

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

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time 18th January 2026

Mass Schedule

Weekend

Saturday: 6pm

Jan 17th Killaloe

Jan 24th Tulla

Jan 31st Kilmanagh

Feb 7th Killaloe

Feb 14th Tulla

Feb 21st Kilmanagh

Feb 28th Killaloe

March 7th Tulla

March 14th Kilmanagh

March 21st Killaloe

March 28th Tulla

Saturday 7.30pm Tullaroan

Sunday: 9.30am Ballycallan

11am Freshford

Weekday 9.30am

in the following churches .

Monday – Kilmanagh

Tuesday & Friday – Freshford

Thursday – Tullaroan

(Funerals will take the place of morning masses.)

Pray For Our Deceased Loved Ones

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

Jack Ronan, Knockeenbawn, Kilmanagh.

Priscilla Flanagan (née Coogan) Freshford/Tullaroan

Bridget Holmes Courtstown , Tullaroan

Anniversaries:

Sat 6p.m. : Larry & Kitty Holmes

Sat 7.30pm: Eugene Walsh; Geraldine Luby;

Sun 9.30am: Tommy Butler

Sun 11am: William Walsh; Helen Ryan; Phyllis Campion;

Bishop Niall Coll will be installed as the new Bishop of Raphoe on Sunday 25th January 2026.

On behalf of Pastoral Area of Ballycallan, Tullaroan, Freshford

We wish Bishop Coll every good wish and Blessing as he takes up his new position and we thank Bishop Coll for his time spent with us in the Diocese of Ossory.

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you put too much pressure on any one part of your life, there is a risk of collapse. If you put too much pressure on any one part of your being there may be a collapse too. The body, soul, mind and emotions are given to you to spread the load. The same is true of your family and friends and of support services and those things that help you to discover your beliefs and values. When you are in good form, you are aware of all these 'arches' in your life. The load is spread quite evenly. When you are in bad form, you put too much pressure on one 'arch', that single arch just can't carry the load!

Thought for the Day

Winter is a time of grey, velvet weather drifting towards us. It arrives on 'little cat feet' and curls itself around us like the fog in Sandburg's poem. The weather is a friend if you make it one. I look forward to the grey, quiet time for Solitude, contemplation, reading, long conversations with friends. Colours are softer, sounds have more depth, the pace is gentler.

Instead of resentment at the lack of sun, snuggle into the grey velvet quilt and make yourself a cup of tea.

God alone can give faith, but you can offer witness.

God alone can give hope, but you can give confidence to others.

God alone can give love, but you can pass it on to others.

God alone can give peace, but you can work for unity.

God alone can give power, but you can sustain somebody who is feeling low.

God alone is the light, but you can make it shine for others.

God alone is life, but you can give others a taste for living.

God alone can do the impossible, but through you it becomes possible.

God alone is self-sufficient...but amazingly, God prefers to count on you.

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