

FERRYBANK PARISH NEWSLETTER
**Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - 1st
September 2019 (Cycle C)**

World Day Of Prayer for Care of Creation

The Season of Creation

The Season of Creation or Creation Time, is marked throughout the Christian world from 1 September to 4 October (Feast of St. Francis of Assisi) and celebrates the joy of creation as well as encouraging awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment.

Pope Francis on Caring for Our Common Home

“We need to strengthen the conviction that we are one single human family.”

“The Earth, our home, is beginning to look more and more like an immense pile of filth. In many parts of the planet, the elderly lament that once beautiful landscapes are now covered with rubbish.”

“Never have we so hurt and mistreated our common home as we have in the last 200 years.”

“We are not God. The Earth was here before us and was given to us.”

“The idea of infinite or unlimited growth, which proves so attractive to economists, financiers and experts in technology ... is based on the lie that there is an infinite supply of the earth’s goods, and this leads to the planet being squeezed dry at every limit.”

“Yet all is not lost. Human beings, while capable of the worst, are also capable of rising above themselves, choosing again what is good, and making a new start.”

Prayer for Creation

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live
as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,
help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so
precious in your eyes.
Bring healing to our lives,
that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow
beauty, not pollution and destruction.
Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the
poor and the earth.
Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and
contemplation,
to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we
journey towards your infinite light.
We thank you for being with us each day.
Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle
for justice, love and peace.
Amen.

Back to School!

We wish all our children, young people, teachers and families every blessing for the new school term. Hopefully you had a very enjoyable and restful holiday and we pray that during the coming school year all our scholars will be open to new adventures, to thinking and learning - not only from books - but also from one another, that they will come to appreciate more the gift of friendship and respect, to celebrate with humility their gifts and talents and to be thankful for their God given potential. May they experience love and care and know they are loved by God always.

Fr. Tesfay

This coming Monday Fr Tesfay who has been with us for the month of August departs for Poland where he is studying. We thank him for all his work during the past few weeks and for introducing us to the great culture and traditions of the Ethiopian people. His presence with us

made the summer a more relaxed time which we deeply appreciate. We wish him a safe journey and every blessing for the year ahead. Thank you to all of you for your kindness to him while with us. Fr Tesfay being with us reminds us that we are a universal church community. The Lord always invites us to look beyond our selves to find his presence where ever the church is present.

First Friday Visitation

Fr Kieran will visit the sick at home in Slieverue on Thursday from 11.30 am and the sick at home in Ferrybank on Friday beginning at 11 am.

In the event of a funeral the visits will be postponed to another date.

Sacred Heart Church Choir

Scientific research has shown that singing is good for your health: 'Singing in a choir for just one hour boosts levels of immune proteins in people...' Then why not join our Parish Choir for the benefit of your body and soul? We are looking for new members - both men and women.

The Sacred Heart Church Choir sing at 11.30am Mass each Sunday. We practice on Monday nights from 7.30-8.30pm in the Church. If you sing and are interested in joining please contact any of the members or just come up to the Choir Gallery any Sunday at 11.30am. We look forward to welcoming you.

The Sacred Heart Church Choir

The Sacred Heart Church Choir will resume singing on Sunday 8th September 2019 at 11.30am Mass. If you sing and are interested in joining please contact any of the members or just come up to the Choir Gallery any Sunday at 11.30am.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Little Sisters of the Poor will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Sunday, September 1st, beginning at 3pm and concluding with Evening Prayer & Benediction at 5.30pm in their Chapel. All are most welcome!

Taize Evening

Taize Evening with The Island of Ireland Peace Choir at The Edmund Rice Chapel, Mount Sion, Barrack St, Waterford on Friday 5 September at 8pm. All are Welcome.

Rosary Procession

The Annual Waterford & Lismore Diocesan Rosary Procession in honour of Our Lady's Birthday will take place on Sunday 8th September at 7pm leaving Ballybricken Green, Waterford to the Cathedral of the Most Holy Trinity, Barronstrand Street. All are very welcome to attend.

Slieverue & District A.R.A.

Monthly meeting on Wednesday Sept 4th at 2pm preceded by Committee meeting at 1pm. Chairbics classes resume also on Sept. 4th at 12.45.

Information on cost of the coach to Arklow Bay hotel (Sept. 29th to Oct.3rd) will be available at the meeting.

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**

Weekly Church Collections

Offertory Collection **€730**

Envelope Collection **€1182**

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

**Pair of Ladies Sunglasses were left in Parish Office.
Contact 051-830813!**