

Pastoral Area of St Bridget St Ruadhan St Lachtain Parishes of Ballycallan, Tullaroan, Freshford

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th August 2026

Pray For Our Deceased Loved Ones

We remember and pray for our dear departed who died recently:

Gordon Ryan Waterford/Freshford

Anniversaries:

Sat. 6pm Patricia Cleere

Sat 7.30pm Peter Doyle

Sun 11am Anthony Colclough

Sun 11am Mairead Power

Sun 11am Joe Fortune

Sun 11am Pierce O'Neill

Sun 11am Fiacre Tyrrell

Sun 11am Jack Kelly

Dates for your Diary - Cemetery Mass

Saturday 15th August St. Ruadhan Tullaroan 7.30pm

No Mass on Monday morning 10th or Tuesday morning 11th August.

Masses in the Pastoral Area for August 15th
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Vigil on Friday 14th 7.30pm Kilmanagh
Saturday morning 15th ... 10pm Freshford
Cemetery Mass 15th7.30pm Tullaroan

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

In a house made of thoughts the bricks are paper thin, the roof forever in a state of disrepair as one image replaces another. Which reminds me of the three little pigs building their house of straw.

Despite ourselves we can live a lifetime in our prison house of thoughts - of grudges, fears, worries, regrets - and miss out on the fresh air of the ever-present moment.

It's summer. Look at the bush full of bees on a nectar trip, hear a bird speaking out and feel the breeze on your face. The world is addressing you as friend. Come out play, it says. Wise up, will you. Breathe

St. Clare of Assisi (1193-1253) - 11th August

Happy the soul to whom it is given to attain life with Christ, to cleave with all one's heart to Him whose beauty all the heavenly hosts behold forever, whose love inflames our love, the contemplation of whom is our refreshment, whose graciousness is our delight, whose gentleness fills us to overflowing, whose remembrance makes us glow with happiness, whose fragrance revives the dead, the glorious vision of whom will be the happiness of all the citizens of the heavenly Jerusalem.

For He is the brightness of eternal glory, the splendour of eternal light, the mirror without spot.'

'The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.'

Kilkenny Adult Learning Service - OPEN DAY

Thursday 20th August - 10am to 1pm

43 Upper Patrick St., Kilkenny City R95 PXN2

Classes are FREE, QQI Certification and Support Expert led tuition in small groups, Register on the day Contact kilkennyadultlearning@kkadulthood.ie or Phone 056 7763149

Song of the Scythe

Celebrating Scything, Grasslands & Traditional skills. Friday 14th & Saturday 15th August at Graine Native Tree Nursery.

For tickets and more information visit www.theacornproject.ie

The Painted Gospel: A Pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi The Adult Faith Development Pilgrimage to Italy, to Rome and Assisi, will take place in March 2027. For further information see the poster in the church or visit the Ossory website.

Prayer for a Blessing on a Long Life

God of mercy, you have given your children the gift of long life, and they ask for your blessing. Let them feel the tenderness and strength of your presence. As they look back to the past, let them rejoice in your mercy. As they look to the future may they persevere in hope that does not fade.

To You be praise and glory forever.

The Tullaroan SVP August collection came to €145 . Thanks to all who contributed.

SAFEGUARDING Ossory Diocesan

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