

FERRYBANK PARISH NEWSLETTER
24th March, 2019. Third Sunday of Lent (Year C)

A few thoughts from Fr. Kieran...

This weekend our reading of the Word of God reassures us that Jesus is the living water who quenches our 'thirst'. St Paul reminds us that this living water has already been poured into us by the Holy Spirit. Therefore we have within us reservoirs of living water, in other words the living presence of Jesus, the one who refreshes us and fills that space which longs for love, mercy and peace. The woman at the well found this out through her encounter with Jesus. He is the well from which we can constantly draw the water of life. This lent let us spend some time with him in prayer and allow him to refresh us and cleanse us so that we can become who God calls us to be.

Congratulations to children of 2nd Class in Ferrybank who received the Sacrament of First Confession during the past week. First Confession is all about the forgiveness of God for us and also a valuable reminder, worth learning at a young age, that we are called to be forgiving and merciful in our relationship with others too during our lives.

The sisters of the Sacred heart of Mary had great celebrations during the week as their new 'Naomh Bríd' centre was officially opened and blessed by Bishop Dermot Farrell. Welcome to all the new occupants and we hope they have many happy years to enjoy their new homes.

Finally don't forget our coffee mornings for Trocaire every Tuesday morning in the Parish Centre, great to see so many turn out and enjoy the chat and support those less fortunate & we have the second session of our 'A Faith that Serves' reflections this Tuesday evening with Olivia Maher. Thank you to all who attended last week with Fr Dermot and all are very welcome to come along.

Lenten Resources - Adult Faith Development

Please feel free to take Scripture Booklets, Children's activity book- knowing our Ossory faith and a fact sheet about Lent are among the resources.

Evening of Reflection for Ministers of the Word (Readers)

An evening of reflection for all ministers of the Word will be held on Monday 1st April 2019 at 7.30 pm in St Kieran's College, Kilkenny. The evening will be facilitated by Fr Jim Murphy and the Ossory Diocesan Retreat Team

Lenten Text Message

If you would still like to sign up for a daily text message for Lent please place your mobile number on the sheets on our table at the entrance to the Church.

Lenten Tweet

On the Ossory twitter feed there is a daily video for Lent

Trocaire Boxes

Please take a trocaire box and help those less fortunate in our world today.

'A Faith that Serves'

A series of evenings for people of Ferrybank and Slieverue Parishes (& those beyond!) who want to know more about their faith and who would like to be considered for involvement in parish ministry. Focus will be on Liturgy, Scripture, Ministry. No qualifications necessary just a willingness to learn! This is a very important initiative as we move forward encouraging more people to become involved in the life of the Church. 7.30 pm each Tuesday in Ferrybank Parish Centre - 26th March - Ms. Olivia Maher / 2nd April - Fr Kieran

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Every Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday during lent 9am - 10 am. (except on the occasion of a funeral)

Stations of the Cross

Friday's of Lent after our 10 am morning Mass

Trócaire Lenten Coffee Morning

Rockshire Road, Rockshire Tee., Rockshire Court, Castleoaks, The Fairways/Green Oaks, Silverwood and surrounding areas will host the third in our series of Lenten Coffee Mornings on **Tuesday morning next 26th March** from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Parish Centre with Sales Table & Raffle. Admission €3 with all proceeds in support of Trócaire. All are welcome!

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

The first Draw of the St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund will take place on Wednesday, March 27th.

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.

Holy Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group

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

Lenten Prayer Journey at St. Joseph's Home, Little Sisters

Tue. 26th, Wed. 27th & Thurs. 28th March

By Fr. Michael Twomey

Chaplain to our home in Dublin Holy Family

Tuesday Mass 10.30am

3.00-4.00 Confessions

4.00pm Talk followed by Benediction

Wednesday Mass 10.30am

3.00-4.00pm Confessions

4.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Benediction

Thursday Mass 10.30am

3.00-4.00 Confessions

4.00 Talk and closing with Benediction

South Kilkenny Historical Society Lecture

The Invincibles - The Phoenix Park Assassinations and the Conspiracy that Shook an Empire.

With speaker Mícheál Ó Doibhilín on Thursday, March 28th at 8pm in Mullinavat Parish Hall (opposite church). Admission: €5 (society members free). All welcome

St. Mary's Boys' National School

Fundraising 'Race Night'

The Briar Rose

Saturday 30th March, 2019 at 9pm

Free Entry on the night with Raffle Prizes and Auction which includes signed Soccer/GAA Jerseys. Ten exciting Races!

FerryFun Childcare & Afterschool Centre

Ferryfun are currently taking registrations for September 2019 for the pre-school and afterschool sessions. Places are limited. Please call for an application on 051 833280 or email ferryfunchildcare@hotmail.com"

Carers Club

The next meeting of the Carers Club for carers of people with Alzheimer's and Dementia will be held on Wednesday next 27th March at 7.30pm in the Pinegrove Centre, Passage Road. All are most welcome!

Weekly Church Collections

Offertory Collection **€1025** Envelope Collection **€ 885**

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**