

Ferrybank Parish Bulletin

*Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 28th January,
2018*

The Pope's Intentions - February 2018

Universal: Say 'No' to Corruption: That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

Thursday - 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

Friday 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.

Candlemas Day - 2nd February

This is traditionally the day when candles are blessed that will be used in the liturgical celebrations during the coming year.

St. Blaise

The Feast of St. Blaise will be celebrated on Saturday, 3rd Feb. Traditionally through the intercession of St. Blaise we ask God's protection on us throughout the year. Mass on Saturday **at 10am and 7.30pm** with the Blessing of the Throats before and after Masses.

Parish Volunteers

Volunteers needed for the cleaning of the church. If you have time and are in a position to help it would be very much appreciated.

Contact Parish Office 051 830831

Slieverue & District A.R.A.

Monthly meeting on Wednesday February 7th at 2 pm preceded by committee meeting.

Annual membership fee of €22 now due.
If you are travelling to Great National hotel in Ballina on April 15th please bring €50 for the coach fare (as usual in an envelope please).

Ferrybank's SPLIT THE POT Results Week 4

3rd Prize €20 - Linda Kennedy

2nd Prize €30 - Tony Flaherty

1st Prize €87 - Maureen Dollard

Organised by

Ferrybank Community Development Residents Group

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul will take place **next weekend Sat. & Sun. 3rd & 4th Feb., 2018.** As always your support is greatly appreciated !

Catholic Schools Week 2018 ***28th January - 4th February 2018***

Catholic Schools Week 2018 which runs from this Sunday 28 January to Sunday 4 February is an all-Ireland annual celebration which invites Catholic schools to give expression in a special way to the ethos of Catholic education. The theme for 2018 is 'Catholic Schools: Called to be a Family of Families'.

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 11.30am in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Ferrybank on Friday 2nd February, 2018.** 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.

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

The Ossory Adult Faith Development group are organising a diocesan pilgrimage to the Holy Land. In October 2018 (2nd-10th) you will have an opportunity to prayerfully follow in the footsteps of Jesus around many of the locations that framed his life and ministry. Visit Jerusalem, Jericho, the Sea of Galilee, Nazareth, the River Jordan, Bethlehem, the Garden of Gethsemane and many other places as we reflect on the life of Jesus and his earliest followers. Pilgrimage Chaplains: Fr. Kieran O'Shea & Fr. Dermot Ryan. Return flights and accommodation €1,295 per person sharing (single rooms also available with supplement). More information at www.ossory.ie or from the AFD Office Tel. 056-775 3624.

Simply Singing

Resumes in the Parish Centre, Slieverue on Wednesday next January 31st at 7.30pm - 8.30pm. New members are welcome. This group sing a variety of popular songs....ballads, folk, classical, pop etc for their own enjoyment. No need to book ...just come along on the night. Singing is good for your health.

Prayer for the Child in the Womb

Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life. Reawaken in us respect for every human life. Help us to see in each child the marvellous work of our Creator. Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful gift. Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives. May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected.

Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death. Give us wisdom and generosity to build a society that cares for all. Together with Mary, your Mother, in whose womb you took on our human nature help us to choose life in every decision we take. We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life with you, and in the communion of the Blessed Trinity. Amen. Our Lady of Knock, pray for us. All the Saints of Ireland, pray for us.