

## The Kilkenny Choir

Next Sunday, 16<sup>th</sup> at 4.30pm The Kilkenny Choir will present **Byrd's Mass for Four Voices** in St John's Church, accompanied by a quartet of trumpets and trombones and by Malcolm Proud on harpsichord.  
Conductor Philip Edmondson. Adm. €8/€5 con. Tickets at the door.

## A Christmas Cards

Christmas greeting cards are now available at the Parish office and in the Sacristy. Pack of six cards: €5.

## Adult Faith Development

**Please note: Our diocesan Adult Faith Development department have presented the following for Advent:**

**Advent Scripture Reflection** booklet – an opportunity for groups of individuals to come together once a week to reflect on the scriptures.

**The Advent CD** is based on the central characteristics of 'Lectio Divina' and is an audio version of the scripture Reflection Booklet.

**Both are available in the Sacristy or Presbytery.**

## Liam Lawton Concert

Liam Lawton Concert takes place in St. Patrick's Church, Clogh, Castlecomer with special guests Moneenroe/Clogh Folk Choirs next Thursday at 8pm.  
Tickets: €20 available from Castlecomer Post Office or Gillian 086 0614829.

## 'Heave-Ho' Charity Tug O' War Event

A charity Tug O' War Event will be held this Sunday at 2 pm in the sports field in Castlewarren in aid of two local charities : The Carlow, Kilkenny Home Care Team and the Medjugorje Youth Group. Competing teams are from the wider rural areas of Ballyfoyle, Muckalee, Cainsbridge, Coolcullen, Castlewarren, Johnswell and The Ridge, Old Leighlin and represent Brennan's Pub in Johnswell, Larkin's in Cainsbridge and Sheerin's of the Ridge. All welcome.

## Kilkenny Flower Club

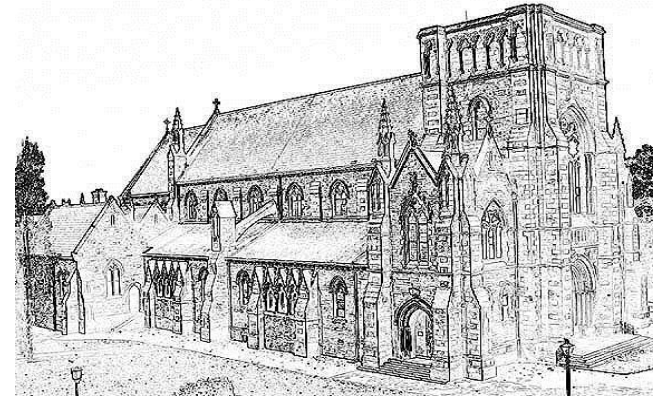
Kilkenny Flower Club will meet in Butler House on Thurs. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8p.m. Club members will demonstrate Christmas Arrangements.

## St John's Senior School

A date for your Diary: On Monday week, December 17<sup>th</sup>, St John's Senior School, Ballybough Street, presents its annual Carol Service. For many years, this has been a major event in the school year and has been a source of much joy and pleasure for all the pupils and for all who attend.

***Mondav week – in St John's Church – at 7.30 p.m.***

# ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



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**Second Sunday of Advent  
9<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

## Parish Reconciliation Service

The Parish Liturgy Group invites you to join in the annual **Advent Penitential/Reconciliation Service** on Thursday 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.

This year, instead of "hearing confessions" in the schools, we are hoping to make this Parish Service a truly **Family Event**. We therefore request and urge all parents to bring their children to this Reconciliation Service in a genuine effort to be spiritually prepared and ready for Christmas.

## Finding Hope In Advent Time

This week's talk will take place on Wednesday at 11.00 am in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Fr. Willie Purcell will give a talk and discussion on the above topic, followed by refreshments. You are invited and welcome to attend.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Rena Sheridan, Newpark.  
Etta Shine, Old Sion Road.  
Paddy Kelly, Larchfield.  
Veronica Phillips, 4 Middleknock. *Funeral Mass Sunday at 12.00 noon. Interment in St Kieran’s Cemetery.*

**Anniversaries:** Mary Coyne (6.30pm), Kitty, Paddy & Michael Keogh (10.30am), Jerry O’Neill (11.00am), Mary Shelly (12 noon); Ann Stapleton (7.30pm), Tom Rooney, Jackie Dowling, John Paul Ramsbottom, Marian Tennyson, Paddy Delaney, Petra & Tommy McGuinness, Nan Brennan, John Byrne, Christy Galvin, Richard O’Carroll, Billy Loughman, Joseph Emery, Michael Bolger, Mary Tyrrell, Billy Maher, John & Ann Fogarty, James Donnelly Snr. & Jnr., Sean Donnelly, Jim Gibbons, Patrick & Rose Wixted, Mary Dowling.

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8.00am	Sean O’Grady
10.30am	Jimmy Connolly & Bernie Dermody
12.00noon	Peter Dwyer
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00am	Fergal Brennan & Laura Butler
Dunmore 11.00am	John McGourty & Amy McGourty

### O’Loughlin Gaels Lotto

Numbers: 2,5,7,27. Bonus No.14. No winners. Next week’s prize fund €20,000.

### Ossory Vocations Promotion #02

Are you seeking “knowledge and full insight to help you determine” your vocation in Christ as a priest? Contact: Fr Willie Purcell. Vocations Director. [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com). Tel: 056 7770261

### Hour of Adoration

Divine Mercy Adoration in the Friary Church on Sunday between 3 – 4pm.

## Christmas Offerings & Weekly/Yearly Envelopes

The Weekly/Yearly Envelopes & Christmas Offering Envelopes are available for distribution. We would very much appreciate if the Distributors, whose enormous help is greatly valued, would 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.

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.

## Cois Nore – ‘A Day of Light & Hope’

Join us on Wednesday the 12<sup>th</sup> for a range of actives starting with a coffee morning in The Ormonde Hotel at 11.00am, followed by the Universal call of the Bell followed by Poetry Reading & Reflection to remember and encourage everyone affected by cancer.

*A Service of Light and Hope with Kilkenny Gospel Choir will take place at 7.30pm in St. Mary’s Cathedral where there will be a blessing with the Oil of St Peregrine – patron saint of those whose lives have been touched by cancer.*

## Johnswell Active Retired Association

A meeting of Johnswell active retired association will be held in Johnswell hall on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> at 7.00pm a speaker from Kilkenny Citizen’s Information Centre will attend.

## Liturgy Group Meeting

A Liturgy group meeting will take place next Wednesday @ 7pm in the Presbytery.

## Kilkenny Art Exhibition

Kilkenny art exhibition 6<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> December (premises beside Tynan’s Bridge House) Official Opening on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec from 6-9pm all proceeds from opening night and 50% of sales will be donated to Cois Nore Cancer support services. All welcome. Please support.

## Book Launch

A book launch will take place at the NUI Maynooth KK Outreach Campus at St Kieran’s College on Friday 14<sup>th</sup>. The book is called Moths Against Glass, and is an anthology of new Irish writing. It will be available in local bookshops at €10.