

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. Time 11.30am on Tuesday 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).

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.

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).

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.

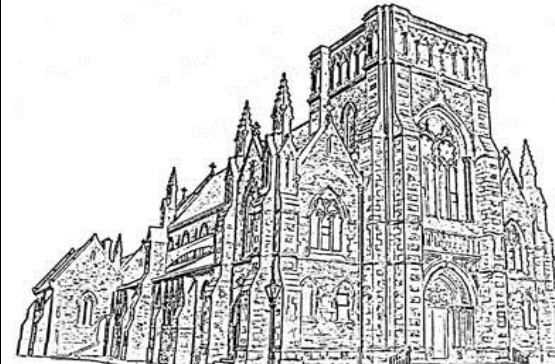
Questions People Ask

The religious meaning of Christmas seems to mean less to me every passing year. Any suggestions on how I can rediscover the religious excitement of my younger years? Do you have a crib at home? Read the Christmas story in the Gospel of Luke and like Mary ponder on these things in your heart. Take time to reflect on the Angelus, or at least the Hail Mary, this week. Attend a Carol service. Bring Christmas cheer to somebody who needs it. Be moderate in spending and do not overindulge in eating and drinking. Each day welcome Jesus into your life and your home. Bring Christ back into Christmas.

Ethiopian Awareness Day

Awareness Day for Friends of Fr. Kevin Doherty are fundraising at the town hall on Wednesday from 11.00am – 6.00pm. All are welcome.

ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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Fourth Sunday of Advent 18th December 2011

.CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE IN ST JOHN'S PARISH

Monday 19th	8.00 & 10.30 a.m. Mass 7.30 p.m. Senior School's Carol Service – St John's
Tues 20th – Fri 23rd	8.00 a.m. & 10.30 a.m. Mass
Christmas Eve (Saturday 24th)	No 10.30 a.m. Mass 6.30 p.m. St John's – Family Mass 7.00 p.m. Dunmore 9.00 p.m. St John's 9.00 p.m. Johnswell
Christmas Day (Sunday 25th)	8.00 a.m. St John's 10.30 a.m. St John's 12.00 noon St John's 10.00 a.m. Johnswell 11.00 a.m. Dunmore
Mon 26th – Sat 31st	10.30 a.m. Mass (No 8.00 a.m. Mass)

Deaths - Month's Minds - Anniversaries

Deaths: Andy Heffernan, 30 Michael Street (*Removal to St. John's following prayers at his residence at 6pm Sunday evening. Funeral Mass Monday at 11.30*)

Anniversaries: Mary Burke (Sat 6.30 pm); Richard Gaule (Sun 10.30 am); Mary & John Butler, Catherine Walsh (Sun 11.00 am); Tommy Tyrrell (Sun 12 noon); Jim Carroll (Sun 7.30 pm); Patrick Cassin; Paddy Delaney; Toddy Jordan; Thomas O'Connor, Seánie & Toddy O'Connor; Sean Hennessy; Michael Slattery; Frances Guidera; Henry O'Neill; Fr. Michael McGrath; Michael Brennan; Seamus Fry; Patrick Burke; Ted Carroll; Bridget Nolan; Margaret O'Loughlin; Mary & Eric McGrath; Mary Foley; Martha Kirwan; Edward Taylor; Patrick & Rose Wixted; Mary Dowling; Peggy Blanchfield; Martha Kirwan; Joseph Fogarty; Martin McDonald; Richard & Maureen Free; John Delaney; Billy Hanaphy; Josephine Pigott;

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8.00am	Anne Marie Hogan
10.30am	Jimmy Connolly
12.00 noon	Paula Rogers & Anne Marie Walsh
Johnswell	Sean Colgan
Dunmore 11.00am	Maria McGroarty & Amy McGroarty

O'Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 4, 15, 26, 28. Bonus No.10. No Jackpot or Bonus winner.
Next week's prize fund €20,000.

Ossory Vocations Promotion # 4

"Be it done unto me according to your word."

Docile obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer. If God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, Call Fr. Willie Purcell.

Ossory Vocations Office, St. Kieran's College Kilkenny. 056 7770261/0876286858. www.ossoryvocation.blogspot.com

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.

Carol Service

St. John's Senior School Carol Service in St. John's Church on Monday 19th December at 7.30pm.

Parish Christmas Cards

St. 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.

Adoration

There will be no adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from Tuesday 27th to Friday 30th. Adoration will resume on Tuesday 3rd January.

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

Help our Christmas Tree Sparkle

Spread some good this Christmas by recycling your Christmas tips, recipes, gift ideas, money saving ideas, etc. Email or drop them into us, and we will display them on our tree for other to benefit from! All those participating will be entered into a free draw. Email to citylibrary@kilkennylibrary.ie or just drop into us on John's Quay.