

## CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE IN ST JOHN'S PARISH

Christmas Eve (Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> )	No 10.30 a.m. Mass
	6.30 p.m. <i>St John's – Family Mass</i>
	7.00 p.m. <i>Dunmore</i>
	9.00 p.m. <i>St John's</i>
Christmas Day (Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> )	9.00 p.m. Johnswell
	8.00 a.m. <i>St John's</i>
	10.00 a.m. <i>Johnswell</i>
	10.30 a.m. <i>St John's</i>
	11.00 a.m. <i>Dunmore</i>
Wed. 26 <sup>th</sup> – Sat 29 <sup>th</sup>	12.00 noon <i>St John's</i>
	10.30 a.m. <i>St John's</i> (No 8.00 a.m. Mass)

### Christmas Cards

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

### Adult Faith Development

*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.**

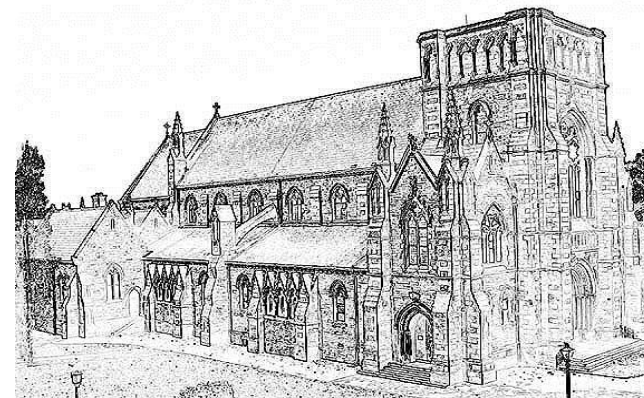
### Home Alone This Christmas?

Don't be home alone this Christmas if you would like some company. Senior Help Line is a national confidential telephone listening service for older people provided by trained older volunteers. We are open every day over Christmas, including Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, from 10 am to 10pm, (closed Christmas evening from 7-10pm). All calls are treated as strictly confidential. We are here to listen. LoCall 1850 440 444 for the price of a local call anywhere in Ireland.

### Hour of Adoration

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

## ST JOHN'S PARISH – KILKENNY



### Pastoral Council

Claire Bowden,  
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**Third Sunday of Advent**  
**16<sup>th</sup> December 2012**

## 'Ossory Times'

The Diocese of Ossory has launched its first diocesan newsletter called '**Ossory Times**' and is on sale throughout all parishes this weekend. The brainchild of the Adult Faith Development Group, the 52 page high-quality publication provides up-to-date news and commentary from across the Diocese and beyond. It will act as a valuable resource for exchanging information and ideas throughout the Diocese and its many groups and parishes. Compiled by a special editorial group, the first issue includes a wide collection of news items, articles, reflective pieces and pictures, with contributions coming from both clergy and laity. The newsletter magazine is available at all Churches this weekend at €2 per copy. It may also be purchased directly the Cathedral Book Shop.

## St John's Senior School

This Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, St John's Senior School at 7.30pm, 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.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Brigid Comerford, Newpark.  
Paddy Mahony, Wolfetone Street.  
Eileen Hoban, Kilkieran, Ballyfoyle.  
Eileen Baker, Jacob Street.  
Christina Comerford 12 Corcoran Terrace, Kells  
Road, (*Funeral, Sun at 12.30 in St Patrick’s*).

**Anniversaries:** Jimmy Bergin (6.30pm), Mary Malone (10.00am), Andy Heffernan (10.30am), Mary, John & Catherine Butler (11.00), Mary Burke (12.00 noon), Tom & Kathleen Cody (7.30pm), Seán Hennessy, Frances Guidera, P J Cassin, Richard and Maureen Free, Toddy Jordan, Thomas, Seánie & Toddy O’Connor, Vincent & Kathleen Delaney, Sammy Johnston, Michael Slattery, Mary Tyrrell, Fr. Michael McGrath, Michael Brennan, Henry O’Neill, Mary Foley, Seamus, Milo & Ann Fry, Patrick Burke, Christopher & Catherine Molloy, John Delaney, Bridget Connick, Joseph Fogarty, Tommy and Bridget O’Neill.

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8.00am	Anne Marie Hogan
10.30am	Peggy Wall & Declan Wall
12.00noon	Tony Dalton
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00am	Sean Colgan
Dunmore 11.00am	Mark Brennan & Tom Comerford

## Ossory Vocations Promotion #03

*“All were questioning in their hearts.”*

Are you considering a vocation as a priest? Contact: Fr Willie Purcell.  
Vocations Director. [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com). Tel: 056 7770261.

## The Kilkenny Choir Concert – Today at 4.30 p.m.

The Kilkenny Choir will present **Byrd’s Mass for Four Voices** in St John’s Church this Sunday at 4.30 p.m.. William Byrd was a favourite composer at the court of Queen Elizabeth I. His commitment to his religious convictions was given expression in his settings of the Latin text in motets and in his Masses. Byrd wrote only three: simply one for each number of voices, three, four, and five. The Kilkenny Choir will be accompanied by a quartet of trumpets and trombones and by Malcolm Proud on harpsichord. Conductor: Philip Edmondson.

This Sunday at 4.30pm Adm. €8/€5 con. Tickets at the door.

## Christmas Offerings & Weekly/Yearly Envelopes

Thanks to all the Distributors, whose help is greatly appreciated, for collecting and distributing these envelopes in their respective areas.

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 difficult we take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all who contribute to the running of our parish.

## Johnswell School

The School Nativity Play will take place in Johnswell Hall on Thursday at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

## The Adoration Room

The Adoration Room will close for Christmas, from Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec, and will resume on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January.

## Recommend Gifts for Christmas!

Recommend books and movies to read and view over the Christmas season. Books are available from the Chapter House Book Shop, at St. Mary’s Cathedral.

Books: My Life with the Saints by James Martin SJ €12.

Calm of the Soul by The Poor Claire’s €16.

Opening to God – A Guide to Prayer by Thomas H. Greene €13.

DVD: *Of Gods and Men* and for the children *Evan Almighty*.

CDs: Friar Alessandro – Voice from Assisi