

Ferrybank Parish Newsletter

18th November, 2018. World Day of the Poor
Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Few thoughts from Fr. Kieran ...

In this weekends First Reading and Gospel we encounter images of calamity and distress sometimes understood as what the 'end times' will be like. Yet despite the fearful account we are told that God comes to the rescue. The world and its people are in the hands of God who in love has created everything and everyone and He will not abandon us.

Jesus says in the gospel passage '*But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.*' For centuries and even today many people preoccupy themselves with trying to figure out when the 'end times' will occur. Continually they look at the world around them and see nothing only darkness and conclude that the end is near. What a useless exercise! A more worthwhile approach would be to pray for the Faith to see God's love at work even in the most distressing moments of life & through God's love to be filled with Hope and then with Love to reach out to all who find themselves living through difficult times.

Yes our world and our lives can experience distress and calamity but God is with us and he calls us to be his reassuring presence for others.

Next Sunday people across the diocese will be praying for vocations to priesthood and religious life.

Here in Ferrybank we will have our Holy Hour immediately after the 12 noon Mass until 1.30 pm. I don't have to tell you that priests are scarce! Lets take this opportunity to pray together that the Lord will help young people to respond generously to his call to serve.

40 + 2 Hours of Adoration for Vocations

St Joseph's Young Priest Society together with the Director of Vocations invites the forty two parishes (40+2) of the Diocese to host one hour of Adoration on Sunday 25th November, Feast of Christ the King. In this way the whole Diocese will be praying in unity for vocations to priesthood in our diocese and a greater number of people will have an opportunity to be involved. **Ferrybank Parish will host an hour of adoration on the Feast of Christ the King in the Church of the Sacred Heart from 12.30 pm - 1.30 pm. Please join us.**

World Meeting of Families

We thank you for your generosity to last weekends appeal to help reduce the debt on the World Meeting of Families and Papal Visit.

Found

A Tan leather wallet was found in Ferrybank -please contact the Parish Office for more details!

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

The November monthly Draw will be held in the Cathedral Chapter Room at 8.00pm on Wednesday, 28th November. Draw tickets are available at the Parish Office. We encourage your support for our Diocesan Cathedral.

Word of God Outreach

Waterford / South East Region Charismatic Conference

Invites you to celebrate the Feast of Christ the King in the Edmund Rice Chapel, Barrack Street, Waterford on Sunday November, 25th from 2pm to 5.30pm with Prayer, Praise, Scripture, Sharing, Prayer Ministry and Joy in the Holy Spirit...All are welcome!

Carers Club

The last Carers Club meeting for 2018 will take place at Pinegrove Centre, Passage Road on Wednesday next November 21st at 7.30pm. If you care for someone who has Dementia or Alzheimer's, do come along and share your experiences with other Carers while you enjoy a cup of tea in a comfortable setting.

Spiritual Preparation for Christmas: St. Benedict's Priory, Cobh.

Private Retreats with Day and Night Adoration, Daily Mass and Monastic Liturgy. Beautiful surroundings and meals provided. You are also invited to our monthly Day of Recollection: 24th November, 9am - 3.30pm. Please contact Mother Prioress on 021 4811 354. cobhtyburnconvent@gmail.com

South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture

Influenza, War and Revolution in Ireland, 1918-19

Speaker: Ida Milne on Thursday, November 29th at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church). Admission: €5 (society members free)
All welcome!

Slieverue & District A.R.A.

Mass on Wednesday 28th November at 2.15pm for deceased members and relatives in Slieverue Church. Members are asked to bring usual cakes and sandwiches for tea in St. Mary's hall afterwards.

Taizé Youth Trip 2019

A youth trip to Taizé in France organised by Ossory Youth will take place from Sunday 23rd June to Sunday 30th June 2019. A week in Taizé is an opportunity for reflection and contemplation and a little step back from daily life. But bringing people together is also the essence of Taizé and it is a week of meeting young people from different countries and cultures where new friendships are made. Tens of thousands of young people from around the world, including 28 from Kilkenny, made the trip to Taizé this year.

The trip is open to Transition year, 5th year and Leaving Cert students. Closing date is Friday 30th November. For additional information, including cost, and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at (056) 7761200, (087) 2129006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com

Safeguarding Children

If you have a safeguarding concern contact the Diocesan Designated Liaison Person :- **Mr. Cathal Cullen on 087-100 0232**
The Parish Safeguarding Representatives are :- **Breda Freyne & Gerry Hughes**
