

FERRYBANK PARISH NEWSLETTER
27th January, 2018. Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

A few thoughts from Fr.Kieran ...

As the month of January comes to an end we celebrate Catholic Schools Week which highlights the value of our Catholic Schools. A catholic School is not only a place for reading, writing and arithmetic, it is a place where children no matter what their background are valued and their gifts and talents encouraged. A catholic school is also a place where the gift of faith is handed on in cooperation with family and the parish community. This week let us give thanks for all who make our catholic schools places of joy and growth especially our teachers who do such great work.

During the week we will present a special candle to each of our schools in the parish. We also look forward to welcoming children and staff from the Good counsel NS to our morning Masses during the week.

The beginning of February provides us with some special reminders of the Lord's presence among us. On Friday next we celebrate the feast of St Brigid. On that day we think of her giftedness in sharing the gospel with a people that were not always receptive to the Good News. St Brigid's Cross reminds us that at the heart of her mission was the saving love of Jesus Christ which she proclaimed with enthusiasm and joy. On Saturday 2nd February we celebrate the feast of the Presentation of the Lord. It is traditionally a day when we bless candles for use in our church symbolising the light of Christ. In recent years it has also become a day dedicated to prayer for those in consecrated life. We give thanks for the many men and women religious who continue to be lights shining in our communities as they live out their charism in the church of today. Here in Ferrybank we pray especially for the sisters of the Sacred Heart of Mary, the little Sisters of the Poor & the Brothers of Charity and we thank God for them and pray that they will continue to be part of our parish for many years to come. On 3rd February we celebrate the feast of St Blaise with the annual blessing of

throats, again reminding us that through the intercession of St Blaise and the intercession for all who pray, the Lord brings healing and strength to all who suffer. Finally on the 11th February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, World Day of the Sick is observed and that provides us with an opportunity to pray in solidarity with all who are sick and their families. Please do join us for all these celebrations in the coming days. More details opposite! *Fr Kieran*

Weekly Church Collections

Offertory Collection €730

Envelope Collection €800

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

Holy Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group

Meeting every Monday night at 7.45pm in Belmont Park. All are welcome!

Ferrybank's SPLIT THE POT Week 4

3rd Prize €20 - Mary McEvoy

2nd Prize €30 - Michelle Carberry

1st Prize €75 - Sabrina Scannell

Organised by Ferrybank Community Development Residents Group

February 1st - Feast of St Brigid

Mass with blessing of St Brigid's Crosses at our 10 am Mass.
First Friday visitation of the sick begins after our morning Mass.

*Saturday February 2nd - Feast of the Presentation. Day of Prayer
for Consecrated Life*

At our 7.30 pm vigil Mass on 2nd February we will hold a service of light to celebrate the feast of the Presentation and we will also bless candles. Please bring a candle or candles which you can take to your

home afterwards. If you need a candle we will have some available before Mass. Traditionally people have also made donations for candles which are used in the church during the year. Your generosity would be greatly appreciated.

Feast of St Blaise - Blessing of Throats

To celebrate the feast of St Blaise we will have our annual blessing of throats after all our Masses next weekend.

Service of Healing & Anointing of the Sick - Sunday 10th February 3 pm

Every year the Church celebrates World Day of the Sick on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes on 11th February. The sick are a very valued part of the Church community & all of us will be among them at some stage in our lives. Pope Francis constantly reminds us of our mission to care for the sick and in their suffering to see in them the face of Christ and through helping them become more loving and compassionate people. This year to mark world day of the sick we will hold a special service of healing with anointing of the sick on Sunday 10th February at 3 pm. An ideal opportunity to pray for all in need of healing and to renew our commitment to caring for each person.

Confirmation

Here in Ferrybank we will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 9th March. Between now and then we will be preparing for this special day in the lives of our young people. At our 11.30am Sunday Masses during February and March a group of confirmation children will join us and take part in our Masses. Please pray for them. Pray that they will always appreciate that faith in Jesus is not a burden but a gift to have all through life.

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Finance Committee Tuesday 12th February 7 pm

Parish Pastoral Council Wednesday 13th February 7 pm

St. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul will take place **next weekend Sat. & Sun. 2nd & 3rd Feb., 2019**. As always your support is greatly appreciated !

Our Lady of Good Counsel GNS, Ferrybank

Enrolments for Our Lady of Good Counsel GNS, Ferrybank are now open for September 2019. If you would like to register your daughter please contact the school office on 051 832984 as soon as possible.

Ferrybank GAA Club A.G.M.

At our AGM comprehensive reports were given by both the Chairman & Secretary outlining the Club's activities throughout the year. The following people were elected on the night. Joint Presidents Fr. O' Shea, Essie Collins & Sean Burtchaell. Chairman Nicky Heffernan, Secretary Pat O' Meara, Assistant Secretary Dom O' Brien. Treasurer Declan O' Meara, PRO Declan Howard, Child Welfare Officer Tony Power, Health & Wellbeing Kate Gordon, Irish Officer Bill Hayes, Committee members Pdraig Buggy, Robbie Carew, Jack Burtchaell, Damien Ahern, MJ Sutton.

Safeguarding Our 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**.