

Kilkenny Bereavement Support

Kilkenny Bereavement Support will hold an open support group for people who have been bereaved by suicide. It will take place in Villa Maria, Talbots Inch, Freshford Road, Kilkenny on Thursday at 8.00pm. The group is open to anyone who has lost a family member, friend, or co-worker to suicide. In the group, the bereaved can share their feelings about their losses, be supported by other participants, get information regarding their experiences or just listen in silence. For further information, please phone (056 7756538).

Talks on the Characters of Advent

Fr. Willie Purcell will give a series of talks on the Characters of Advent – Isaiah, John the Baptist, Mary and Joseph. Starting Tuesday at 11.30am and running for three weeks in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy. A cup of tea will be available before the meeting, after 10.30 Mass, if desired. Queries: Kathleen on (0872468443).

Christmas Fun Table Quiz

Christmas Fun Table Quiz in aid of CEART Patient Wise and Kilkenny Cancer Support Services. The Pembroke Hotel, Tuesday 13th December. Team of Four €20. Come on your own or come with a team. Tickets can be brought in advance at the Pembroke Hotel. Make your own Christmas hat. Prize for the most creative fun hat. Free finger food and spot prizes. Everyone welcome.

Coeliac Support Group

All coeliacs and those affected in any way by the coeliac disease are invited to a meeting in the Kilkenny Ormonde Hotel on Monday night at 8.00pm. It is hoped to set up a coeliac support group in Kilkenny at this meeting. Everyone welcome.

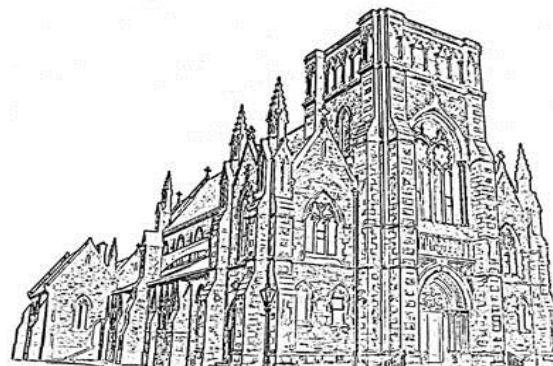
Kilkenny Flower Club

Members of Kilkenny Flower Club will give some ideas for Christmas flower arrangements. Venue: Butler House next Thursday, at 8pm. Members and non-members are welcome.

Eucharistic Congress Bell

The Eucharistic Congress Bell will be travelling around the Diocese of Ossory from January 8th to 19th. The aim of the Bell travelling around the Diocese and all around the other Irish Dioceses is to call people to prayer and bring them to a greater awareness of the forthcoming International Eucharistic Congress in Dublin next June. The Bell will be in Ferrybank Parish on Monday January 9th. For more information please log onto www.iec2012.ie.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Second Sunday of Advent 4th December 2011

Feast of The Immaculate Conception

Thursday next, 8th December, is the feast of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary, and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil mass Wednesday at 6.30pm Thurs masses: 8.00 & 10.30am; 12.00 noon and 7.30pm. St John's.

Parish Christmas Cards

John's Parish Christmas Cards are available this weekend, they come in a pack of six at the same cost as previous years, €5 for a pack of 6. Cards available at the sacristy or the Presbytery during office hours.

Kilkenny Choir & Kilkenny Youth Orchestra

On Sunday 11th December at 4.30pm in St. John's Church, Dublin Road, The Kilkenny Choir and Kilkenny Youth Orchestra present a Christmas Concert of music by Vivaldi, Liszt, Monteverdi and Gabrieli. Conductor is Philip Edmondson. Tickets €10/€8 at the door.

Annual Cake Sale

The Annual Cake Sale in Dunmore will be held in the hall after 11am mass this Sunday. Join us for the raffle and a cuppa after Mass.

Deaths - Month's Minds - Anniversaries

Deaths: James Ryan, 36 Westfield, Outrath Road.
Bridget Smyth, Stephen Street.
Joan Ryan, Rioch Street, (*Removal to St. Mary's 6.30 Sunday evening. Funeral Mass Monday at 11.30*)

Anniversaries: John Murphy (Sat 6.30pm); Tom & Kathleen Cody (Sun 10.30am); Mary Shelly (Sun 12 noon); Paddy Byrne (Sun 7.30pm); Anne Stapleton; John Marnell; Jackie Dowling; Mary Maher; Jerry O'Neill; Mary Kate & Michael Morris; Catherine Bambrick; Billy Maher; John Byrne; Martin Phelan; Syl. Gafney; Michael & Bridget Bergin; Nicholas Brennan; Hannah Barry; Joe Millar.

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| 8.00am | Anne O'Grady |
| 10.30am | Peggy Wall & Declan Wall |
| 12.00 noon | Tony Dalton |
| 7.30pm | Anne Marie Grace |
| Johnswell | Josie Manning |
| Dunmore 11.00am | Eddie Holohan & Liz Holohan |

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 8, 12, 15, 20. Bonus No.14. No Jackpot or Bonus winner.
Next week's prize fund €20,000.

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 2

"He will feed his flock like a shepherd."

If God may be calling you to nourish His people as a priest, Call Fr. Willie Purcell. Ossory Vocations Office, St. Kieran's College Kilkenny. 056 7770261/0876286858. www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com

Advent Resources

The Ossory Adult Faith Development office have produced a Scripture Reflection booklet and CD for Advent which is now available from the sacristy. The Cost is €5 for the CD and €3 for the Booklet.

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.

O' Loughlin Gaels - Presentation of Medals

We Congratulate the U14s who had a wonderful year in winning the Division 1 National Feile Hurling title and the Division 5 Feile Peil na nÓg and also the Kilkenny County Hurling and Gaelic Football Finals. The presentation of medals takes place tonight 3rd Dec in the Club. Hope everyone has a wonderful night.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection

The Christmas collection for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take place next Saturday and Sunday. We are once again appealing to your generosity in enabling us to help families in this parish who are struggling. Thank you most sincerely. The Mayor is organizing a gala evening in aid of the Society. This will take place in the Watergate on Friday at 8.00pm.

Rosary

The monthly Rosary in James Green this Sunday at 3 o'clock. All are welcome.

Alzheimer Day Centre

The Alzheimer Day Centre has moved to 39A Hebron Business Park, Kilkenny. Lots of activities, old films, cards, music, bingo, rings, reminiscence. Full meals served. Please contact Ruth or Margaret for more information on (056 7771230).

Eucharistic Congress

Bookings for the **Eucharistic Congress** are now being taken through the website. Single day registrations are now available, together with the three and seven day registrations. We are making available concession and family tickets as well. Check out our Registration Section <http://www.iec2012.ie/registration> and avail of the early.