

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, 20th February 2022

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, 20th February

Vigil

Winnie Tyrrell (A)

9.00am

Geraldine O'Neill (A)

Fr. Leander Cleary (A)

Mary Murphy (A)

Sunday, 27th February

Vigil

Brigid Dee (A)

11.00am

James (Bert) Murphy (A)

Kathleen Redmond (A)

RECENTLY DECEASED

*We commend to the fullness
of eternal life:*

David Quinn, Lower
Shannon

*Grant them eternal rest, O
Lord.*

ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday takes place on 2nd March 2022 and begins the season of Lent. Masses will take place at 8.15am and 7.00pm with ashes distributed afterwards.

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

- €610

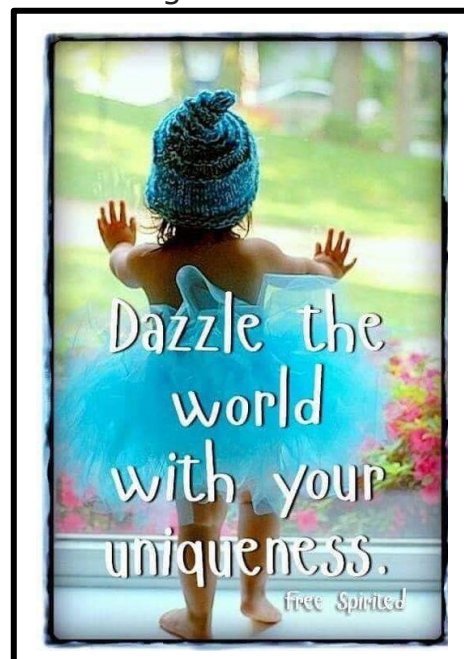
Priests Envelopes

- €800

THE HOOK OF FAITH

The Adoration Sisters arrived in the parish of Ferns in 1990 and departed a few weeks ago. Christopher Power, a parishioner from Ferns, pays them tribute. The homily for the Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time is offered by Fr Brendan Nolan where Jesus asks us to participate in his higher standard of love, especially for those we find most difficult to love. Our video this

week is the recent launch of 'CREDIBLE CATHOLIC' – the new catechetical programme for young adults. We also feature the final session of the recent 'Time for Priests' conference on the synodal pathway. With over 45,000 Christian denominations around the world, we give thanks for the gift of 'The Chair of Peter' – a feast day celebrated on 22nd February. Finally, we highlight a new website aimed at helping lapsed Catholics return to their faith. It's called 'Paving the Way Home'. Check out these and other resources available at www.thehookoffaith.com



Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

Quite soon, I shall find myself before the final judge of my life. Even though, as I look back on my long life, I can have great reason for fear and trembling, I am nonetheless of good cheer, for I trust firmly that the Lord is not only the just judge, but also the friend and brother who himself has already suffered for my shortcomings, and is thus also my advocate, my "Paraclete." In light of the hour of judgement, the grace of being a Christian becomes all the more clear to me. It grants me knowledge, and indeed friendship, with the judge of my life, and thus allows me to pass confidently through the dark door of death.

Confirmation Session 1: Using our freedom to choose God

God's respect for human freedom is absolute.

As far as God is concerned human freedom is non-negotiable.

So let's be very clear - God will never force himself into our lives.

God waits to be invited in... and if he's not invited in he'll stay outside. Granted he'll call to us in many ways but he will not breach our personal space.*

Now most of us here were baptized as infants so how could we invite God into our lives?

We didn't, simple as that! A baby is incapable of inviting God into it's life so our parents and god-parents did it on our behalf.

Now that you're leaving infancy and childhood behind, you are being given the opportunity in Confirmation to make your parents and godparents choice your own.

You are being asked to use your freedom to choose God, to confirm the choice your parents and god-parents made for you on the day of your baptism.

This is our starting point...

Are you ready and willing to choose God, to confirm the choice that your parents and god-parents made for you all those years ago

In the next session we'll look at how we choose God.

*Here lies the root of our boredom... apathy... disinterest... with God and with religious matters.

READERS

Sunday, 27th February

Vigil: Anne Dobbs

9.00am: Paddy Gahan

11.00am: Peg Doyle

EUCCHARISTIC

MINISTERS

Sunday, 27th February

Vigil: Mary Moorehouse

9.00am: Dick Walsh

11.00am: Patricia Hyland

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

Thank you.



Fragments from my diary - taking him without permission!

I've been writing much about Jesus' suffering and death being the cost that his love endures as it embraces the human condition, particularly human offence.

And about the Mass being the offering of Jesus' suffering and death... so that as we offer Mass we're there in history and in eternity offering Jesus and his journey to the Cross, every agonizing moment...

Then in Communion he gives his risen self to us.

Now if Mass is exactly this, the offering of Jesus in his one eternal redemptive sacrifice - the price that love pays to establish mercy - then what must it be like in the heart of God when Mass is offered by a gravely sinful priest?

Or offered in indifference by priest or people?

Well... no matter how sinful a priest might be the Mass he offers remains the taking of Jesus and the offering of that same Jesus in his one eternal sacrifice and Communion remains Communion with the risen Jesus.

The priest's sinfulness doesn't in any way invalidate the Mass or annul the offering of Jesus. What it does do is add to the suffering of Jesus, it simply adds insult and more injury to injury.

And when that same priest receives Communion without remorse or repentance the suffering of Jesus is further increased.

I like to use the word "taking" here - taking Jesus - because it conveys a sense of our audacity and raises the question of whether we have permission or not.

To take him while unrepentant is the equivalent of taking him without permission!