

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 support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Open seven days a week, 8am-8pm, call 0818 222 024.

Bereavement Support Line If you're experiencing grief or loss, the national bereavement support line is available to help Call: 1800 80 70 77 (Mon - Fri 10am - 1pm)

Amber Kilkenny Womens Refuge: For confidential support relating to domestic violence call: 1850424244 (24/7) or 056 7771404 Em: info@amberwomensrefuge.ie

We remember and pray for our dear departed, especially those who died recently

Clare Maher (née Hollywood) (Ballyroe)
 Wed 8th Dec. RIP.

Those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Philomena Quinn (Clistown Rd)

Brigid Hennessy (Threecastles)

May they rest in peace



Freshford Parish Newsletter

12th December 2021

Third Sunday of Advent
 Gaudete Sunday



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.parihoffreshford.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

✧✧✧ Christmas Mass Schedule ✧✧✧

Date	Parish Church	Tulla Church
Christmas Eve	9.30pm	7.30pm
Christmas Day	11.00am	
Sunday, Holy Family	11.00am	

Due to the ongoing Covid-19 restrictions the seating capacity of both our Churches is still restricted at 50% maximum capacity. Social distance and the wearing of masks is still required. Please help to keep each other safe this Christmas. With every good wish and blessing Monsignor Kieron.

Plough Through the City Tractor Run organised by Threecastles GAA club and supporting Down Syndrome Ireland will take place on Sunday 12th December. It will roll through the centre of the city between 5-6pm.

St. Vincent De Paul Annual Christmas Collection will be taken up on the way in to Mass in Tulla and Freshford Churches this weekend. In addition to the annual Christmas collection taken up today, donors can make a donation in the blue SVP envelope provided to each household recently by An Post. These envelopes can be left anytime in the parish collection box in the porch at Freshford Church or in the collection bucket at Tulla Church. As always thank you for your contribution, at this special time.

Comic Corner



Reflection on the Word

'What should we do?' The common thread in John's answers was to encourage his questioners to be other-centred rather than self-centred, each in the context of their own circumstances. In your experience what difference has it made for you when you changed your attitude in this way?

John told the people in a direct and honest way what they should do. Perhaps you have had friends who did not beat about the bush but have told you honestly what they thought about your behaviour when you asked them? In gratitude recall such friends.

The humility of John comes out in this passage, happy to acknowledge that he only had a minor role to play in relation to the Messiah. At the same time, he was enthused by his mission to 'proclaim the good news to the people'. What difference has it made for you when you were able to see the good in yourself, and use your gifts without having to score by portraying yourself as greater than someone else?

The Pope's Monthly Intentions

For catechists: We pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.