

Mass Times

Weekend:-

Tulla Church Saturday 7.30pm
Freshford Church Sunday 11.00am

Weekdays:-

Freshford Church Wednesday 9.30am

Baptisms:-

Take place on Sundays at 12pm in the Parish Church. One months notice is appreciated.

Marriages:-

Three months notice to Church and State required.

In line with public health guidelines the Celebration of Mass is limited to 50% capacity with social distancing maintained. Masks should still be worn when inside the Church, and everyone should sanitise regularly.

Text About It: If you can't cope and need support text HELLO to 50808

ALONE For older people who need support call: 0818 222 024 (8am-8pm)

Samaritans 24 hours a day, 365 days a year.
Freephone: 116 123

Amber Kilkenny Womens Refuge: Call: 1850424244 (24/7) or 056 7771404

Bereavement Support Line Call: 1800 80 70 77 (Mon - Fri 10am - 1pm)

We remember and pray for our dear departed, especially those who died recently Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Ray Nolan (Bohergloss)
First Anniversary

Eamon & Nellie Hennessy (Tulla)

Tony Bergin (Clashacrow)

Dennis Lennon (Cascade)

Jack Doheny (Threecastles)

Tom & Maureen Walsh (Kilrush)

Deceased members of the

Hickey Family (Ballylarkin)

May they rest in peace



Freshford Parish Newsletter

9th January 2022

The Baptism of the Lord



Monsignor Kieron Kennedy P.P. 056 8832843 / 087 2523521

Parish Secretary Jennifer Parish Office 056 8832843

(Hours: Tuesday, Thursday & Friday 9.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.)

email freshford@ossory.ie www.parishoffreshford.com

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: **Kathleen Sherry** 085 802 1633 dlp@ossory.ie

Deputy DLP: **Cathal Cullen** 087 100 0232 or **Rose Brophy** 087 331 4330 ddlp@ossory.ie

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

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

Parish News

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a lovely Christmas, in whatever way you were able to celebrate. As the new year begins we look forward to new beginnings and opportunities.

In Pope Francis' New Year message he encouraged people to focus on the good which unites them and decried violence against women while acknowledging that the coronavirus pandemic has left many scared and struggling amid economic inequality. Peace, the pope said "demands concrete actions. It is built by being attentive to the least, by promoting justice, with the courage to forgive, thus extinguishing the fire of hatred."

Pope Francis also championed embracing a positive attitude, "one that always sees, in the Church as well as in society, not the evil which divides us, but the good that unites us."

May we embrace this positive attitude as we embrace the new year. With every good wish and blessing Mgr Kieron.

The Parish Office remains closed until the Thursday the 13th of January 2022. In the meantime you're welcome to email: freshford@ossory.ie or use the post boxes at the back of the Parish Church.

South Leinster Money Advice & Budgeting Service Kilkenny MABS Tel: 0818 072610. Free, Independent and Confidential Money Management and Advice Service Assisting people in dealing with their existing debts, Mortgage arrears and helping them to begin to manage their own resources.

Comic Corner



He prefers to take his walks virtually now.

Reflection on the Word

The people were searching and John pointed them in the direction of Jesus. On your life's journey who have been the John the Baptist people for you, people who have pointed you in the right direction? The Baptism of Jesus was a very special moment for him that affirmed him in his identity as Son of God and in his mission. Recall the experiences that affirmed you - either in your sense of who you are, or in relation to the direction you were taking in life.

The Baptism of Jesus marks a transition point in his life, and the start of his public ministry. Recall the transition points in your own life. Where did you see the grace of God at work in those times?

This experience of Jesus occurred when he was at prayer. What part has prayer played in opening you to being aware of God in your life? What part has prayer played in helping you through a transition point in your life?

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

For true human fraternity: We pray for all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution; may their own rights and dignity be recognised, which originate from being brothers and sisters in the human family.