

## FERRYBANK PARISH NEWSLETTER

**24th February, 2019.**

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)

### **A few thoughts from Fr. Kieran ...**

In the readings this weekend it is clear that the way of love is the way of God and also the way that is most fully human. To be a follower of Jesus involves a radical transformation in our relationships. The way of revenge or violence never provides a way forward or solves any problem. Forgiveness and compassion are the best antidotes to any conflict situation in our own lives, our communities or indeed globally. Let us ask the Lord for the strength to always do the right thing to take the road of mercy even when that can be difficult for us.

In these days Pope Francis is hosting a meeting of Bishops in Rome to deal with the church wide issue of sexual abuse. We hope and pray that this meeting will serve to renew the church's commitment to doing everything possible to ensure the safety of children and vulnerable adults in the church community. In our own parish we are conscious of our duty of care and to make sure that all safeguarding regulations and practices are implemented and adhered to.

In the coming days please keep in your prayers all our young people who will be confirmed on 9th March. This is a very important opportunity in helping them discover or rediscover that faith in Christ can be a very beneficial gift in their lives.

### **St. Vincent de Paul**

The monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul will take place **next weekend Sat. & Sun. 1st & 2nd March, 2019.** As always your support is greatly appreciated!

### **Weekly Church Collections**

Offertory Collection **€685**

Envelope Collection **€935**

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!

### **St. Joseph's Home looking for Volunteers**

Volunteers to help for one hour for meal service 6.00 – 7.00 main dining room. Also for the Reception, once a week for a couple of hours / or to replace receptionist for breaks.

Please contact Mother Roseline at 051-833006

### **Parish Finance Committee**

Tuesday 26th February 7 pm in Parish Office.

### **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](mailto:glenmore@ossory.ie)

**Eigse Players present I'm not Dead Yet by Valerie Sweeney**

7th, 8th & 9th March, 2019.  
St. Mary's Hall, Slieverue at 8pm  
Adm. €10 pay at the Door!

**Ferrybank's SPLIT THE POT Results Week 8**

3rd Prize €20 - Nora Boden 2nd Prize €30 - Maria Grace 1st Prize €61  
- Niamh Kearns  
*Organised by Ferrybank Community Development Residents Group*

**Slieverue & District A.R.A.**

Monthly meeting will be at 1.45pm on Wednesday March 6th. Committee meeting at 1pm. Guest speaker will be Mr Anthony Phelan. Bring & Buy sale will be at 3.15pm. Members are asked to bring items for this event. There will also be a raffle.  
Coach fare of €15 for Croke Park stadium & museum is being collected now also a deposit of €50 for the holiday to Westport Woods hotel (May 19th to 23rd).

**South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture**

Friday March 1st, 2019 at 8pm  
'The Beginning of the War of Independence in Kilkenny - Speaker: Eoin Swithin Walsh.  
Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church). Admission: €5 (Society members free)  
All welcome.

**Annual Trip to Noddfa, North Wales 2019**

Our annual trip to Noddfa, North Wales is going on Monday 1st July 2019 and returning Sunday 7th July. Please contact Bernie on 087-656 9871 for more details as soon as possible!

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