



Ferrybank Parish Bulletin



Remembering in our Masses this week ...

Recently Deceased

Laurence (Larry) Ryan,  
Dowsleys Barn, New Ross &  
Glenmore

Month's Mind

Tess Slattery (Sun. 11.30am)

Anniversaries

Joe Bolger (Sat. 7.30pm)

John Bollard and his parents Joe  
& Rose Bollard  
(Sun. 10am)

Patsy Dowling (Sun. 11.30am)

Margaret (Peggy) Turner  
(Wed. 10am)

Annie & Jackie Martin  
(Thurs. 10am)

May Griffin (Fri. 10am)

Maura Cahill  
Kitty Darmody  
Kevin Williams  
Michael Griffin

Dorothy Ryan  
Nuala Mingozzi  
Patricio Mingozzi

May they rest in peace ...

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New Mass Times

Saturday Evening Vigil Mass 7.30pm

Sunday 10am; & 11.30am

Daily Mon. - Fri. 10.00am

Sacrament of Baptism

The Sacrament is Celebrated on  
First & Third Saturday of each  
month at 4pm.

Sacrament of Confession

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

Weekly Church Collections

Offertory Collection €600

Envelope Collection €830

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

Few thoughts from Fr. Kieran...

Isn't it amazing that in a world of technology and gadgets of every kind the Christmas Crib made of wood, straw and clay figures still has the capacity to touch the human heart, hold our attention and stir our imaginations with child like wonder? What is it about the crib that has the power to attract people of all ages and levels of faith? Is it the simplicity? Is it the story? Is it the shepherds and the angels? It may be different for everyone but there can be no doubt that the crib announces the birth of the Son of God who has been injected into our world and into what we consider the ordinary. The animals remind us that our God is the God of all creation; pieces of straw invite us to reflect that our God is in the broken and scattered areas of our lives. The shepherds challenge us to remember that our God welcomes the poor and the outcast - after all he chose them to be the first bearers of the Good News. Then Mary & Joseph, who responded generously to God's invitation to say yes, to play their part, to become involved rather than stay on the edges because of fear, and who realised that cooperation with God's plan can give birth to love and hope even in the most desperate of situations. And finally in the figure of a tiny child we see the face of the Christian God, a God who is most powerful in weakness. In these days of Christmas it is this same God who invites all of us to take a serious look at the crib. Then he wants us to go out and like the shepherds, proclaim to all whom we meet, especially the young, the sick, the lonely, those who are tempted to despair, those for whom faith in God no longer has any meaning, that he is born so that every human heart can have hope and peace. He wants us to believe that because of what happened in Bethlehem he is now to be found in the hearts of all who welcome him with joy. The God who became a child in Bethlehem, the Word who became flesh loves us eternally with a love that has the power to transform our lives. And so this Christmas, approach the Crib with confidence that you are loved and may the Child lying in the manger bless each and every one of you with joy, hope and peace now and in the coming year.

*Fr. Kieran, Fr. Jim & Fr. Liam wish all of you and your families every blessing & good wish for Christmas and the New Year!*

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Available this weekend after 7.30pm Vigil Mass on Saturday and the 10am/11.30 on Sunday.

Christmas Collection

The Christmas Offerings for the support of the Priests of the parish will be taken up at this time. Thank You.

Christmas Eve Family Mass

At 6.00pm this year we will celebrate the Mass of Christmas Eve with the children and families of our parish.

Christmas Eve Carols

On Christmas Eve our parish Choir will set the scene for the Vigil Mass. Beginning at 7.30pm in the church, through beautiful songs and carols, the choir will help us to prepare for the celebration of the Vigil Mass of the Nativity of our Lord at 8pm.

Christmas Day

We will celebrate the Birth of our Lord with Masses at 10am and 11.30am.

St. Stephen's Day

Morning Mass at 10 am on Wednesday 26th December.

Carol Services

Congratulations to St. Mary's Boys' N.S., Our Lady of Good Counsel School and The Abbey Community College on their wonderful Carol Services during the last week. All the boys and girls took part and made it for themselves and all present at each of the services a memorable and joy filled occasion.

New Years Day - Mary, The Holy Mother of God - World Day of Prayer for Peace

Mass will be celebrated here in Ferrybank for New Years Day at 10.00am on Tuesday, January 1st, 2019. We pray in a special way for peace in our world as we face into a new year.

The Parish Office / Shop

The Parish Office / Shop will re-open at 10.00am on **Wednesday 2nd January, 2019**  
A happy and peaceful New Year to all!

Ferrybank's SPLIT THE POT Results Week 51

3rd Prize €20 - Belinda Kearns 2nd Prize €30 - Liam Fitzpatrick 1st Prize €78 - Linda Kearon

**Organised by Ferrybank Community Development Residents Group**

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**

**May our hearts rejoice in the greatest gift of all this Christmas season ...**