

## FERRYBANK PARISH NEWSLETTER

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

Congratulations and every blessing to all our girls and boys in Ferrybank and Slieverue who received Holy Communion for the first time last weekend. Thank you to their families and teachers who prepared them and to the parents group who organised the various Masses in the lead up to the celebration. Thank you to Fr Dermot who celebrated with the families and children in Slieverue.

First Communion is a very important day but it is 'first' Communion. That means there is opportunity for many more. The Eucharist is the centre of our lives. Without the Eucharist we are lacking proper food to help us be faithful Christians. When we gather regularly as a community to celebrate the Eucharist we are fed by the one who is - God with Them, the God who is with us, Jesus himself. The Eucharist is also the gathering where fresh heart is put into us and we are encouraged to persevere in faith like the community in our first reading this weekend. Above all the Eucharist is where we feed on Love so that we can Love one another and be truly disciples of Jesus.

### Ministers of the Eucharist for May 2019

#### Saturday Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Maura Moore, Mary Freeman & Elaine Searson

#### Sunday 10am

Bride Doyle, Michael Noonan & Susan Freeman

#### Sunday 11.30am

Sr. Catherine, Margaret Hughes & Paschal Kennedy

### Ministers of the Word - Sat. 25th & Sun. 26th May, 2019.

Saturday 7.30pm Yvette Purdue

Sunday 10am Catherine Howard

Sunday 11.30am Mary Keane

### Music in the liturgy - A Workshop for Choirs & Musicians in St Kieran's College - Tuesday June 11th 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm. With Dr

John O'Keeffe, director of Sacred Music in Maynooth.  
booking 056 7753624- email: [afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie) or  
online [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie)

### Leaving Cert. Graduation Mass

Congratulations to all the leaving cert. students in Abbey Community College who will celebrate their graduation Mass on Thursday next. We wish them all the best in their exams and for the future.

### Exam Mass

Mass for students doing Exams in Ferrybank and Slieverue will be celebrated in **Slieverue Church on Sunday 2nd June at 10 am**. An Exam Candle and Prayer Card will be available in both churches on that day.

### Parish Evening in St Kieran's

A Parish evening of Prayer for the parishes of Ferrybank and Slieverue will be held on Wednesday May 29th. A bus will be available and pilgrims will be collected in Slieverue and Ferrybank. Names to our parish office.

### Special Communion Hosts for those who are Gluten Intolerant

For people in our congregations who are coeliac or are otherwise gluten intolerant special hosts are now available to receive at Mass. For the moment please join the line to the Priest for Communion and indicate that would like to receive the special Host and it will be made available to you from a pyx on the Altar.

### Feel a Call to Priesthood or Religious life? Take Courage... Don't be Afraid... Take a first step on the journey of discovery

If you feel you may be called to Priesthood or religious life don't be afraid to ask questions or seek further information or support. Fr Kieran who is also Diocesan Vocations Director is always available to support and answer your questions. Contact Fr Kieran at 086 8272828 [vocations@ossory.ie](mailto:vocations@ossory.ie)

### **Weekly Church Collections**

Offertory & Envelope Collection €1075

OLA Missionary Sisters Collection €1050

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**

### **Coffee Morning**

The Social & Fundraising Committee will host a Coffee Morning on Tuesday morning next 21st May, 2019 from 10.30am to 12 noon in the Ferrybank Parish Centre. Adm. €3 with Sales Table & Raffle. All are most welcome and all proceeds raised will go towards Travel Expenses incurred for a little girl living in our parish who has been ill!

### **Annual May Rosary Procession**

The annual May Procession will take place on Sunday 26th May at 3pm leaving Ballybricken Green to the Dominican Church, Bridge Street where the Crowning of Our Blessed Lady will take place. All are very welcome to attend especially those children who have received their First Holy Communion.

### **St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund**

The May monthly Draw will be held in the Cathedral Chapter Room at 8.00pm on Wednesday, 29th May. The annual prize fund is €60,000 and the subscription is €120 per annum or €10 per month. Draw tickets are available at the Parish Office. We encourage your support for our Diocesan Cathedral.

### **Abbey Road Gardens - Open Day**

This event will take place on Saturday 25th May from 11am to 3pm.

Walk the garden, browse the bric-a-brac and book and plant stalls, try your luck at the raffle and then relax with a cup of tea and delicious cakes. Suggested donation €5 which includes tea. All proceeds to Pinegrove Day Care Centre for Alzheimer's and dementia with a donation also to Rosedale, Kilmacow.

### **Angela Burns Memorial 10k Fun Run/Walk**

The 5th Annual Angela Burns memorial 10k Fun Run/Walk will take place on Saturday May 25th at 7pm, starting from the GAA ground. €15 for the runners & €10 for the Walkers. You can register at [www.total.timing.ie](http://www.total.timing.ie) or on the night from 5:30pm.

### **The Child in our Midst**

St. Patrick's College, Maynooth will host a conference on the subject of childhood on June 7th – 8th. The keynote speaker is Annemie Dillen from KULeuven and it will include a number of Plenary and Workshop sessions on topics as varied as Children and the Spirituality of Motherhood and Children's Rights and Catholic Faith. Contact [specialevents@spcm.ie](mailto:specialevents@spcm.ie). To register for Conference [www.eventbrite.ie](http://www.eventbrite.ie)

### **Ferrybank's SPLIT THE POT Week 20**

**3rd Prize €20 - Nicky Grady**

**2nd Prize €30 - Eileen Heffernan**

**1st Prize €55 - Catherine Cotterall**

***Organised by Ferrybank Community Development Residents Group***