

The Three Tenors – Next Saturday

St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund

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

Tickets €25 available in Sacristy, Parish Office or online at www.ossory.ie

Advent Resources Now Available

Ossory Advent Pack - €1; Sunday Reflection Booklet - €2; Thought for the Day Booklet - €2; Sign up for daily Advent Text – Free; Advent Tweet - Free

Kilkenny Flower Club

Christmas Demonstration by Helen Dooley takes place next Thursday at 8pm in Butler House. All welcome. €10 for non-members.

Samaritans Information Evening

An information session will be held in Butler House next Wednesday 7th at 7.00pm. If you would like information or have thought of volunteering with us, you will be most welcome.

Kilkenny Choir & Kilkenny Youth Orchestra

The Kilkenny Choir & Kilkenny Youth Orchestra will host their Annual Concert/Recital in St John's Church next Sunday afternoon at 4.30 p.m.

St Mary's Cathedral –Ninth Draw Results

Prize	Winner	Parish
1 st Prize €2,000	Adam Ellis	Borris in Ossory
2 nd Prize €1,000	Anna Nolan	Callan
3 rd Prize €500	Lilliam O'Hanlon	St Mary's
4 th Prize €300	Brian Dunlop	St Patricks
5 th Prize €300	Kathleen Maher	Lisdowney
6 th Prize €200	Martin Purcell	Johnstown
7 th Prize €200	Mary Hackett	St John's
8 th Prize €100	Seán Lowry	Camross
9 th Prize €100	Ann Roberts	Ballyragget
10 th Prize €100	John Flynn	St Canice's

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Second Sunday of Advent 4th December 2016

Looking Forward to Victory for O'Loughlin Gaels

'Go out and make your own piece of magical history for the club!'

That was the battle cry from one of O'Loughlin Gaels most celebrated players, Andy Comerford, as the latest bunch of high achievers from the St John's Park club prepared for the Leinster senior hurling final against Cuala, (Dublin) in Portlaoise today at 2pm. ***Come out and support them!***

Thursday - Feast of The Immaculate Conception

Thursday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception/Holyday of Obligation.
Vigil Mass in St John's on Wednesday at 6.30pm.
Thursday Masses are at the usual Sunday times in St John's Church.

St Vincent De Paul Society

The annual Christmas Collection will take place **next weekend**. Thank you for you continued support.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Noel Johnston, Castlecomer Road.
Seamus Bolger, Gaol Road.
Sr Mary Mel Murphy, St Patrick’s Convent, Kells Road.
Kitty Russell, Kells Road. Funeral Mass Mon. 11, St Patrick’s.

Anniv: Mary Shelly (6.30pm); Paddy & Patricia O’Hara (8.00am);
John Joseph, Thomas & Nora Kinsella (10.00am); Jerry Tobin (10.30am);
Mary, John & Catherine Butler (11.00am); Etta Shine (12.00 noon);
Ollie Bergin (7.30pm); Brede Dunne; Tom Rooney; Syl Gaffney;
Marie & Seamus Parsons; Bridget Comerford; Jackie Dowling;
Mary Coyne; Peggy, Tom & Sheila Bourke; Mark Lynch; Seán Donnelly;
Ann, Paddy Stapleton & Stapleton Family; Christy Galvin;
James Donnelly Snr & Jnr; Margaret Guilfoyle; Martin Phelan;
Christopher & Catherine Molloy;

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8.00am	Anne Marie Hogan
10.30am	Seamus Brennan & Deirdre Dowling
12.00noon	Mary Lynch & Seán Ware
7.30pm	Ann Fitzpatrick
Johnswell 10.00am	Fiona Whitely
Dunmore 11.00am	Tom Comerford & Maise Powell

Weekly Envelope Collection

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

Johnswell Active Retirement

A meeting in Johnswell Hall will take place on next Wednesday 7th at 7.00pm, followed by a flower arrangement class at 7.15pm. Everyone is welcome.

Monthly Rosary

Monthly Rosary at James Green this Sunday at 3.00pm.

Christmas Offerings & Weekly/Yearly Envelopes for Parish Funds

The **Weekly/Yearly Envelopes & Christmas Offering Envelopes** are now available for distribution. We would appreciate if Distributors, whose generous help is always 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.
- **If you have let the practice of supporting your Parish or Personnel slip, we urge you to recommence and play your part in running this very fine parish.**
- Once again, we take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to all of you who our parish each year.

Dunmore Annual Bake / Cake Sale

The annual bake/cake sale will take place next Sunday 11th 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.

Johnswell School Craft Sale & Coffee morning

The annual craft sale and coffee morning will take place in Johnswell School on Sunday 18th 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.

Troyscourt Meals on Wheels

Volunteer drivers are required to deliver dinners from **Troyscourt** to the St John’s Parish area. Troyscourt would be able to provide more dinners if they had more drivers from this area. **Thanks to all from the Parish who currently provide this service. Please contact the parish or one of the Priests**

Shoe Box Appeal for Homeless

A collection after each of the masses next Sunday 11th for the homeless. Items might include hats, gloves, scarves, toothpaste, roll-on deodorant, toothbrush, shower gel, chocolate, sweets, cereal bars, Christmas Cards. A box will be left in the porch. Any queries to 087 669 3674. Boxes delivered to Help the Homeless.