

Ferrybank Parish Newsletter

9th December, 2018.

Second Sunday of Advent

A few thoughts from Fr. Kieran...

One of the great themes of Advent expressed so well in the readings from the prophet Isaiah in these days is PEACE. Every heart longs for Peace and yet it can be so difficult to achieve. Similar to the many other gifts the Lord blesses us with Peace is not something we gain instantly or magically. Peace is the fruit of how we live our lives, of how we relate to each other and to God. Peace dawns in our hearts our homes our communities our nations when firstly we live with justice and integrity in other words when we try our best to live as Jesus did. In the gospel today the voice of John the Baptist echoes across the centuries - *Prepare a Way for the Lord*. What better way to do this than by opening our hearts to the peace of the Lord by prayer, and being able to receive and share the love of God and others.

Next weekend & the weekend after we will have an opportunity to receive the Peace & forgiveness of Christ in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During the week you might think of some area of your life that needs peace and healing and bring that to the Sacrament over the next couple of weekends.

As we get used to our new Mass Schedule please bear with us as we get accustomed to the new times. There will always be teething problems which will sort themselves out.

Please be aware that like many other parishes locally and beyond we will be in a position to offer shared anniversary and months mind Masses in the near future. This will prevent families from having to wait too long to remember their loved one. Thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Weekly Church Collections

Last week's Offertory Collection €695

Last week's Envelope Collection €755

Many thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

The Ferrybank Conference of St. Vincent de Paul

The Conference would like to thank the people of Ferrybank for their overwhelming generosity to our annual Christmas Church Door Collection. Your support enables us to assist needy families in the Parish.

Christmas Coffee Morning

The Social & Fundraising Committee will hold a festive Coffee Morning on **Tuesday next**,

December 11th from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Parish Centre. Adm. €3 with a Christmas Fare, Mince Pies, Sales Table and Raffle. All proceeds in support of the parish. Please come along and bring a friend!

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**

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. Your support is greatly appreciated!

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place on Wednesday, November 28th, in the Cathedral's Chapter Room. The Draw Results are as follows:-

1st Prize €2000
0534 Kevin Hennessy,
St. Patrick's
2nd Prize €1000
1374 Sinead Walshe,
Ballyraggett
3rd Prize €500
1018 Theresa Buggy, St. Mary's
4th Prize €300
0101 Geraldine Denieffe,
Tullaherin
5th Prize €300
1867 Mary Colclough, Feshford
6th Prize € 200
0445 Dick Dooley, Castlecomer
7th Prize €200
1830 Redmond Haughey,
Borris in Ossory
8th Prize €100
1025 Niall Campion, Muckalee
9th Prize €100
0609 P.J. Lupton,
Borris in Ossory
10th Prize €100
0723 Donal Dunne,
St. Patrick's

Draw tickets are available at the Parish Office. €10 per month. The December Draw will be brought forward to **19th December.**

Slieverue & District A.R.A.

Coach times to Newbridge & Kildare Village on Wednesday, December 12th:-

Departing from ...
Kilmacow @ 9.20am
Slieverue @ 9.40am
Ferrybank at 10am.