

## **Kilkenny Social Services**

### *Meals On Wheels*

Voluntary Drivers are urgently needed the very important service: "Meals on Wheels". If you are a car owner and could spare one hour per week, we would like to hear from you. Our meals need wheels for this much needed service for those in our care and the elderly who are house bound. Please contact Kitty or Kay at Social Services: 056 772 1685.

## **Knock Marriage Introductions Bureau**

The aim of the Knock Marriage Introductions Bureau is to introduce people considering marriage to a suitable marriage partner. For further information contact the Bureau at Knock, Co. Mayo. Telephone: 094-937 5960 or visit our website at [www.knockmarriagebureau.com](http://www.knockmarriagebureau.com).

## **Christmas Youth 2000 Retreat**

A National Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat for Young People aged 16-35 takes place at Newbridge College, Newbridge, Co. Kildare from Friday 19<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> December. An opportunity not to be missed to experience the Catholic faith and meet many new friends! Contact Youth 2000 office at 01-675 3690 or Mark at 086-855 0417 for information. No charge – donation only. Special buses available from some locations. See poster at back of the church. Website: [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

## **Advent**

We need Advent to teach us patience. It can teach us more than that, of course. However, with our busy lifestyles we need to relearn how to be patient with, rather than how to put up with, something or someone. That busyness results in us wishing our life away.

The future seems to hold the carrot; the present the stick. And as we lose touch with the present, we lose touch with ourselves. And how easy that is.

For many years now venues for Christmas parties have to be booked months in advance. And it's no surprise anymore to hear and see promotions for summer holiday deals the day after Christmas. We are being programmed to live in the future as if the present doesn't count. Advent slows us down. It alerts us to prepare for Christmas, not to start celebrating it. Our Gospel today alerts to something else: the Lord's return. That alertness is for now, for we can meet the Lord at any time.

## **ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY**



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## **First Sunday of Advent 30<sup>th</sup> November 2008**

### ***Concluding Our Centenary Year***

Just as we launched the Centenary Year of our Parish Church last Advent with a musical treat, the Liam Lawton Concert, this Advent (the fourth Sunday – December 21<sup>st</sup>) we will conclude the Centenary with another musical treat provided for us by the Kilkenny Choir and Orchestra conducted by Mr Philip Edmondson. During the 12.00 noon Mass that Sunday, they will sing Mozart's *Missa Bravis* in B flat. This promises to be a most fitting celebration.

### ***Celebrating Youth***

As the Diocese of Ossory celebrates its Youth on the first weekend of Advent, we would like to thank all the youth who came along to our parish's Celebration of Youth at the 6.30 p.m. Mass this Saturday. We also thank the youth choir and its leaders, the young people who played an active role in the liturgy and those who gave testimonials regarding their membership of Parish and Church. It was a fitting celebration of youth, who are the future of the Parish and Church. We pray that this initiative will grow during the coming year.

## Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Joe McCullagh, Ballasalla  
Mary O'Shea, William Street  
Maureen Cleere, Emmet Street

**Month's Minds:** John Cunningham – (Sun. 10.30a.m.)

**Anniversaries:** John Murphy (Sat. 6.30p.m.); Eileen O'Donnell (Sun. 8.00a.m.); John Joseph Kinsella (10.00 Johnswell); Ollie Bergin (Sun. 12 Noon); Nicola Hayes (Sun. 7.30p.m.); Catherine Bamrick; Jim & Ann Doran; Eileen Barry; Margaret Guilfoyle; Kitty Hennessy & Hennessy Family; Sam Johnston; Ned & Bridie Langton.

## Christmas Cards

Centenary Christmas Cards are now on sale after all Masses. As well as encompassing a Christmas theme, they also recall some of the highlights of this year's Centenary Celebrations. Price: €5 for a pack of six. They are in good time this year for foreign mailing.

## First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of December. The sick and housebound will be visited at usual times.

## Dunmore Annual Cake Sale

Dunmore Annual Cake Sale will be held on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December after 11am mass. Please bake a cake and come along on the day for a cup of tea and to support this worthy cause. All proceeds going towards Christmas time in Dunmore. Prizes or donations for the raffle greatly appreciated.

## St. John's Committee for the Elderly

A meeting of the Committee for the Elderly will take place on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 8.00p.m. in St. John's Day Care Centre.

## Annual Candlelight Rosary

The Annual Candlelight Rosary Procession will leave the Parade at 8.00p.m. on Monday December 8<sup>th</sup>. Proceeding to the Black Abbey for Benediction.

## Johnswell Sale of Work

Johnswell Sale of Work will take place on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 2p.m. All are welcome to this annual sale of work – bargains for everyone!

## Johnswell Active Retirement

A Meeting of Johnswell Active Retirement Group will take place in Johnswell Hall on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 7.30p.m. Flower Arranging Demonstration will take place on the night.

## L'Arche Community Christmas Fair

L'Arche Community will hold their Christmas Fair on Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> December in L'Arche Workshop Callan from 11.30-5pm. Christmas Shop will also be opened from Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December till Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 9am-4pm. Come along something for all the family.

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8.00 a.m. Mass	John Joe Bergin
10.30 a.m.	Seamus Brennan/Mary Hanafin
12.00 noon	Bobbie Lahart
7.30 p.m.	Eithne Doherty
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Louise Whitely/Yvonne Hoban
Dunmore 11.00 a.m	Phil Comerford/Esther Comerford

## O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 4; 6; 13; 21. Bonus No.9. No Jackpot Winner. Next Week's Prize Fund: €10,800.00.

## Westcourt News

The December Mass for the canonisation of Blessed Edmund Rice will be celebrated in Westcourt on Monday December 1<sup>st</sup> at 7.30p.m. The members of St. Joseph's Young Priests' Society are preparing the liturgy for this Mass. All are cordially invited to join in this special celebration.