

FERRYBANK PARISH NEWSLETTER

10th February, 2019.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

A few thoughts...

This weekend our readings from the Word of God show that many different characters have been called to be his 'messenger'. Isaiah, Paul, Peter are some of those who said YES! Of course they were very aware of their own limitations and weaknesses. This self awareness allowed the Lord to see in each of them material that he could work with. Isaiah describes himself as 'a wretched man'. Paul says he is the 'least of the apostles' not deserving to be considered as such. Peter acknowledges that he is 'a sinful man'. God does not look for perfection in those whom he calls but an openness to growth as a human being and as a disciple so that he can send them to bring his Love into the world.

In these days of change we may be tempted to give up on efforts to encourage young people to consider life as a priest or religious. Perhaps we think that such a life choice is out dated or hardly necessary anymore. If we are true followers of Jesus we can never cease to believe that the Lord still cries out 'Whom shall I send?' and is inviting young people to be his messengers today. We may be in 'deep water' but the need for fishers of women and men is great and urgent. Don't be afraid to encourage young people to think about life as priest or religious.

Young people don't be afraid to say yes, 'Here I am, send me!' Isaiah, Paul, Peter, were unlikely candidates and faced many challenges in their day but they made the grade with the love and strength of God and the support of other people.

Fr Kieran

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

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.

Upcoming Meetings

Parish Finance Committee Tuesday 12th February 7 pm

Parish Pastoral Council Wednesday 13th February 7 pm

Weekly Church Collections

Offertory Collection **€650**

Envelope Collection **€945**

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

Holy Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group

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

Ringville School Enrolments

Ringville Mixed National School is taking enrolments for September 2019 and September 2020. Please contact Ringville Mixed National School on 051-832 635 for further information or enquiries.

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

The eleventh Draw of the St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund took place on Wednesday, Jan. 30th. The Draw Results are as follows:-

1st Prize €2000 0504 Anna Bowden, St. Patrick's

2nd Prize €1000 0102 D. & M. Denieffe, Tullaherin

3rd Prize €500 0062 Killian O'Shea, Ferrybank

4th Prize €300 0379 Ann Kelly, Muckalee

5th Prize €300 0335 Denis O'Leary, Callan

6th Prize €200 0174 Agnes Hogan, St. Mary's

7th Prize €200 0605 Fr. J. Robinson, B in Ossory

8th Prize €100 1191 Fr. M. O'Connor, Kilmacow

9th Prize €100 1597 Marie Mahon, Borris in Ossory

10th Prize € 100 1053 Kathleen Taylor, Ballycallan

If you wish to accept the invitation to be a member/subscriber in the fundraiser, you're most welcome to join at the Ferrybank Parish Office.

World of Outreach

Waterford & South East Charismatic Renewal

Invites you to a day of Prayer open to all at the Edmond Rice Chapel, Waterford on Sunday 17th February, 2019 from 11.00am to 5.30pm with Guest Speaker Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan who will celebrate Mass at 4.30pm. Please bring a packed lunch. Tea/Coffee will be provided!

St. Mary's Abbey, Glencairn

Vocations Weekend 15th - 17th March, 2019

Seeking God The Cistercian Way: Liturgical Prayer Work

Lectio Divina

Cistercian Nuns seek God and follow Christ in a life of prayer and work, solitude and simplicity, in a stable, loving community.

If you would like to explore the possibility of a Cistercian vocation, please contact Sr. Sarah, our vocation director at : vocations@glencairnabbey.org

Ferrybank G.A.A.

Angela Burns memorial 10k fun run/walk takes place on Sunday April 14th at 11am starting from the Ferrybank GAA grounds. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

Entries can be done on <http://www.totaltiming.ie/> or you can register on the day, with €15 for the runners (chipped) and €10 for the walkers.

Ferrybank Under 17 Football play Mt Sion on Sunday 17th Feb at 11:30am in Mt Sion GAA grounds.

Deise Draw 2019

The launch of Deise Draw 2019 will take place in Stradbally GAA Centre on Thursday next 14th February at 8pm. The first draw is scheduled to take place last Wednesday of April (24th).

Ossory Lourdes Pilgrimage

Bookings are now being taken for those who wish to travel on the Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes from May 21st to May 26th, 2019. Fare is €790pps. Please contact Eleanor (Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday from 9.30am – 1.30pm, closed on Wednesdays) on 051 880414 or email glenmore@ossory.ie