

PARISH WEBSITE

Integrated webcam and payment facility

St. Senan's Church has a live webcam streaming 24 hours a day. The Camera is focused on the Sanctuary and front seats of the old part of the church. Compliant with all GDPR requirements.

<https://stsenansenniscorthy.ie>

All Masses available to view on the Website

St. Senan's Parish Newsletter

Sunday, 13th February 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 13th February

Vigil

James Fanning (A)

Tim Breen (A)

Peg Welch (A)

Deceased members of the
Byrne family

Nellie Corrigan (A)

Bill Lavender (Rem)

Johnny Canavan (A)

Tom O'Connor (Rem)

Weekday Masses

Monday – 10.00am

Owen & Catherine
Redmond & deceased
family members

Thursday – 10.00am

Brian Murray (Birth Rem)

Alice Murray (Birth Rem)

Sunday, 20th February

Vigil

Winnie Tyrrell (A)

9.00am

Geraldine O'Neill (A)

Brendan Nolan offers a homily for the Sixth Sunday of Ordinary time where we have St Luke's account of the Beatitudes. Our video this week is from another doctor who offers a compelling case against euthanasia. We have the usual newsletter insert and finally, to mark St Valentine's Day, a reflection on understanding, living and sharing the Catholic vision for human sexuality. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com

Templeshannon Childcare Centre

Was your child born between 1 January 2018 and 31 December 2019?

Then they are eligible for their FREE preschool place under ECCE in September 2022!

We have three sessions available - morning and afternoon that are 3 hours each during school term times.

If you are interested, you can pop into the centre to pick up an application form or email

st.anneschildcare@gmail.com for more information.

Registration for Confirmation 2022

Parent(s) / Guardian(s) are requested to download, print and complete a Confirmation Registration Form available here <https://stsenansenniscorthy.ie/.../Confirmation...> and return to the Parish Office as soon as possible but before 3pm on Monday, 14th February 2022.

CHANGES DURING MASS

Please note from the first weekend of March Saturday/Sunday, 5th/6th we will revert to receiving holy communion at the normal time during Masses.

THANK YOU

Parish Envelopes

- €470

Priests Envelopes

- €535

FULL RANGE OF CARDS

Reminder we have a full range of signed Mass Cards and Bouquets available from the Parish Office.

THE HOOK OF FAITH

The National Vocations Office has organised a virtual 'Come and See' session on zoom for men exploring the possibility of priesthood. We have further details of this conference that takes place on 1st March. From ongoing studies on the reasons why many women choose abortion or feel it is their only option, the role of men comes into sharp focus. Fr



No matter what you ask of the daffodil,
it will still wait until Spring to bloom.

From this I learned that we all open up
when the time is right.

- Rudy Francisco

Fragments from my diary - too much free-loading

So... I've been writing about the severity of God's justice... or in other words the price that Love has to pay for each and every injustice.

And about discovering the fear of the Lord.

Of course, God's love will cover God's justice - it's called mercy - but we've lost all sense of the cost of this mercy... and this presumption of mercy increases the price that Love has to pay.

Perhaps we're confusing mercy with the blandness of tolerance. Mercy is very different. Mercy presupposes justice. Tolerance presupposes... well, very little really!

Once we've got this, that there's a price to be paid for everything, an ultimate justice that must be satisfied in the name of love, then that same love places a question in the believer's heart and mind; why should God in Jesus Christ be left to carry the burden alone?

This is a question that's really about love, the depth of love, God's love, and my love.

It hits me hard every time I'm standing at the Altar offering the one eternal sacrifice in which we are all redeemed.

You see here it is in my hands, our hands, Christ's excruciating path to the Cross, Christ hanging on the Cross, the cost of embracing human offence, the cost of mercy. What is mercy but embracing offence. Try it... and see what happens. You'll look like Christ!

Standing at the Altar raising Christ crucified I'm looking for so much from God - for you, for me - and to be honest most of the time I'm free-loading.

Taking advantage of God's generosity without giving anything - or very little - in return.

Granted, I'm here, I've come to the Altar, and I tell myself that this is a consolation to God... but as I stand here my heart is crying out to my head... I've so little to join to the one eternal sacrifice, so little that'll help Christ carry this burden, the burden of embracing human offence.

At least the people have the quality of their monetary offering!

As I stand here, I'm struggling to find a sacrifice in my own life - one that I've willed, that's truly mine - that I can offer to Christ and in the offering take away a little of Christ's burden by taking a tiny piece of it to myself... an act of pure love.

I see his burden... how much we're asking, how much our requests cost him, I want to ease it... I understand why Our Lady always asks for sacrifice with our prayer...

And every now and then I think about Jesus saying that "the servant who knows what his master wants but has not even started to carry out his wishes will receive very many strokes of the lash." Luke 12:47

The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak!

I can't help but think... too much free-loading Father!

Just not enough love.

READERS

Sunday, 20th February

Vigil: Annette McCarthy

9.00am: Eugene Doyle

11.00am: Fiacre Ryan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Sunday, 20th February

Vigil: Tina Merriman

9.00am: Helen Barron

11.00am: Rose Ryan

**Reminder if you are
unavailable, please arrange
a replacement. Thank you.**

Pieta House 1800 247 247

Samaritans 116123

Teenline Ireland 1800 833 634

Aware 1800 804 848

It's Good to Talk 053 9126596

Talk to Tom 0818 303061

**HSE Community Mental Health
Wexford 053 9123899**

Cornmarket Project 053 9155817

