

## Another Lasting Christmas Gift

An ideal, lasting and affordable Christmas gift must surely be our recently published parish centenary book: ***A Church Centenary O'Loughlin Memorial Church of St John The Evangelist, 1908 – 2008*** It will give hours and hours of interesting reading during the festive season to many St John's and Kilkenny people scattered throughout the country and, throughout the world.

The book serves as a record of the events of the centenary in 2008, while at the same time, recalling the events of 1908. Although it is not a history of St John's Parish, it features many local historical events.

The publication is of interest to all, to future generations of parishioners and to the historians of tomorrow.

Even just browsing through the numerous old and new photographs within the book is a captivating experience for so many people.

*Available at €15 from the Sacristy, Presbytery and local Bookshops.*

## The Kilkenny Choir & Carlow Choral Society

This 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.

## Weekly/Yearly Envelopes & Christmas Offerings

The Weekly/Yearly Envelopes & Christmas Offering Envelopes are ready 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.

## Ossory Adult Faith Development

Due to the adverse weather, Ossory Adult Faith Development has been forced to postpone its Advent talks. These talks will be rescheduled to take place in the New Year. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

## ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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## Third Sunday Of Advent 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010

## Invitation to Reconciliation Service – Wed. 7.30 p.m.

As we make so many preparations and plans at this time of year, it's most appropriate that we also make all the necessary spiritual preparations too. Therefore, the Parish Liturgy Group invites you to join in the annual Advent Penitential/Reconciliation Service on Wednesday night at 7.30 p.m. in St John's Church. A number of visiting priests will be present to assist. We hope this will be a real coming together of our parish community seeking reconciliation with God and each other as we prepare to celebrate Christ's birthday. Please come along and be part of this great community event.

## Parish Christmas Cards

The parish Christmas Cards are available in the Sacristy, the Presbytery and at Stone House Books, MacDonagh Junction. Same price as always: €5 for pack of 6.

## Ossory Vocations Promotion # 3

"I send my messenger ahead of you to prepare your way before you." Are you called to be sent by Jesus as a priest? Call: Fr. Willie Purcell, Vocations Director @ the Vocations Office 056 – 7770261 or [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com)

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Mary Maher, 47 Michael Street  
Christina Walshe, Haltigan Terrace  
Maeve Healy, Laurel Green, Loughboy

**Anniversaries:** Jimmy Bergin (6.30p.m.); Petra & Tommy McGuinness (10.00a.m. Johnswell); Anne Stapleton (10.30a.m.); Jim Rice (11.00a.m. Dunmore); Mary Burke (12 Noon); Tom & Kathleen Cody (7.30p.m.); Thomas & Maura Anderson; Catherine Bambrick; Nan Brennan; Jerh Cuggy; Paddy Delaney; Nan & Frank Donovan; Tommy Fahey; Milo & Ann Fry; Paddy Griffin; Thomas, Elizabeth, Bernadette & Patricia Ivory; Sam & Anna Johnston; Toddy Jordan; Maura & Tom Harney; Owen Massey; Richard O’Carroll; Thomas, Seanie & Toddy O’Connor; Tom Rooney; Mary Tyrrell.

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10.30 a.m.	Awele Onelum
12.00 noon	Bobbie Lahart
7.30 p.m.	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00 a.m.	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00 a.m.	Pierce Lennon/Liam Maddock

## O’Loughlin Gaels Club Lotto

Numbers: 4; 5; 16; 25. Bonus No. 9. No Jackpot or Bonus winner. 10 x Piltown Draw Tickets of €40. Next Week’s Prize Fund €16,400.00.

## In Honour of Divine Mercy

In honour of Divine Mercy there will be an hour of adoration and prayer in the Friary Church this Sunday from 3p.m. – 4p.m. Please come along.

## St Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection

The special Annual Christmas SVP Appeal takes place this weekend. Your generosity is sought now, more than ever. The parish St Vincent de Paul helpline is: 086 895 1239 for those requiring help..

## St John’s Youth Choir

St Johns Youth Choir is singing at the 6.30 Christmas Eve Mass. There will practice that evening at 5.30. Any secondary school students are most welcome to come and join us.

## School Reconciliation Service

After the 10.30 a.m. Mass on Thursday morning we provide a Service of Reconciliation for all children of St John’s Senior School. This will be their opportunity to spiritually prepare for the celebration of Christ’s birthday at Christmas.

## FETAC Level 5 Certificate in Business Studies

This course gives introduction to all areas of business. It allows you to gain skills and recognised qualification in business. It includes a three week work placement so you can apply your skills in a real working environment and help gain confidence and experience to get back into the workforce. The course is appropriate if you had limited formal education. There are no formal entry requirements to this programme. Contact Aoife on 086-386 4353 for more details.

## Lectors – Readers – Ministers of The Word

The first evening for the ministers of the Word which was held last night in St. Patrick's Centre, Kilkenny, was a great success despite the recent weather conditions.

The second evening will follow on Thursday, 16th December in St. Patrick's Centre, Kilkenny with guest speaker Olivia Maher (ODF).

She will help us to explore the background to, and the importance of, the scriptures that we read each week.

If possible why not attend this evening, it should be both enjoyable and informative. Thank you for your ongoing help in the parish and we look forward to seeing you there!

## St John’s Prayer Group

St. John’s Prayer Group Mass will be celebrated in the Day Centre at 8.15p.m. on Wednesday. All are welcome.