

## 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:

**Catherine Skehan (née Dillon)** (Gathabawn,)

And those whose anniversaries occur around this time:

**Ann Turner (née Champion)** (Cascade)

**Mary Dawson** (Woodview)

**Patrick Barnaville (Junior)** (The Square)

**Fred Gertberg** (Killaree)

**Patrick & Betty Morrissey** (Luskenagh)

**Michael Dermody** (Ballydaniel)

Grant us the hope that springs eternal from Your word, the assurance that our loved ones are now in Your loving embrace, experiencing the joy and peace that surpass all understanding. Help us to envision the heavenly realms, where there is no more pain or sorrow, only the blissful communion with You. *Amen*



## Freshford Parish Newsletter

21st July 2024

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time



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[Hours: Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9.30 - 1.30

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St. Vincent de Paul 051 350725 (Regional Office, ask to leave a message)

Freshford National School 056-8832400 Prague House 056-8832281

### SAFEGUARDING

Designated Liaison Person: **Ailish Higgins** 085 802 1633 [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie)

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Designated Parish Reps: **Eleanor Cantwell & Gerard Bolger**

Garda National Protective Service: 01 666 3430/35 Tusla - Kilkenny 052 617 7302

### Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Today's gospel story is for people busy with caring for others. Jesus' desire for peace and quiet was disturbed by the crowds who needed him. This is an image of many parents and people in helping professions. We need rest and time to recharge the energy and love of the heart; but at times the needs of others will take over. Prayer can unite both - the prayer of our action and the prayer of love. The place of our mind can be very crowded with the cares and concerns of life. We need time to give these over to God in prayer and then time just to be still. Stillness is of the essence of prayer. With every good wish and blessing

Monsignor Kieron

### Freshford Daycare Centre

Freshford Daycare Centre are running a day trip on **Wednesday 24th July**. This will include a cruise on the river Shannon, dinner in Hudson Bay golf club, and shopping in Athlone. Bus leaving from outside Prague House at 9 a.m. sharp, arriving back at 9.30 p.m. approx. - cost is €50

Names to:- Marie O'Connor 086 2547439, Ann Burke 086 2030224 or Paddy Butler 087 6367667

### The Light the Fire Pilgrimage

The Light the Fire Pilgrimage at Ballintubber Abbey, Co Mayo will take place on **Sunday, 4 August, from 12.00pm to 4.00pm**. Archbishop Francis Duffy, along with Deacon John Taaffe will celebrate Mass as part of the Light the Fire rosary/healing service. Eurovision's Dana will also sing her new song for Saint Patrick which recalls how our patron saint lit the fire of faith.

### Reflection of the Word

The apostles reported to Jesus all that they had done and taught. Perhaps you have had the experience of being able to check in with somebody and share an experience. What have you learned from such conversations?

Jesus saw the apostles needed to rest and eat. What has been your experience of finding a restful place after a busy day? What kind of nourishment have you found necessary in order to maintain energy and enthusiasm? When Jesus saw the crowd, he recognised their need and reached out to them. Who has been a Jesus person for you, someone who recognised your need and reached out to you? For whom have you been a Jesus person in that way?

It sometimes can be difficult to strike a balance between responding to the needs of others and meeting our need for rest and nourishment. What has helped you keep the balance right?

### North Kilkenny Wheelchair Association

The North Kilkenny Wheelchair Association will be holding **Bingo Nights** from **Friday the 2nd August and every Friday at 8 p.m. in the Community Hall Freshford.**

### Welcome

Canon Donal Leahy from the diocese of Cloyne, who will be our Celebrant for Mass this week-end. Please welcome him to our Parish with open arms.

Monsignor Kieron

### Eucharistic Service

Eucharistic Service will be celebrated next Wednesday at 9.30a.m. - Kindly facilitated by Sister Mary Freeman.