

First Anniversary

We congratulate Bishop Freeman who celebrated the first anniversary of his ordination as Bishop of Ossory during the past week. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.

Evening Mass in the City

There will be an Evening Mass at 6.15p.m. in St. Mary's Cathedral from Monday to Friday. This will be the only Public Evening Mass in Kilkenny City.

Advent

The internet can be a great source of information and there are many websites that give resources for Advent and Christmas. www.ciadvent.ie gives lots of interesting ideas and prayers for Advent. For a presence with a difference check out www.trocaire.org which is full of ideas about gifting the third world at this time.

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 19th to Sunday 21st 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

Knights of Columbanus, Kilkenny Council

The V. Rev. James Murphy P.P. will speak on the topic of "The God Who Comes" on Thursday 10th December 2008 at 7.45pm for 8pm in Villa Maria, Freshford Road, Kilkenny. All welcome – for further details contact Paul t 087-904 3071.

Parent & Toddler Groups

Parent and Toddler groups are currently running from 10.30am – 12.30pm

Monday Fr. McGrath Family Resource Centre

Wednesday O'Loughlin Court Community Centre

Thursday Newpark Close Family Resource Centre

Please contact Mailyn, parent and toddler facilitator with Newpark Resource Centre on 087-753 8484 or 056-7723309.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Second Sunday of Advent 7th December 2008

Christmas and Weekly Envelopes

Christmas and Weekly envelopes are available for distributors to collect at the Parish Office. Thanks to all who assist in the distribution on the envelopes at this time.

8th December Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Monday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. Masses in St John's: 8.00am, 10.30am, 12.00noon and 7.30pm. There will not be mass in Johnswell or Dunmore.

St John's Junior School

Some of the pupils from St Johns Junior School will be carol singing in McDonagh Junction Shopping Centre on Friday 12th of December at 12.00 o'clock. All are welcome.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Mary Glennon, 24 Glendine Heights
Mary Shelley, 11 Newpark
William Happe, 9 Hebron Park
Peg Wemyss, 20 Fr Murphy Square, Kilkenny.

Anniversaries: Martin & Peggy Brett (Sat. 6.30p.m.); John Marnell (Sun. 8.00a.m.); John Joe Bennett (10.00am Johnswell); Paddy & Michael Keogh (Sun 10.30am); Jerry O'Neill (Sun 11am Dunmore); Anne Stapleton (Sun. 12 Noon); Bridget Phelan (Sun. 7.30p.m.); Jimmy Bergin; Christina Byrne; James & Sarah Jane Casey; Jer Cuggy; Jackie Dowling; Joseph Emery; Syl Gaffney; Billy Hanaphy; Ben Hayes; Billy Loughman; Christopher, Catherine & Desmond Molloy; Michael Meehan; Bridget Morrissey; Patrick O'Hara; Tom Rooney; Mary Tyrrell.

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8.00 a.m. Mass	Ann Noonan
10.30 a.m.	Louis Feeley/Kathleen Ferguson
12.00 noon	Caroline Mullins
7.30 p.m.	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Robert Butler/Patrick Rice
Dunmore 11.00 a.m	Pierce Lennon/Liam Maddock

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 6; 10; 11; 12. Bonus No.5. No Jackpot Winner. Next Week's Prize Fund: €5,500.00.

Annual Candlelight Rosary

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

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.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Annual Christmas collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be held next weekend 13/14th December. Your contribution will be gratefully appreciated.

Dunmore Annual Cake Sale

Dunmore Annual Cake Sale will be held this Sunday 7th 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.

Johnswell Sale of Work

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

Johnswell Choir Practice

All are welcome to come along to the Choir Practice in Johnswell Church on Friday evening at 8.30pm.

L'Arche Community Christmas Fair

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

Monthly Rosary

The Monthly Rosary on the First Sunday in James Green at the Statue of Our Lady of Kilkenny continues this Sunday 7th December at 3pm. All are welcome.

Craft Fair & Coffee Afternoon

S.O.S., Callan Road, Kilkenny will hold a Craft Fair and Coffee Afternoon on Sunday December 7th from 2pm to 5pm. Come and visit Santa Claus and have your photo taken – everyone is welcome.