

FERRYBANK PARISH NEWSLETTER

31st March, 2019.

Fourth Sunday of Lent Laetare Sunday (Year C)

A few thoughts from Fr. Kieran ...

As Lent continues its speedy trajectory towards Easter we are at a point now where it is good to reflect on how this season of grace is going for us? As we have seen from the outset the hallmarks of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These are three good yard sticks to measure our progress. No matter what your score is on the lenten scoreboard don't forget there is still time to avail of the opportunity these few weeks present to give God a little more space in our lives. It is wonderful to see so many doing something special in our communities. Many people have availed of the Lenten resources provided by the Diocesan faith Development Group, others have attended our Tuesday evening sessions and well done to those who join us for Adoration, Mass and Stations of the Cross during lent also. There has also been a great turn out for our lenten coffee mornings for Trocaire. So well done to all involved and lets continue to make the final couple of weeks of lent a celebration of our love for God and our neighbour.

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'

The last in our 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. April 2nd in the Ferrybank Parish Centre - 7.30pm with Fr Kieran O'Shea.

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

Ferrybank's SPLIT THE POT Week 13

3rd Prize €15 - Michelle Grant 2nd Prize €20 - Mary Walsh 1st Prize €45 - Marian Shaw

Organised by Ferrybank Community Development Residents Group

Mother's Day - 31st March

Mother's Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of Lent. The day is devoted to the celebration of Motherhood and the Mother's place at the heart of the family. We thank God for the great blessing of Motherhood. Today we remember, honour and pray for all our Mothers.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!

'Love no flood can quench, no torrents drown...' Song of Songs 8:7

2.5 million people may have been affected by the devastating cyclone and floods that have hit southern Africa.

Trócaire is responding on the ground with life-saving support and the Lenten campaign will help not only the people in Mozambique, Malawi and Zimbabwe but thousands of others facing hardship across the developing world. www.trocaire.org

Trócaire Lenten Coffee Morning

Belmont Road, Abbey Road, Ard Glas, Fíodh Mor, Tuar na Blátha, Newpark, Christendom, Abbey Park / Abbey Lawn / etc., Rathculiheen, Rathview Park, Farmlea and surrounding areas will host the fourth in our series of Lenten Coffee Mornings on Tuesday morning next 2nd April 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. Vincent de Paul

The monthly collection for the St. Vincent de Paul will take place **next weekend Sat. & Sun. 6th & 7 April, 2019.** Your support is greatly appreciated!

Holy Spirit Charismatic Prayer Group

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

Slieverue & District A.R.A.

Monthly meeting on Wednesday next April 3rd at 2 pm preceded by committee meeting at 1pm. Please note the coach times to Croke Park stadium & museum on Wednesday April 10th as follows :departing Kilmacow @ 8.30am Ferrybank Grotto @ 8.45am sharp Slieverue 9.00am sharp
Please be at your relevant pick up in good time as we must allow for delays on motorway due to roadworks.

The Spring holiday to Westport has been cancelled. 'Chairrobics' on 3rd April & 17th April

Bee Keeping SKBA

Bee keeping course for beginners will be held on Saturday 11th May 2019 at The Community Hall, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny. Please contact Maura Diamond 086/2619993. Closing date for registration is 24th April 2019.

An Evening of Taizé

with The Island of Ireland Peace Choir
Edmund Rice Chapel, Barrack St., Mount Sion, Waterford
8p.m. Friday 5th April 2019

Ferrybank & District A.R.A.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 3rd April at 2pm in Ferryfun. Hope to see you all there!

Weekly Church Collections

Offertory Collection **€640**

Envelope Collection **€760**

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