

Weekly/Yearly Envelopes & Christmas Offerings

The Weekly/Yearly Envelopes & Christmas Offering Envelopes will be ready from midweek for distribution.

It's very much appreciated when the Distributors, whose enormous help is greatly valued, collect their respective Areas from the presbytery.

The "**Weekly/Yearly/Standing Order**" contributions go in their entirety to capital expenditure, the maintenance of the three parish churches & buildings, and all the running costs of the parish.

The "**Christmas Offering Collection**" goes towards the Salaries of the Priests of the parish, the Bishop of the Diocese, and any other Priests who assist during the year, such as St Kieran's College Priests, Mill Hill Missionary Priests, etc.

During these recessionary times we are very conscious of the sacrifices you make as you support these collections, and once again we take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all who do so.

The Kilkenny Choir & Carlow Choral Society

Next Sunday afternoon, at 4.30 p.m., in St John's, **The Kilkenny Choir** and **Carlow Choral Society** present **Vaughan Williams** - Mass in G Minor for Two Choirs, accompanied by Brass Ensemble. The Kilkenny Choir will also sing **Bruckner Motets**. Come along for some time out from the Christmas rush and enjoy some beautiful evocative choral singing. Adm. €10/€8.

Adult Faith Development Ossory

Deciding to stay? Looking for a renewed vision of Church.

Second of reflections during Advent exploring what it is to be Church today. Why not join us for the series as we explore these and other questions at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy - Tuesday 7th December – **Speaker: Ann Daly**

Lectors – Readers – Ministers of The Word

In order for us to communicate well, we need to do two things: understand the message and improve how it is that we share it with others. To help achieve this we encourage all who read in our parish to attend two evenings that reflect on:

How we can best communicate the Word of God in our world today?

Evening 1: Thursday 9th Dec. at St. Patrick's Parish Centre, (7.30pm). **Caroline Murphy (RTE)** will explore what is happening when we communicate and how we might do this more effectively.

Evening 2: Thursday 16th Dec. in St Patrick's Parish Centre, (7.30pm), **Olivia Maher (ODF)**, will help to explore the background and the importance of the scriptures that we read each week.

St John's Parish Men's Group

The St John's Parish Men's Group meet every Wednesday from 11.30-1pm in the Bishop Birch Community Centre. New members are more than welcome. Meet up, play snooker and have a chat. Ring Ray on 087-9292052 for more info.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Second Sunday Of Advent 5th December 2010

Feast of The Immaculate Conception

Wednesday next, 8th December, is the feast of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil mass Tuesday at 6.30 p.m. Wednesday masses: 8.00 & 1030 a.m.; 12.00 noon and 7.30 p.m. St John's.

Parish Social – Postponed Again!

Once again, the weather conditions have forced the postponement of our Annual Parish Social due to take place this Sunday night. We hope to reschedule in the New Year. Please hold on to your tickets and watch out for further notices.

Dunmore Christmas Bake Sale Postponed to next Sunday

Due to weather conditions, Dunmore Annual Bake Sale will take place next weekend, Sunday 12th after Mass. All cake and raffle donations greatly appreciated and can be dropped into the Hall before 11 a.m. Mass or give to Catherine or Marian before hand. Proceeds towards our celebration of Christmas in Dunmore.

Parish Christmas Cards

Our beautiful new Christmas Cards will available from midweek at the sacristy, the presbytery and at Stone House Books, MacDonagh Junction. Same price: €5 – pack of 6. We will not clash with the SVP collection next Sunday.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Margaret Roche, Lavistown
Billy Maher, London, late of Stephen Street

Month's Mind: Albert Bolger (Sat 6.30p.m.)

Anniversaries: John Joseph Kinsella (10a.m. Johnswell); Jerry O'Neill (11a.m. Dunmore); Mary Shelly (12 Noon); Thomas & Rene Brett (7.30p.m.); John Byrne; Ellen Delaney; James, Mary & Jack Conway; John Darcy; Jackie Dowling; Syl Gaffney; Margaret Guilfoyle; Patrick, Michael & Catherine Kehoe; John Marnell; John Murphy; Thomas O'Neill; Christy Galvin

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10.30 a.m.	Paula Rogers/Seamus Mahony
12.00 noon	Ann Marie Walsh
7.30 p.m.	Ann Mare Grace
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Sean Colgan/Marie Clare Walsh
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Phil Comerford/Esther Comerford

O'Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 8, 9, 14, 20. Bonus No. 11. No Jackpot or Bonus winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets of €40. Next Week's Prize Fund €16,00.00.

Annual Candlelight Rosary Procession

. . . will leave the Parade at 8.00 p.m. for Benediction in the Black Abbey, on Wednesday, 8th Dec., Feast of the Immaculate Conception. All welcome.

Monthly Rosary

Monthly Rosary in James Green this Sunday at 3.00 p.m.

Committee For The Elderly

The above committee have a meeting in the Presbytery on Mon. at 3.00pm.

St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection

The special **Annual Christmas SVP Appeal** takes place next weekend. Obviously, in the present climate, in both economic and weather terms, your greatest generosity is sought now, more than ever. 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.

Parish Liturgy Group

Continuing to prepare for further Advent services and for Christmas, the Liturgy Group will have a meeting in the presbytery on Thursday night at 7.30 p.m. Extra personnel, cooperation and involvement is always welcome.

Blessing of the Crib at MacDonagh Junction

Blessing of the Crib at Workhouse Square, MacDonagh Junction on Wednesday 8th December at 5.30pm by Fr Frank Purcell. The Kilkenny Gospel Choir together with Fr Willie Purcell will perform during the ceremony.

Kilkenny Lions Club

Christmas Hamper and Charity Appeal

Kilkenny Schools Concert

at St Canice's Cathedral, Thursday 7.30 p.m. Adults €10 Children €4

CBS Boys Choir; Kilkenny College Senior Jazz Band & Junior Choir & Chamber Choir; St John's Senior School Choir & Chamber Ensemble; St Canice's Co-Ed Recorder Ensemble & Jazz Band; Gaelscoil Osarai Choirs; Castlecomer Community School Choir; St Patrick's School Boys Choir.

Ossory Vocation Promotion # 2

Are you called to be "A herald's voice in the desert" preparing the way of the Lord in the hearts of His people? If you are considering a vocation to the priesthood, call: **Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or ossoryvocdir@gmail.com**

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat

Youth 2000 Christmas Retreat for people aged 16-35 takes place at Newbridge College, from Friday 17th to Sunday 19th December. Youth 2000 office, 01 675 3690, or 085 8289231 for information. No charge – donation only. Special buses available from some locations. www.youth2000.ie

Edmund Rice

The Blessed Edmund Rice will be in Westcourt on Monday at 7.30pm. St Joseph's Young Priest's Society will organise the Liturgy.