

FERRYBANK PARISH BULLETIN

15th December, 2019. (Cycle A) Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday)
Advent

This weekend we light the third candle on our Advent wreath marking the time as we prepare to celebrate the Birth of Jesus. Our theme this year is *'Rebuilding a Home for the Lord'*

Retired Priests

The Annual Collection for the retired Priests of the Diocese will be taken up today **Sunday, 15th December**. Your continued support of the retired Priests is very much appreciated!

Weekly Church Collections 7th Dec./8th Dec. 2019

Offertory Collection €648 Envelope Collection €947

Many thanks to all who contribute. Your support as always is greatly appreciated!

Ferrybank/Slieverue Parish Christmas Novena Mass Cards

During the Christmas season a Novena of Masses will be celebrated for the intentions of all who are enrolled on our Christmas Lists. Christmas Novena Mass Cards with images of Ferrybank & Slieverue Church are available from the Parish Office and from the Sacristy's and cost €2 which include the card and share in Masses offered.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Ferrybank & Slieverue

Monday - Friday after Morning Mass

Every Saturday Evening after Mass

Second & Third Sundays of Advent - after all Masses

Christmas Eve in Ferrybank 2pm to 3pm

Eucharistic Adoration Advent

Ferrybank - Wednesday 10.30am to 1pm

Slieverue - Tuesday 7.30pm-8.30pm

Thursday 2.15pm-3.15pm

Christmas Mass Times Ferrybank

Christmas Eve

Family Mass 6pm

Carol Service with Ferrybank Choir 7.30pm

Vigil of the Nativity of Our Lord 8pm

Christmas Day

Birth of Our Lord

Masses 10am & 11.30am

Christmas Eve Family Mass. Help Needed!

An invitation goes out to parents, children, and young people who would like to be involved in our family Mass at 6pm on Christmas Eve to come along to a practice on Saturday 21st December at 11am in Ferrybank Church. Shepherds, Wise Men and Women, Mary & Joseph, people to do readings & prayers and bring gifts will be required! For further information please contact the Parish Office. Children must be accompanied by parents.

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

Please note the December Draw will be held on **Monday, 16th December 2019**. This Draw will be preceded by a Christmas Carol Service and light refreshments from 7.30 pm. If you wish to accept the invitation to be a member/subscriber, you are most welcome to join at the Parish Office!

Altar Servers Needed!

The ministry of Altar Server is open to Girls and Boys from third class upwards and even into secondary school. It might be a great way for those preparing for Confirmation to do something special for this year. If your child would like to become an Altar Server please call to the Sacristy after Mass for an application form or to the Parish Office during the week. Parents should be assured that safeguarding is taken very seriously and all who work with young people in the Church community are required to be Garda Vetted. It is hoped that if we get any volunteers a parents group could be formed to help with the Altar Servers.

Ministry to the Sick

If you have a family member sick at home in hospital or in a nursing home and they would like a visit from the priest or be included on our First Friday list please contact the Parish Office & Fr Kieran will be happy to call. Visitation can only be made on request of family members. The Sacrament of the Sick is celebrated in the parish Church during the year and also at home. In cases of serious illness family members are encouraged to request a visit from the priest at an early stage.

Parish Schools Christmas Carol Service

St. Mary's Boys' N.S.

The boys from St. Mary's Boys' School will hold their annual Carol Service on **Tuesday 17th December at 7pm** in the Parish Church. Nothing gets you in the festive mood more as the boys set the scene for Christmas through music and song.

Our Lady of Good Counsel G.N.S.

Our Lady of Good Counsel GNS will hold their Carol Service on Wednesday **18th December at 2pm in the Parish Church**. An opportunity for you to come along and enjoy the marvellous story of Christmas told by the children through carols & hymns.

Mass Times

Saturday Vigil: 7.30 pm

Sunday: 10 & 11.30am

Daily Mass: Mon. to 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

Baptism will be celebrated on the First Sunday of the month in Ferrybank at 1pm (alternating with Slieverue every other month) and also on the third Saturday of the month at 3pm and if the number of children to be baptised exceeds four a further time will be available at 4pm. Parents are required to attend pre Baptism Meeting. Details from the Parish Office.

Safeguarding Our Children

Policy Leaflets on Safeguarding Children for the Diocese of Ossory are available for collection in the Church. Please read these important policies and standards for Safeguarding Children in our Parish and Diocese. Our Parish Safeguarding Representatives are Breda Freyne & Gerard Hughes. If you, or anyone you know, has a safeguarding concern or wishes to report an allegation directly to Statutory Authorities please contact the Gardai or Túsla An Garda Síochána 1800 555 222. Túsla Child and Family Agency, Waterford 051-842827. The Diocesan Designated Liaison Person, Mr Cathal Cullen, 087 100 0232 - email dlp@ossory.ie.