

## First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday. Sick & Housebound visited at the usual times.

## Parent and Toddler

Parent and Toddler Groups provide play opportunities for children and a social outlet for parents, carers and childminders in a safe and relaxing atmosphere. If you or anyone you know are interested please call Aoife on 086-386 4353.

## Trinity College Singers

Trinity College Singers will hold a concert in St. John's Church on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> December at 8p.m. Admission: €5/€3.

## Dochas Nasamu

Dochas Nasamu, is holding a used clothing appeal of ladies, gents and children's clothes, shoes, household linens. This appeal will take place this Monday, before 12 noon, at St John's, inside main gates, also in Dunmore and Johnswell car parks. For further information please contact Marie on 087-689 0995.

## Adult Faith Development Ossory

The booklets for the Advent Scripture Reflection and the Praying the Psalms are now available.

**The Advent Scripture Reflection** is an opportunity for groups to come together once a week to reflect on the scriptures. These booklets guide people through a simple method of scripture and reflection and contain all of the Sunday readings for Advent. The cost of these booklets is €3 each.

**Praying the Psalm** is an opportunity for groups to come together one evening a week to pray the psalms. There are two booklets with this programme; the first contains hymns, psalms and prayers and is designed so as to be used by groups for a number of years. The second contains the Gospels of the Advent Season, for this year, and some reflections. The cost of these booklets will be €5 for the pair. We will be ordering these books on Thursday next for those who require them. Just give your name and quantity to the parish office before then.

## “Look not on our sins but on the faith of Your Church”:

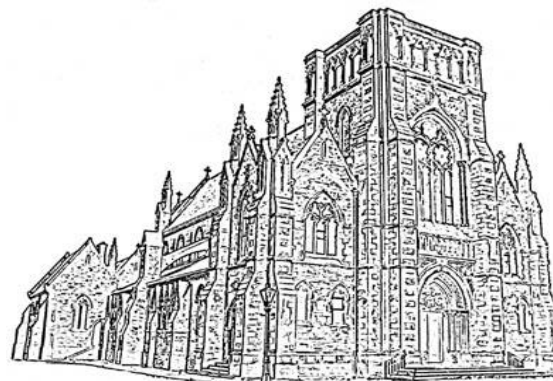
### *Our search for a way forward*

A series of reflections during Advent exploring what it is to be Church today. Our Church is sinful and broken – have we embraced this reality fully? What does this reality say about us? What impact does it, or should it have on us. Surely there must be hope but what is it? Why not join us for a series of three evenings as we explore these and other questions.

**Evening 1: Tuesday 30th Nov. “One of you is about to betray me: Acknowledging the Judas’ among us” – Speaker: Dermot Ryan**

The format of each evening will be a short reflection for about 30 minutes and then the opportunity for discussion and questions. Time: 8-9pm in each location.  
**Venue – St Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy.**

## ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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## First Sunday Of Advent 28<sup>th</sup> November 2010

## Parish Social Postponed For One Week

**Due to the sudden adverse weather conditions, and in the interests of safety, the Parish Social scheduled for this weekend is now postponed until next Sunday night in Langton House Hotel – same time, etc. Use the same admission ticket. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.**

### **Advent**

Advent prepares for the coming of Christ, past, present and future. But it also includes the coming of Christ to us each present day. The future coming of Christ is the focus of attention in the liturgy of Advent's first Sunday.

## Melanie Murphy – Catechumen

For the past few months, Melanie Murphy, a parishioner, has been formally studying, reading the scriptures and praying the mass in her preparations to be baptised into the Roman Catholic Church. This is great news for the church and St John's parish in times when good news is so welcome.

This weekend, at the 12.00 noon mass, Melanie will formally be presented to the parish and will be anointed as Catechumen as she journeys towards full membership of the church at the Easter Vigil, 2011. Your continued prayers, support is sought and will be very important during these coming months.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Margaret Delaney-Snype, 19 Shandon Park  
 Séan Walsh, Newpark, Castlecomer Road  
 Margaret McGrath, Rossmore, late of Castlecomer  
 Nora Mahony, Keatingstown, late of Sion Road  
 Bridget Gilligan, 19 Cypress Grove, Loughboy  
 Sr. Catherine Begadon, Pres. Cvnt. Fun. Mass Sun 11 St Mary’s

**Anniversaries:** Nicola Hayes (6.30p.m.): Catherine & Louis Brennan (10a.m. Johnswell); Eileen O’Donnell (10.30a.m.); Helen Purcell (11a.m. Dunmore); Johanna Maher (12 Noon); Stephen & Statia Buckley (7.30p.m.); Eileen Barry; Ollie Bergin; Nancy Cullen; Jim Doran; Mary & Joe Glennon; Brendan Hayes; Martin Lalor; John McCarthy; Joe McCullagh; Michael Meehan; John Murphy; Thomas Tobin;

## Eucharistic Ministers For Next Weekend – Panel 1

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10.30 a.m.	Peggy Wall/Declan Wall
12.00 noon	Tony Dalton
7.30 p.m.	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Tom Lawlor/Collete Scarrif Lawler
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Fiona McGeary/Nora Guilfoyle

## O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 3; 11; 12; 17. Bonus No. 5. No Jackpot or Bonus winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets of €40. Next Weeks Prize Fund €15,200.00.

## St. Vincent de Paul

A new phone line has been set up for St. John’s branch of the St Vincent de Paul. It’s **086 895 1239** and can be contacted by those requiring assistance.

## St. John’s Youth Choir

We would like to invite new members to join our 6.30p.m. choir. We sing once a month at Saturdays vigil 6.30p.m. Mass. We practice at 5.30p.m. before Mass. Musicians and singers most welcome.

## Dunmore Annual Christmas Bake Sale

Dunmore Annual Bake Sale will take place next weekend, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> after Mass. All cake and raffle donations greatly appreciated and can be dropped into the Hall before 11a.m. Mass or give to Catherine or Marian before hand. Please come along for a cup of tea and support us as proceeds go towards our celebration of Christmas in Dunmore.

## Dunmore Junior Choir

To prepare for Christmas in Dunmore we would like to invite all our young musicians and singers to give their names to Marian at 086 642 3675 on or before next Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

## Parish Social

~~The annual Parish Social takes Place in **Langton House Hotel** on this Sunday, with dinner served at 8.30 p.m. Dancing to **EL PASO**. Tickets are available from the presbytery or sacristy at €10 each.~~

~~Please come along and enjoy a great night out and join O’Loughlin Gaels after the Leinster S H Clubs Leinster Final. Hopefully, there will be lots of silverware on display!~~

## Ossory Vocation Promotion

“They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks...” If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, Call: Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or ossoryvocdir@gmail.com

## Our Parish Website – One Year On – The Stats

Site Visits	
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,087</b>
<b>Average per day</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Page Views</b>	<b>13,374</b>
Continent Share	
<b>Europe</b>	<b>54%</b>
<b>North America</b>	<b>16%</b>
<b>Asia</b>	<b>3%</b>
<b>Australia</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>25%</b>

Country Share	
<b>Ireland</b>	<b>54.1%</b>
<b>Unknown</b>	<b>24.5%</b>
<b>United States</b>	<b>15.3%</b>
<b>Australia</b>	<b>2%</b>
<b>Russian Fed.</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>U.K.</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Germany</b>	<b>1%</b>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>1%</b>

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