

FERRYBANK PARISH NEWSLETTER

3rd February, 2019.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

A few Thoughts from Fr. Kieran

This weekend our readings focus on the role of the prophet. It is important to remember that a prophet is not one who foretells the future but one who is conscious of their calling & their vocation to proclaim the Word of God. We are familiar with the prophets of the Old Testament like Jeremiah who we meet this weekend but there have been many more too down through the generations who have boldly spoken and witnessed to the love of God, many giving their lives. Being a prophet is not an easy calling, only God gives the strength to persevere even in the midst of rejection. The prophet's greatest tool is Love, that same love which Paul talks about. It is this Love when accepted that transforms lives and softens hearts. Jesus the Son of God is the prophet par excellence. In his life, death and resurrection a model is provided for all who witness to the Love of God in our Church and the world. So what about you and me? In fact all of us are called to be prophets by virtue of our baptism, to witness to the Love of God, by the way we live our lives to witness to the truth and the truth is Jesus Christ. It never was easy to be a prophet, it never will be, but that is our calling and God is with us, after all..

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you;
before you came to birth I consecrated you;
I have appointed you as prophet to the nations.*

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 this weekend.

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Finance Committee Tuesday 12th February 7 pm

Parish Pastoral Council Wednesday 13th February 7 pm

Weekly Collections

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

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**

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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Little Sisters of the Poor will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday, February 3rd beginning at 3pm and concluding with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 5.30pm in their Chapel. All are most welcome!

Study Theology on line

Join our supportive student community and study Theology by distance learning. Register now at the Priority Institute. enquiries@priorityinstitute.com; www.priorityinstitute.com

Slieverue & District A.R.A.

Monthly meeting on Wednesday next February 6th at 2pm preceded by committee meeting. Members who are going to Croke Park on April 10th are requested to bring €15 in an envelope please to cover the cost of the coach. Guest speaker at meeting will be Kelly Dundavan RDO for SE region. Bring & Buy sale will now be on Wednesday March 6th.

Angela Burns Memorial 10k

The 5th running of the Angela Burns Memorial 10K Fun Run/Walk will take place on Sunday April 14th at 11am, starting from the GAA grounds. Entries will open shortly online www.totaltiming.ie/ The entry fee is €15 for runners (chipped) and €10 walkers.

Ferrybank's SPLIT THE POT Results Week 5

3rd Prize €20 - Lindsay Howlin

2nd Prize €30 - Siobhan Magee

1st Prize €65 - Billy Ryan

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