

FERRYBANK PARISH NEWSLETTER
Sixth Sunday of Easter - 26th May, 2019.
(Cycle C)

A few thoughts from Fr. Kieran

During the past week pilgrims from the diocese of Ossory have been in Lourdes where the sick have a special place. It is wonderful to see the way they are cared for in Lourdes and especially by our young people. We pray that we will always respect the dignity of the sick and elderly and treasure the gift of human life from the moment of conception to natural end. Pope Francis often speaks about 'a throw away culture' where we value human life only if it is useful. This is not the way of the follower of Jesus. Life is precious simply because life is a gift from God. Let us always celebrate life and respect each human person and all creation.

Speaking of the pilgrimage to Lourdes I would remind you again that on Wednesday evening 29th May a shorter pilgrimage to Kilkenny will take place for our Parish Evening of Prayer in St Kieran's College. The bus will collect those who wish to travel in Slieverue and Ferrybank. Still time to book. The bus is free! Please contact the Parish Office.

A reminder that next weekend we will be praying especially for our young people who are facing exams. While exam questions are important there are other questions too that young people face today. We thank God for them and let us encourage them in every way to realise their full potential in life.

Finally we will begin a Novena for Vocations (Ascension to Pentecost) next weekend which can be prayed at home or at Mass. Let us hope the Lord will hear our prayers and help those being called to have the courage to respond.

Weekly Church Collections

Offertory €690

Envelope Collection €945

Many thanks to all who contribute weekly, monthly and annually, as well as those who pay by Standing Order. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Ministers of the Eucharist June 2019

Saturday Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Michael Freyne, Angela O'Brien &

Mary White

Sunday 10am

Mary Ryan, Margret O'Driscoll &

Eileen Fitzpatrick

Sunday 11.30am

Ann O'Neill, Maria Ronan &

Paddy Grant

Ministers of the Word

Saturday 1st June 7.30pm

Yvette Purdue

Sunday 2nd June 10am

Catherine Howard

Sunday 2nd June 11.30am

Mary Keane

OLA Missionary Sisters

Sr. Agnes Haverty on behalf of the Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of Apostles wishes to thank all in Ferrybank for their great generosity and warm welcome to Sr. Mary Usifoh when she visited the parish recently.

Fr. Ray Kelly *in Concert* with Meath Diocesan Choir & Kilkenny Youth Orchestra

St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny
Sunday 9th June, 2019
8.00pm (Door's open 7.30pm)
in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund
Admission €20
Tickets available from The Ferrybank Parish Office
Diocesan Office 056-776 2448 or online www.ossory.ie

Bloom Flower Festival

Bus to Bloom Flower Festival in the Phoenix Park on Thursday 30th of May. Bus leaving the Rising Sun Mullinavat at 8:00am sharp. Cost €70 this includes bus, morning coffee, entrance to Bloom Festival and evening meal. All welcome! Contact Breda on 0872703683 before Tuesday the 28th of May.

Déise Draw

Ferrybank GAA Club will like to thank all who supported the club by buying Déise Draw tickets for 2019. With the generous support of people who buy Déise Draw tickets, we will be able to help many of young boys and girls, in the parish, work toward a brighter sporting future with the facilities we provide.

The second draw takes place on Wednesday May 29 in Portlaw. The winner of the club draw for April was, Sam Lawless, Mullinabro, Ferrybank.

Slieverue & District A.R.A.

Monthly meeting on Wednesday June 5th at 2 pm. Committee meeting at 1 pm. Chairrobics at 12.45pm. Coach times to Cobh on Wednesday June 12th as follows:- departing Kilmacow at 8.30am, departing Grotto at 8.45am & departing Slieverue at 9am. Total cost which includes bus, entrance to the Titanic museum & evening meal in Bramley Lodge is €53.

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

Cemetery Mass

Our annual Cemetery Mass takes place on **Thursday, 27th June** at **7.30pm**. All are most welcome to attend.

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.