

FERRYBANK PARISH NEWSLETTER

FERRYBANK PARISH BULLETIN

Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th August, 2019.

New Mass Schedule

In his letter to the people of the Diocese in May 2019, Bishop Farrell explained that the Diocesan survey in October 2018 showed that only 24% of the people of the Diocese attend weekend Mass. He further pointed out that the Diocese has 40 Priests under the age of 75 and that number will halve in the next ten years.

Consequently 13 Pastoral Areas or groups of Parishes have been formed to work together. As you are aware **Ferrybank and Slieverue has been grouped with Glenmore and Rosbercon Parishes.** Parishes will keep their own identity and will work and plan together in the years ahead. Representatives from the Parish Pastoral Councils of the Parishes involved have met to discuss how their Pastoral Area will work and one of their tasks has was to address the reduction in the number of Masses in the Pastoral Area, with a view to allowing a maximum choice for parishioners to attend Mass in their own Parish. The new schedule of Masses will be introduced across the Diocese on the First Sunday of Advent 2019. All parishes across the diocese have had to make painful decisions in relation to Masses.

The Sunday schedule in Ferrybank and Slieverue Parish will remain the same, (A Mass has already been discontinued in Ferrybank). However it is dependent on the generous assistance of Fr Liam and Fr Jim. If there is any change in this situation or if numbers attending Mass change the schedule will be reviewed again. In time the schedule will reflect the fact that there is only one priest ministering between our two parishes.

Glenmore and Rosbercon have also made adjustments to their Mass schedules and a full listing is given below.

Christmas and Easter schedules in our parishes will also be planned taking into account our new reality as a pastoral area.

Revised Mass Schedule from 1st Sunday of Advent 2019

Saturday

6.00pm	Slieverue
7.00pm	Glenmore (1st, 3rd, & 5th Saturday of the Month) Rosbercon (2nd & 4th Saturday of the Month)
7.30 pm	Ferrybank
8.00 pm	Tullagher (1st Saturday of the Month)

Sunday

9:30 am	Mullinarrigle
10.00am	Ferrybank
10.00am	Slieverue
11.00am	Glenmore
11.00am	Rosbercon
11.30 am	Ferrybank

Pastoral Area Meeting

A meeting of our Pastoral Area Council was held on Thursday evening in Glenmore Parish Centre.

The issues discussed included: the importance of having vibrant parish pastoral councils in each parish; the revised Mass schedule to take effect on the first Sunday of Advent; maximising human and material resources in parishes' the importance of planning and working through the framework of the Diocesan Pastoral Plan. Communication between Parish Pastoral Councils and the Pastoral Area Council along with mechanisms which encourage participation of all members of the parishes involved.

The importance of a positive approach to the work of the area council and to the challenges and opportunities that present themselves in the times ahead was also stressed.

As it is recommended that each Pastoral Area in the Diocese would have a name the Pastoral Area Council is inviting parishioners to come up with ideas of what our new area might be called. It is also envisaged that a logo might be designed. Fr Kieran will be delighted to take your suggestions!

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

The August monthly Draw will be held in the Cathedral Chapter Room at 8.00pm on Wednesday, 28th August. 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.

Weekly Church Collection

Offertory Collection **€788** Envelope Collection **€800**

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

Mass to pray for Vocations to the Priesthood & Consecrated Life

Little Sisters of the Poor, St. Joseph's Home, Ferrybank

Tuesday 27th August at 7.00pm

Celebrant Fr. Peter Ayaso (Rome) & Music by members of various youth groups. All welcome!

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection

The monthly collection for the St Vincent de Paul will take place next weekend Sat. & Sun. 31st August & 1st September. As always your support is greatly appreciated.

Waterford / S.E. Region Charismatic Conference 2019

Trust in Me (John 14:1)

Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th September at 10m

The Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue, Co. Kilkenny

Speakers:- Ros Powell, Fr. John Keane & Bishop Alphonsus Cullinan

A powerful Weekend of Prayer, Praise, Worship & Healing

For more information contact Síle 086-859 0394 or Mossy 087-213 6812. Organised by Word of God Outreach.

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.

Deise Draw

The August Deise Draw takes place on Wednesday next August 28 in De La Salle. The July winner of the club draw was Brian Hickey, Silverwood (seller John Heffernan)

Clothing Collection

If you have any of the following items that you don't need, you can drop them down to the GAA grounds; clothes, curtains, paired shoes, belts and soft toys. Please do NOT bring down any pillows or duvets.

Slieverue & District A.R.A.

Monthly meeting on Wednesday Sept 4th at 2pm preceded by Committee meeting at 1pm. Chairobics 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.

The Ferrybank Family Fun Day - Come and join Us!

Saturday 31st of August from 1pm – 5pm.

Brothers of Charity Grounds FREE Admission.

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 7.30 pm

Sunday: 10 & 11.30am Daily Mass: Mon.-Thurs. 10am

Service of the Word & Holy Communion: Fri. 10am

(Unless there is a funeral Mass)

Sacrament of Confession

The Sacrament of Confession is available each Saturday evening after the 7.30 Mass

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament is celebrated on first & third each Saturday of each month at 4pm

Ministers of the Eucharist September 2019

Saturday Vigil 7.30pm

Michael Freyne, Angela O'Brien & Mary White

Sunday 10am

Mary Ryan, Margaret O'Driscoll & Eileen Fitzpatrick

Sunday 11.30am

Ann O'Neill, Maria Ronan & Paddy Grant

Ministers of the Word

Saturday 31st August 7.30pm Bríd Mallon

Sunday 1st September 10.00am Robert Dunphy

Sunday 1st September 11.30am Mary Walsh