

Mass Times

Weekend:-

Tulla Church Saturday 7.30pm
Freshford Church Sunday 11.00am

Weekdays:-

Freshford Church Wednesday 9.30am

Holy Days (as announced) 9.30am

Baptisms:-

Are Celebrated on Sundays at 12pm in the Parish Church. One months notice is appreciated.

We remember and pray for our dear departed who died recently:
And those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

Christy Hickey (Ard Lachtain)

Tom Bergin (Woodview)

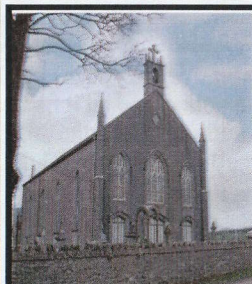
We little knew that morning that God was going to call your name. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same.

It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone, for part of us went with you, the day God called you home.

You left us peaceful memories, your love is still our guide, And though we cannot see you, you are always at our side.

Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, The chain will link again.

May they Rest In Peace

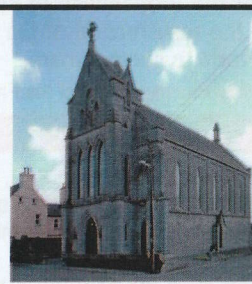


Freshford Parish

Newsletter

5th May 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter



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SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person: **Ailish Higgins** 085 802 1633 dlp@ossory.ie

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

If I have all faith so as to move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give away everything I own, and if I hand my body over so that I may boast but do not have love, I gain nothing.

Love is patient, love is kind. It is not jealous, is not pompous, it is not inflated, it is not rude, it does not seek its own interests, it is not quick-tempered, it does not brood over injury, it does not rejoice over wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.

It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.

With every good wish and blessing

Monsignor Kieron

Prayer for the Month of May

May is the month to remember Mary in a special way. Mary was a very special person, because God chose her, above all other women, to be the mother of his Son, Jesus.

Here is a special prayer that you can say at home with your child during the month of May.

Thank you Mary, for saying 'yes' to God. Help us to remember that you love us, and that your Son, Jesus, loves us too.

We know that he wants to be our friend. Bless us, and keep us all safe. Amen

Reflection of the Word

A commandment of love is something of a contradiction in terms. Love is a free choice. That is what gives the thrill to the experience of being loved. Recall times when you received gestures of love from another -

- A spontaneous embrace from a husband or wife;
- A wave from a friend;
- Words of comfort and affirmation

Not because the other person felt obliged to reach out to you but because they wanted to let you know that you were loved. What effect did that have on you? Did it bring you joy? Perhaps you have had a glimpse of the truth of what Jesus said, that it is in loving that our joy is complete.

May Altar

As we approach the month of May – the month dedicated to Mary – we invite you to prepare a May altar at home. This old tradition of honouring Our Lady in our homes during the month of May has been passed down through the generations.

You can create a space for your altar on a small table, on a windowsill or on a shelf in your home. Central to the altar is a statue or image of Our Lady, placed on a small blue or white cloth. May altars are traditionally adorned with flowers, either wild flowers such as primroses which are plentiful in the hedgerows at this time of year or some of your own personal favourites. Many flowers are dedicated to Our Lady such as lilies, roses, irises and periwinkles.

Place a candle on your altar that you can light as you take some time each day during the month of May, for quiet prayer, to pray the rosary and ask for Our Lady's intercession.