

Advent

Have you put up your Christmas tree? Have a look at www.paperchristmons.com This is a great website that has great ideas about making Christian symbols for the Christmas Tree: popular Chrismon Snowflake ornament patterns; Black and white images for kids to print and color; images to use as patterns for ornaments, crochet, embroidery, woodwork, latch-hook rug making and other projects; paper chains for children to make; most well-known Christian Cross shapes; Christ-filled Stained Glass designs for window displays. Great ideas for the whole family.

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.

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

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.

Penitential Service

Annual Christmas Penitential Service will be on Wednesday 17th at 7.30pm

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Third Sunday of Advent 14th December 2008

Gaudate Sunday

This is the third Sunday of Advent and is called Gaudate Sunday. The term *Gaudete* is broadly translated from Latin as *Rejoice*, a word that appears in the entrance antiphon of Masses held on this day: *Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice*. This week we will light the third candle of the Advent Wreath – the red candle symbolising the rejoicing nature of the prayers and readings of today and the joyous anticipation of the Lord's coming..

12.00 Mass Sunday 21st December

12.00 Mass on Sunday 21st December will be a special celebration closing the year of celebration for our centenary here is St John's. The Kilkenny Choir and Orchestra, conducted by Mr Philip Edmondson, will sing Mozart's *Missa Braves* in Bb at this mass. This mass was written by Mozart in 1777 and there is record of it being performed on 21st December 1777 in Salzburg – an interesting Ossory connection with Salzburg is that St Fergal is the patron saint of the cathedral there and came originally from Aghaboe in Co Laois. Please note that this mass will exceed the normal length of the 12.00 mass.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Helen Coughlin, London (formerly of 16 Ossory Park)
Margaret Larkin, 28 Upper Patrick Street
Helen Tevlin, Trim, Co Meath.

Month’s Mind: Mary Kelly (Sun 10am Johnswell)

Anniversaries: Joseph & Mary Murphy (Sat. 6.30p.m.); Tom & Peggy Bourke & The Alyward Family (Sun 10.30am); Jim Rice (Sun 11am Dunmore); Tommy & Maura Anderson (Sun 12 Noon); Helen Purcell; (Sun. 7.30p.m.); Michael Brennan; Nan Brennan; John Byrne; P.J. Cassin; Nan & Frank Donavan; Jim Fogarty; Mahoney & Dowling Families; Mary Foley; Frances Guidera; Thomas Jordan; Alicia Maher; Eddie Moran; James Murray; Fr. Michael McGrath; Bridget Nolan; Josie Nolan; Richard O’Carroll; Margaret O’Loughlin; Thomás, Seanie & Toddy O’Connor; Patrick & Helen O’Leary; Michael & Mary Tyrrell.

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8.00 a.m. Mass	
10.30 a.m.	Awele Onelum
12.00 noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30 p.m.	Anne Marie Grace
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	First Communion Class
Dunmore 11.00 a.m	Niamh Holohan/Liz O’Gorman

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 1; 14; 22; 24. Bonus No 23. No Jackpot Winner. Next Week’s Prize Fund: €6,400.00.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

The Annual Christmas collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be held this weekend. Your contribution will be gratefully appreciated.

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.

Divine Mercy

There will be an hour of adoration and prayer in honour of Divine Mercy in St. Mary’s Cathedral this Sunday from 3 -4pm. All are welcome.

Christmas Time in Dunmore

A meeting will take place in Dunmore Church on Wednesday 17th December at 7.30pm to prepare for our Christmas celebrations.

Kilkenny Choir

The *Kilkenny Choir* & *The Bernine Ensemble* will perform in St. John’s Church on Sunday 14th at 4.30pm. The Choir and Orchestra will perform Mozart’s *Missa Brevis in Bb*, Elgar’s *Serenade for Strings* and Pergolesi’s *Music from Stabat Mater*. Conductor – Karl Rochford – Soprano – Nicola O’Mahony and leader Fiona Warren. Admission €10.

Readers’ List for 2008

The rota for readers and Eucharistic ministers is ready for collection in the sacristy. We thank all who are part of these ministries in our parish and who contribute in a very important way to the building of the kingdom here in our parish.

Confirmation and First Communion

We welcome all who are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation in our parish to the 6.30pm mass this weekend. This is the Rite of Enrolment Ceremony. 52 young people will receive the Sacrament in St John’s. Next weekend the First Communion Classes will attend the 6.30pm mass on Saturday evening. The parish is grateful to all who are helping with the preparation of our young people for the sacraments.