

# Ferrybank Parish Bulletin

**3rd December, 2017. 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 2017

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.

## 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.

## Annual Christmas Collection Ferrybank Conference

### Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Our annual Christmas Collection will take place outside the Church at Masses **this weekend - 2nd & 3rd December.** Your support and donations are urgently needed and will be deeply appreciated. Donations maybe handed in to Betty Walsh, 30 Ard Mhuire or Michael O'Brien 78 Ard Mhuire. All monies received will be used to assist needy families in Ferrybank parish.

## Feast Of The Immaculate Conception

On Friday next the **8th December** we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. **Mass will be celebrated at 7.30pm on Thursday 7th December and 10.00am and 11.00am on Friday 8th December.**

Let us ask Our Lady, the Immaculate Conception, to help us deepen in our love for her Son and to lead others to the joy of friendship with Him.

## St. Mary's Boys' N.S.

The boys from St. Mary's Boys' School will hold their annual Carol Service on Wednesday **6th December at 7.30pm** in the Parish Church. Nothing gets you in the festive mood more as the boys set the scene for Christmas through music and song.

## Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat

From 8th-10th December, 2017 at Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare. For those aged: 16 - 35 years. This is a fantastic annual Catholic youth event which attracts around 600-700 people each year from all over Ireland. ID required; Donation only; Free Buses. [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) 01 6753690. It is a time of FUN FAITH FRIENDSHIPS

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Little Sisters of the Poor will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday, December 3rd beginning at 3pm and concluding with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 5.30pm in their Chapel. All are most welcome!

### **Little Sisters of the Poor St Joseph's Home**

The Feast Day of the Immaculate Conception is a special day for Little Sisters all over the world as on this day they are all united in renewing the Vows of their Religious Profession. This is a tradition going right back to the beginnings of their Congregation founded by St. Jeanne Jugan. We ask God's blessing on the great work that they do and their prayerful presence & witness in the heart of the Church. For more information on the work of the Little Sisters visit [www.littlesistersofthepoor.ie](http://www.littlesistersofthepoor.ie)

### **Christmas Concert with the Three Tenors**

*St. Mary's Cathedral*

*Saturday 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)

### **A Year in the Life : Glencairn Abbey**

The beautiful book charts the days and seasons of the year in monastic life, prayer and public witness lived by the Cistercian nuns at St Mary's Abbey, Glencairn, Co Waterford. 'Candid' humorous moments combine with the more mystical atmosphere that pervades the Cistercian life of prayer and worship, community life, work and solitude. The sisters have shared their 'why monastic life?' vocation stories and what drove them to give up their full lives of work, family and friends to come to the monastery to seek God. Proceeds from this book will support our building fund for the next phase of the [Glencairn Abbey Building and Renovation Project](#) and the completion of a [new Guesthouse and Hospitality Centre](#) to which we can welcome visitors. The book would make an beautiful Christmas present for anyone and can be ordered from the Abbey on line at [www.glencairnabbey.org](http://www.glencairnabbey.org) by telephone 058 56168 or from all good bookshops nationwide.

### **Slieverue & District A.R.A.**

Monthly meeting on Wednesday December 6th at 2 pm preceded by committee meeting. Members who are going on the holiday on (April 15th) to Great National hotel in Ballina are asked to bring a deposit of €50 in an envelope with your name to the meeting. Christmas lunch in Rhu Glenn on Thursday December 7th at 1.30 pm. Cost is €25.

### **Ferrybank's SPLIT THE POT Results Week 48**

**3rd Prize €20 - Suzanne Freeman**

**2nd Prize €30 - Eamon Walsh**

**1st Prize €101 - Owen Davin**

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

### **Little Sisters of the Poor**

*Christmas Fayre*

9th December at 2pm St. Joseph's Home, Ferrybank

Bottle Stall, Christmas Gifts, Fabulous Spinner, Arts & Crafts, Home Baking, Refreshments, Clothes and lots more! Adm. €2