

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. On Monday 12th December at 11.30am and Tuesday 20th 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.

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 our parish on Saturday 14th January for 6:30pm mass. For more information please log onto www.iec2012.ie.

S.O.S Craft Exhibition & Coffee Afternoon

The S.O.S Craft Exhibition and Coffee Afternoon takes place on Sunday 11th December from 2pm to 5pm. Come and buy your Christmas cakes, Christmas puddings and many festive products. All are welcome.

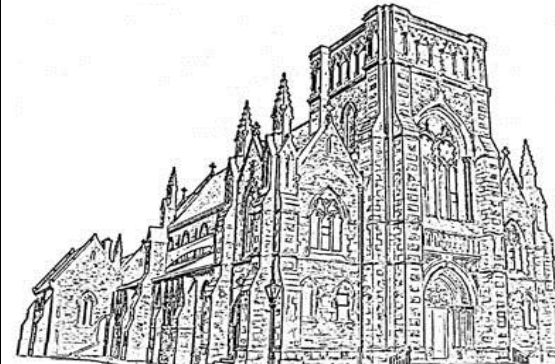
Eucharistic Congress

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.

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).

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Third Sunday of Advent 11th December 2011

Invitation to Reconciliation Service

The Parish Liturgy Group invites you to join in the annual Advent Penitential/Reconciliation Service on Wednesday night at 7.30pm 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 parish event.

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 this Sunday at 4.30pm in St. John's Church, 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.

Deaths - Month's Minds - Anniversaries

Deaths: Helen West, 38 Dean Kavanagh Place
Mary Coyne, 58 Assumption Place

Month's Mind: Frank Walsh (Fri 10.30 am)

Anniversaries: Jimmy Bergin (Sat 6.30 pm); Edward Lawless (Sun 10.30 am); Jim Rice (Sun 11.00 am); Mary Malone (Sun 12 noon); Marian Tennyson (Sun 7.30 pm); Tom, Peggy & Sheila Bourke; Martin & Peggy Brett; Nan Brennan; Tommy & Maura Anderson; Christopher & Catherine Molloy; James Murray; Christy Galvin; Petra & Tommy McGuinness; Freda Tynan; Richard O'Carroll; Mary Tyrrell; Ann & Milo Fry; Billy Loughman; Mary Tyrrell;

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8.00am	Sean O'Grady
10.30am	Paula Rodgers & Seamus Mahony
12.00 noon	Anne Marie Walsh
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell	Paul McKiernan
Dunmore 11.00am	Christy Murray & Caitriona McDermott

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 12, 22, 25, 28. Bonus No.10. No Jackpot or Bonus winner.
Next week's prize fund €20,000.

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 3

"The One who calls you is faithful."

Will you be faithful to His call? God may be inviting you to be a priest, Call Fr. Willie Purcell. Ossory Vocations Office, St. Kieran's College Kilkenny. 056 7770261/0876286858. www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com

St. John's Homes for the Elderly

St. John's Homes for the Elderly Committee monthly meeting will take place at 7.00pm next Monday 12th December in the Presbytery.

Weekly/Yearly Envelopes & Christmas Offerings

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

Annual Parish Social

The annual parish social will take place on Sunday 29th of January in Langton House Hotel.

Readers Rota 2012

The new rota for those who read at masses in St. John's is available for collection in the sacristy.

Parish Novena

The Parish Novena will take place from Friday February 3rd (Feast of St. Blaise) to Saturday February 11th. Once again, it will be conducted by a Redemptorist team

School Reconciliation Service

After the 10.30am 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.

Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Hour of Adoration and prayer will take place in the Friary Church on Sunday December 11th from 3pm – 4pm. Contact No. 7722539. All welcome.

Senior Help Line coming to Kilkenny

Senior Help Line is a National service providing a confidential listening service to older people who are lonely or just need someone to talk to. Would you like to support Senior Help Line 3 hours per month Saturday afternoon 4-7pm. For further information please contact Kilkenny's Age Friendly County Office, 42 Parliament St. Phone No. (056 7772787) or email agefriendlycounty@gmail.com or visit our website. Applicants should be available for training on 24th, 25th, 26 January.