

Gloria in excelsis Deo

The Gloria is a very ancient and venerable hymn in the Church, gathered together in the Holy Spirit glorifies and entreats God the Father and the Lamb. It was originally used in the Byzantine Morning Prayer. It was included in the Pope's Christmas Mass in the early sixth century and later extended to Mass on Sundays and feasts at which the Bishop presided. Since the eleventh century it has been included in all Sunday (except Lent and Advent) and at all feast day Masses. The reason it is not used during Lent is in keeping with the penitential character of the season. We do not sing it on Advent Sundays because we are in a time of waiting when we will sing the song of angels that heralded the birth of Christ on Christmas Morning: Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to all of good will.

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).

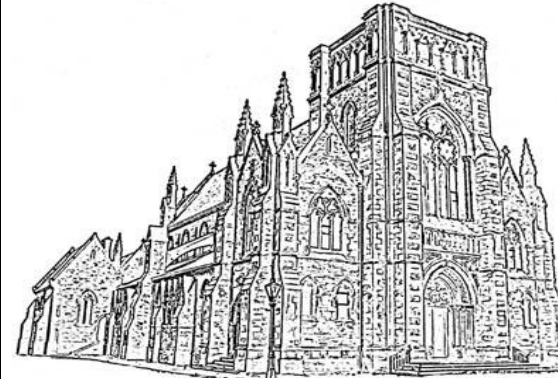
The Monthly Edmund Rice Mass

This mass will be celebrated at Westcourt, this Monday, at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome.

Senior Help Line

Do you need someone to talk to? Senior Help Line is a confidential listening service for older people by older people for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland, LoCall 1850 440 444. Senior Help Line is open every day from 10 am till 4 pm and 7 pm till 10 pm, 365 days a year. Older people call us for many reasons.. They may feel lonely, isolated or have family or health worries. A small proportion may fear or be experiencing elder abuse, or are depressed and feel they don't have the strength to carry on. Senior Help Line's trained older volunteers offer a friendly, listening and non-judgmental ear to all callers. So don't be alone with your problem. Lifting the phone lessens the loneliness. We will be waiting for your call. LoCall 1850 440 444.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Third Sunday Of Advent – Gaudete Sunday 13th December 2009

Society Of St Vincent de Paul

The Annual Christmas collection for St. Vincent de Paul will be held this weekend. Please give as generously as possible. Many thanks for your donations up to now.

Penitential Service

Penitential Service in preparation for Christmas will take place in St. John's Church next Wednesday, 16th December, at 7.30p.m.

Christmas Offering & Weekly Envelopes

Christmas Offering and Weekly & Yearly Envelopes are now available for distribution. The Area Distributors are asked to collect their allocation at the Parish Office this week.

Being very conscious of these difficult and challenging times, we wish to thank all of you who faithfully support the upkeep and maintenance of parish property and personnel. Thanks also to all those who assist in the distribution of envelopes and publicity each year. It's all very much appreciated.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Recently Decd: Michael Dollard – 58, Larchfield
John Doyle - Paulstown

Month’s Mind: Mary Mulcahy - Sun. 10.30a.m.

Anniversaries: Jimmy Bergin (Sat 6.30pm); John Joe Bennett (Sun 10.00am Johnswell); Jerry O’Neill (Sun. 11.00am Dunmore); Marian Tennyson (Sun 12 Noon); Tommie Tyrrell (Sun. 7.30p.m.); Tommy & Maura Anderson; Tom & Peggy Bourke; Nan Brennan; Martin & Peggy Brett; Christine Byrne; Ger Cuggy; Paddy Delaney; Mary Foley; Eric & Mary McGrath; Bridget Nolan; Richard O’Carroll; Margaret O’Loughlin; Hughie Peters; Mary Tyrrell; Michael & 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.	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Bernard O’Gorman/Claire Hanrick

O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto Results

Numbers: 6; 20; 22; 26. Bonus No: 23. No Jackpot winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets or €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €18,00.00

Divine Mercy

There will be an hour of Adoration and prayer in honour of Divine Mercy in the Friary Church on Sunday from 3 – 4p.m.

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

The Kilkenny Choir

The Kilkenny Choir will give a Christmas Concert performance in St. John’s Church, this Sunday evening 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.

Dunmore Meeting

A meeting will take place in Dunmore Church on Wednesday 16th December at 7.30p.m. to plan and prepare for Christmas. All are welcome.

Dunmore Cake Sale

A huge thank you to all for your kind donations and support and for making last week’s cake sale a great success.

‘Kids Included Ireland’

Kids Included Ireland have been invited to meet Mayor Noonan at city hall at 7.00 p.m. this Monday, prior to a presentation to the Borough Council, to ask for land and a building for Special Needs children and families. We need your support and prayers for disabled children and families in Kilkenny. (Valerie Butler, grandmother of severely disabled child)

Accord Kilkenny

This centre is offering couple and relationship counselling for Couples and Individuals experiencing marital and relationship problems. Please contact the office for an appointment. Office hours : Monday 2.00pm – 5.00pm; Wednesday 11.00am – 5.00pm; Friday 11.00am – 1.00pm. The Accord office is at St Mary’s Centre, James Street. Phone: 056 772 2674
Accord will listen.