

Vita (Refugee Trust)

The Church Gate collection this weekend is in aid of Vita (Refugee Trust) which was founded by the late Fr. Kevin Doheny. Please support.

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 18th to Sunday 20th December. Contact Youth 2000 office at 01-6753690 or 086-302 5442 for further information (Website: www.youth2000.ie).

St Canice's Cathedral

Invite you to the annual Service of Nine Lessons & Carols Sunday 13th December, 7.00 p.m. at St Canice's Cathedral. Parking unavailable at Cathedral. Please use parking facilities on Dean Street.

Crib & Centre Blessing

MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre

by Most Rev. Séamus Freeman, SAC

Bishop Séamus Freeman will bless the Crib and the Centre at Workhouse Square, MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre on Tuesday, 8th December at 5.45 p.m.

Christmas Carols will be provided by the Kilkenny Gospel Choir from 5.30 p.m. until 6.30 p.m. Mulled wine (non-alcoholic) and mince pies will be served (free) from 5pm.

Also on the programme of the day are the Africa Singers 4.00-5.30 p.m. and The Kilkenny Chamber Orchestra 7.00 – 9.00 p.m.

Annual Candlelight Rosary

The Annual Candlelight Rosary Procession will leave the Parade at 8.00 p.m. on Tuesday December 8th.

Proceeds to the Black Abbey for Benediction. All are welcome.

The Monthly Edmund Rice Mass

This mass will be celebrated at Westcourt on Monday, 14th December at 7.30 p.m. Please note that this is the *second Monday of the Month*.

The Mass will not be held on the first Monday as that is the eve of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception and parishes have evening Masses on that day.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Second Sunday Of Advent 6th December 2009

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Tuesday next, 8th December, is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary, and is a holy day of obligation.

Masses in St John's at the usual Sunday times, with the vigil mass on Monday evening at 6.30pm.

Society Of St. Vincent de Paul

The Annual Christmas collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be held next weekend 12/13th December. Please give as generously as possible. Many thanks for your donations up to now.

Annual Cake Sale

The Annual Cake Sale in Dunmore will be held in the hall after 11am mass this Sunday. Bake a cake or donate a prize for the raffle and join us for a cuppa and a chat. All are welcome.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Month’s Mind: Nicky Dunne (Sun 7.30pm)

Anniversaries: Tom & Rena Brett (Sat 6.30pm); Joe McCullagh (Sun 10.00am Johnswell); John Marnell (Sun 8am); Anne Stapleton (Sun 10.30am); Mary Shelley (Sun 12 Noon); Jackie Dowling (Tues 12 Noon); Michael & Kathleen McGarry (Mon 6.30pm); Catherine Bambrick; John Byrne; Francis Guidera; Syl Gaffney; Christy Galvin; Noreen & Michael Maher; James & Mary Meany.

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8.00 a.m. Mass

10.30 a.m.

Seamus Brennan/Mary Hanafin

12.00 Noon

Kay Purcell

7.30 p.m.

Ann Marie Grace

Johnswell 10.00 a.m.

Sean Colgan/Marie Clare Walsh

Dunmore 11.00 a.m.

Jim Kavanagh/Colette Brennan

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 2; 4; 5; 11. Bonus No: 21. No Jackpot winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets or €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €17,600.00.

Monthly Rosary

Monthly rosary in James Green at the Statue of Our Lady this Sun. 3pm.

Johnswell

Choir practice will take place Friday 11th at 8pm.

Visit our parish website – history, pictures, newsletters, etc.
stjohnskilkenny.com

Parish Social

A big ‘Thank You’ to all involved with the great success of the Parish Social last Sunday night in Langton House Hotel. Everyone seemed to have a great time. Special thanks to Eamon Langton and all his courteous and hard-working staff for the beautiful meal and their excellent service. Thanks to the Pastoral Council for all their work in organising the event and seeing it through on the night. Special thanks to all the contributors who donated prizes for the raffle. Well done to all concerned.

Baptismal Team Meeting

A Baptismal Team meeting will take place Wednesday 9th December at 7.30pm in St. John’s Presbytery.

The Kilkenny Choir

The Kilkenny Choir will give a Christmas Concert performance in St. John’s Church on Sunday 13th December at 4.30pm. The choir will perform a programme of music by Victoria and Lassus with brass ensemble and guests – “Kilkenny Consort”. Conducted by Philip Edmondson. Tickets available at the door €10/€8.

The Choir will also sing a Victoria Mass as part of the Liturgy at 12 noon mass on Sunday 20th December in St. John’s Church.

Craft Fair & Coffee Afternoon

S.O.S., Callan Road, Kilkenny will hold a Craft Fair and Coffee Afternoon on Sunday December 6th from 2pm to 4pm. Come and buy your Christmas cakes, puddings, plants and window boxes and many festive products – everyone is welcome.

Free Public Lecture in Carlow College

Professor Patricia Casey, the distinguished psychiatrist (UCD/Mater Hospital), will give a public lecture on the topic:

‘Psycho-social benefits of Religion - the scientific evidence’

in Cobden Hall, Carlow College, on Thursday, 10th December at 7.30 p.m. The lecture will be followed by a question and answer session. This is the first of a new series of public lectures at the college. Admission is free. Details of other lectures in the series on the night.