

Ferrybank Parish Bulletin

25th November, 2018. **OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE**

A few thoughts from Fr. Kieran....

Today on this Feast of Christ the King we think about what this Kingship of Jesus means? We get a clue in the gospel. For Jesus Kingship (Power or authority) means humility, service, sacrifice. When a child or adult is baptised the following is said as part of the prayer accompanying the anointing with Chrism. *'As Christ was anointed priest, prophet and King so may you live always as a member of his body, sharing everlasting life.'*

Kingship in the Church is not a royal role entitling us to exercise earthly power, instead it confers on us membership of the body of Christ i.e. the community of believers. Being a member of a community demands humility, a willingness to be of service and sometimes being ready to sacrifice the familiar and something of myself so that the community can grow. Jesus was a servant King for others you and I are called to be servants of each other too.

This weekend we are invited to reflect on the area of safeguarding. Currently all safeguarding procedures in the parish are being reviewed and updated. This is an area of church life we must take very seriously. Filling in forms and implementing good practice and procedures can be demanding but there will be no cutting of corners when it comes to safeguarding children and vulnerable adults.

On a different note, in these days I would also ask you to pray for our parish as we discern how best to move forward with only one priest in active ministry serving Ferrybank and Slieverue.

Next weekend, the first weekend of Advent I will be announcing the adjustments we need to make to ensure an adequate service for both communities now and in the immediate future.

Finally next weekend we begin the season of Advent - stay tuned for a full list of events and resources which will be available then.

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.

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**

Ferrybank Parish Pastoral Council

There will be a meeting of the Ferrybank Parish Pastoral Council on Wednesday next, November 28th at 6.30pm in the Ferrybank Parish Office.

Retired Priests

The Annual Collection for the retired Priests of the Diocese will be taken up **today, Sunday, 25th November** as a Second Collection after Holy Communion. Your continued support of the retired Priests 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 next weekend, **1st and 2nd December.** Your support and donations are urgently needed and will be deeply appreciated. Donations maybe handed in to Betty Walsh, 30 Ard Mhuire/Michael O'Brien, 78 Ard Mhuire. All monies received will be used to assist needy families in Ferrybank parish.

Christmas Craft Fair

Sunday 9th December, 2018.

The Rhu Glen Country Club

from 11am to 4pm

All proceeds in aid of Waterford Marine Search & Rescue

To book a table contact 085 – 731 4207/

086-897 8843 or 086-197 2043.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

South Kilkenny Historical Society

Presents a Lecture ...

Influenza, War and Revolution in Ireland, 1918-19 with Ida Milne on Thurs., November 29th at 8pm - Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church).

Admission: €5 (society members free)

Night of Reminiscing, with John O'Connor (formerly of the *Munster Express*) on Thurs., December 6th at 8pm in The Thatch,

Grannagh. This event will be preceded, at 6.30, by Colcannon and ribs, Christmas pudding and tea - cost €25 per person.

As numbers are limited for the food,

pre-booking with a non-refundable deposit of €10 is required by contacting Brigid or Eddie.

Slieverue & District A.R.A.

The Annual Mass for deceased members & relatives will be celebrated in Slieverue Church on Wednesday Nov. 28th at 2.15p m. Anointing of the sick will be administered during the Mass. Members are requested to provide the usual sandwiches & cakes for tea in the parish hall after the Mass. All are welcome.

GAA NEWS

Ferrybank GAA club would like to thank all who supported our recent Greyhound Night, those who purchased tickers, people who bought dog nominations, our advertisers and sponsors. A huge thank you to the management and staff at the Waterford Greyhound staff for their help in organising this night out for us.

Word of God Outreach Waterford / South East Region Charismatic Conference

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!