

Mass Times	Weekend:-	
Tulla Church	Saturday	7.30pm
Freshford Church	Sunday	11.00am
	Weekdays:-	
Freshford Church	Wednesday	9.30am

Christmas Mass Times in our Parish

Tulla Church	Christmas Eve	7.30pm
Freshford Church	Christmas Eve	9.30pm
Freshford Church	Christmas Day	11.00am
Freshford Church	Sunday, Holy Family	11.00am
Freshford Church	Wednesday 29th	Suspended
Weekend of 1st & 2nd January - usual Mass Times.		
Tulla Church	Wednesday 5th Jan	7.30pm
Freshford Church	Thursday 6th Jan	11.00am

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. & you should sanitise regularly.

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

ALONE Open 7 days 8am-8pm. P: 0818 222 024.

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

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

26th December 2021

Michael Watson (Woodview)

Michael Rafter (Clontubrid)

Sarah & Patrick Dawson (Buncrussia St.)

Kathleen & Jimmy Cantwell (Kilkenny)

2nd January 2022

Mary Manogue (Kilaree)

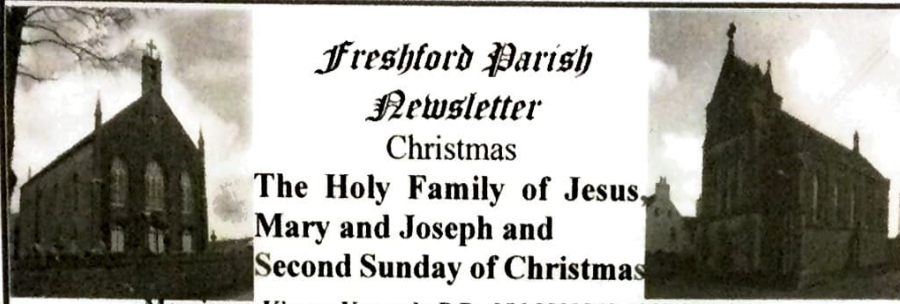
Months Mind.

Sean Ryan (The Mill)

First Anniversary

Paul Quinn (Clinstown Rd)

May they rest in peace



Freshford Parish
Newsletter
Christmas

**The Holy Family of Jesus
Mary and Joseph and
Second Sunday of Christmas**

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

Wishing you and your family a very merry Christmas. It has been another very tough year and unfortunately continues to be. May we look for solace in our community, in our family and friends and in the wider world as we continue to work together to keep everyone safe. This Christmas, we remember those who have gone to God throughout the year, and those we miss at this time of year. We call to mind our friends and family abroad. Knowing that despite the distance they are always in our hearts.

If you are isolating this Christmas, thank you. Stay patient and know that your sacrifice is potentially saving another. Retain hope at this difficult time and know there are better days to come.

Thank you for your understanding, collaboration and involvement this year as we continued to navigate these unusual circumstances. It was my privilege to be able to welcome you back to our churches and celebrate Mass with you. Your contributions to the Stations, dues and collections are vital and greatly appreciated. We have made many improvements to our Churches and surrounds as an important year approaches - the celebration of St. Lachtain's 1400 year anniversary. Many events are planned and I look forward to celebrating them with you in 2022. With every good wish and blessing this Christmas, Monsignor Kieron.

The Parish Office will remain closed until the 13th of January 2022. The boxes at the back of the Parish Church and emails will be routinely checked so please contact the office via email or by leaving a note in the post boxes.

Comic Corner



World Day of Peace - 1st January

We pray for all who suffered violence today. May an unexpected serenity surprise them. For those who risk their lives each day for peace, may their hearts glimpse providence at the heart of history.

That those that make riches from violence and war, might hear in their dreams the cries of the lost.

That we might see through our fear of each other a new vision to heal our fatal attraction to aggression.

Those who enjoy the privilege of peace Might not forget their tormented brothers and sisters.

That the wolf might lie down with the lamb, That our swords be beaten into ploughshares And no hurt or harm be done

Anywhere along the holy mountain.

Blessing for a Christmas Tree

Bless this tree, this sign of life and freshness and perseverance in creation. It is a reminder that you are born anew in us each day. Bless our family and friends as we celebrate this joyful season. Keep us safe in our travels, kind in our conversations, and gracious in our giving and receiving. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.