

FERRYBANK PARISH NEWSLETTER

A few thoughts from Fr. Kieran ...

In the gospel this weekend Jesus affirms that *'the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher'*.

All of us need good teachers every day of our lives because life itself is a daily process of learning and we learn from those not only who have knowledge but those who have walked the walk! When a child is brought for baptism there is always a prayer for the parents - 'May they be also the best of teachers bearing witness to faith by what you say and do... ' Teaching others about Jesus and our faith can only be meaningful when we ourselves believe in our hearts and practice in our lives what we try and hand on to others. Faith in Jesus Christ is not something that is just learnt off it is an encounter with our number one teacher as Christians - Jesus himself - who teaches us through the joyful witness of those whose hearts are filled with good things.

As Lent begins this coming Ash Wednesday let us be open once again to allowing the Lord to touch our hearts so that all of us will become true teachers and witnesses to the love of God. Next weekend we will have full details of our lenten programme so we will have a few days to settle into the lenten season!

In the coming days we will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with our young people. We give thanks for all their 'teachers' who by the witness of their lives are preparing them for this sacred moment. We give thanks especially for parents and grandparents and the Teachers in our schools who work so hard to bring them to Confirmation day.

Ferrybank - Ash Wednesday

Mass with blessing and distribution of Ashes at 10 am
Liturgy of the Word & Distribution of Ashes 7.30 pm

Lenten Stations

The Lenten Stations for the support of the Priests of the Parish are being taken up at this time. Thank You.

Weekly Church Collections

Offertory Collection €670 Envelope Collection €910

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!

Ferrybank & District A.R.A.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th March at 2pm in Ferryfun. Hope to see you all there!

Ferrybank Split the Pot Week 9

3rd Prize €20 - Ben Murphy 2nd Prize €30 - Stephanie Power 1st Prize €60 - Aaron Keogh

Organised by Ferrybank Community Development Residents Group

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The committee meeting begins at 12.45 pm on Wednesday next & the general meeting at 1.45 pm. Anthony Phelan M.Sc.B Sc will be our guest speaker at 2.15 pm. Bring & Buy sale & a raffle will take place at 3.15 pm. Please bring items for this event. Annual donation has been sent to Pine Grove day care centre .

Deise Super Draw 2019

The Deise Super Draw consists of 6 draws over 6 months with over €130,000 to be won. Cost of ticket is €15 per month. Draw will be held on the last Wednesday of each month from April to September. 70% of the funds go back into Ferrybank GAA Club. Contact 087 672 4212 for further information.