 056 7770261 or email [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com).

**Fundraising Night Waterford Hospice**

The Ferrybank support group of the Waterford Hospice Movement will hold a Fundraising night in the Briar Rose **on Saturday 3rd December.** Music by *Mojo Blues Band*. Tickets are €5 and are available from any of the Committee Members. As always your support is greatly appreciated!

**Praying in Advent**

Make time during Advent to deepen your relationship with Jesus and prepare for his birth. Check the excellent website of the Irish Jesuits [www.sacredspace.ie](http://www.sacredspace.ie) which will guide you through Advent in a prayerful way.

**Ferrybank's SPLIT THE POT Week 47**

**2nd Prize €50 - Ann Marie Flynn**

**1st Prize €210 - Peggy Fitzgerald**

***Organised by Ferrybank Community Development Residents  
Group***

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