

## ADVENT RESOURCES NOW AVAILABLE

### Ossory Advent Pack - €1

- **Sunday Gospel Reflection Sheets:** these four sheets, one for each Sunday of Advent, contain short scriptural reflections on each of the Gospels with thoughts and suggested actions for the week ahead.
- **Traditions Explained & Building and Advent Wreath:** A simple step-by-step guide into building an advent wreath as well as an explanation of its significance and symbolism.
- **Christmas Story:** A reprinting of the Christmas Story so that it may be heard anew, with questions to prompt reflection and new insights.
- **Blessings for a Crib:** A simple blessing that can be used when the crib is place in the family home.
- **Christmas Grace:** A prayer card of a grace before meals so support and encourage people to take a moment of prayer in the home on Christmas Day.

### Sunday Reflection Booklet - €2

A reflection booklet which covers the Sundays of Advent. Each Sunday offers the Gospel of that day, a simple exegesis of the scripture, a pastoral reflection, a prayer centred on the Gospel and some thoughts for actions that week.

### Thought for the Day Booklet - €2

A pocket-sized Thought for the Day Booklet. This booklet is intended to help people reflect on a line of scripture each day by means of a short reflection, prayer and question.

### Advent Text - Free

Those who would like to receive these texts – at no cost – are asked to: Text their mobile number to Ossory Faith Development Group at 085 831 3100

- Email [adf@ossory.ie](mailto:adf@ossory.ie)
- Telephone 7753624
- Write their mobile number on the sheets provide and have these returned to the AFD office.

### Advent Tweet - Free

This advent we will tweet a short movie each day with a simple reflection/prayer or thought for that day. To get tweets each day simply follow our Diocesan Twitter account @ossorydiocese.

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**First Sunday of Advent**  
**27<sup>th</sup> November 2016**

## Ossory Priests Society

The Annual Collection for the Ossory Priests Society takes place *this weekend, outside church*. This Society is responsible for making suitable financial provision for the care of the priests in the Diocese of Ossory in infirmity, sickness and old age. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

### Saint Mary's Cathedral Restoration Draw

The 9<sup>th</sup> of the Diocesan Monthly Draws in aid of St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund will take place next **Wednesday, 30<sup>th</sup> November** in the Chapter Room. Subscribers and Promoters very welcome. €10 per month. Tickets are available at the Parish Office; the Sacristy; *Ann Brennan; Aine Butler; Jane Dineen; Marian Eardly; Fr Brian Griffin; Margaret Hanlon; John Lennon; Jody Murphy; Veronica McGuane; Paul McKiernan; Linda Nolan; Fr Seán O'Connor; Irene Purcell; Brian Roche; Peggy Wall; Eddie Langton.*

**December Draw will take place on the 21<sup>st</sup>**

## Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Mary Carroll, Old Callan Road.  
Eileen Gleeson, Kells Road.

**Anniv:** Johanna, Benny & Marie Hayes; John Paul Ramsbottom (6.30pm); Jim Brophy (10.00am); Kitty & Jack Hennessy (10.30am); Ann, Mary & Seamus Burke (12.00 noon); Paddy Byrne (7.30pm); Frances Ivory; Nicola Hayes; May Cleary; Paddy & Patricia O'Hara; Mary & Andrew Brennan; Fr Ignatius Phelan; John Kennedy; Ellen & Michael O'Neill; Dollie & Pearse Butler; Eileen Barry; Catherine & James Manogue; John Murphy; Ann Blowe; James Doran; Teresa & Mollie O'Neill;

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8.00am	Martin Blake
10.30am	Kathleen Ferguson & Saoirse Ryan
12.00noon	Bobbie Lahart
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00am	Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore 11.00am	Jim Kavanagh & Claire Hanrick

## Weekly Envelope Collection

Thanks to all who contribute and those who pay by Standing Order. S.O. forms available in Parish Office.

## First Friday

Friday next is the First Friday of December. The sick and housebound will be visited at the normal times. Please inform the parish office or one of the priests if you have a relative or neighbour who would like this service.

## Johnswell School Craft Sale & Coffee morning

The annual craft sale and coffee morning will take place in Johnswell School on Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> December after 10am Mass. There will be a great variety of crafts and home baking for sale and as this is in aid of Johnswell School your support would be greatly appreciated.

## Pastoral Council Meeting

The December meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place on Thursday evening at 7.30pm.

## St Joseph's Young Priests' Society

Their meeting will take place on Monday in the Presbytery at 11.00 a.m.

## Cookery Demonstration

Loreto Secondary School parent's association will host a Christmas Cookery Demonstration hosted by Anne Neary on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Loreto School Canteen. Tickets €15 which includes a glass of non-alcoholic punch, nibbles and entry into a raffle for a Dunnes Stores Hamper.

## Dunmore Annual Bake / Cake Sale

The annual bake/cake sale will take place on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. after the 11 am mass to raise funds for Christmas time in our Church. All donations of cakes and buns gratefully accepted and raffle prizes appreciated. Please come along on the morning for a cuppa and get dessert sorted for the dinner.

## Marian Movement of Priests

A meeting of the Marian Movement of Priests will take place this Monday at 7.30pm in the Mill Hill on the Waterford Road. Mass, Rosary and Holy Hour.

## Family Carers Ireland

Winter market takes place this Sunday from 10am to 5pm in the Youth Centre, Green Road, Carlow. Stalls include: Arts & Crafts, Health & Beauty, Confectionary, Jewellery, Hampers & much more. Admission €2 Adults, Children free.

## The Three Tenors

### *St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund*

Christmas Concert with the Three Tenors at St Mary's Cathedral, Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December, in aid of St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund.

***Tickets €25 available in Sacristy, Parish Office or online at [www.ossory.ie](http://www.ossory.ie)***

## The Thomas Hayes Trust

The Thomas Hayes trust organisation provides much needed counselling services and family supports to those effected by suicide, and people struggling with everyday life because of bullying, anxiety, panic attacks etc. We welcome children, teenagers and adults to avail of our services, therefore, raising the awareness that "it's okay not to feel ok, and to ask for help. The door of Teac Tom is open Monday to Friday from 9.30am to 3pm and for appointments, so people can come in for a chat and a cuppa.