

Gaudete Sunday

*John the Baptist is often thought of as a stern, grim figure. But as a matter of fact, he could be the patron saint of joy! Maybe that's why it is the focal point of the gospel for **Gaudete or Rejoice Sunday**, the third Sunday of Advent.*

Joy comes only through humility and repentance.

On the third Sunday of Advent, the penitential purple of the season changes to rose and we celebrate "Gaudete" or "Rejoice!" Sunday.

"Shout for joy, daughter of Sion" says Zephaniah. "Draw water joyfully from the font of salvation," says Isaiah. "Rejoice in the Lord always," says St. Paul. "Do penance for the judge is coming," says John the Baptist.

Divine Mercy

Divine Mercy Hour of Adoration and prayer will take place in the Friary Church this Sunday from 3-4pm. All welcome.

Medjugorje Evening of Prayer

Rosary, Mass, Adoration and Prayer for Healing will take place next Monday 12th December at 8pm in Mill Hill, Waterford Road. All are welcome.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages

Airport Transport and 7 nights B&B €279. Tel. 01 4434510 or email reservations@med-irishcentre.com Call for flight info. Medjugorje: 00387 36 651 518. Ireland: 00353 1 443 4510
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Al-Anon Meetings

Al-Anon meetings for family and friends Tuesday at 8.30pm – Mill Hill Fathers, Waterford Road. Wednesday 12.30am – St Patricks Parish Centre.

Johnswell School Craft Sale & Coffee morning

The annual craft sale and coffee morning will take place in Johnswell School next 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.

Troycourt Meals on Wheels

Volunteer drivers are required to deliver dinners from **Troycourt** to the St John's Parish area. Troycourt 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**

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Third Sunday of Advent 11th December 2016

Thursday 7.30 pm - Advent Penitential Service

The annual Advent Reconciliation/Penitential Service will take place on Thursday next, 15th at 7.30 p.m. in St John's Church.

Amidst all the usual material preparations for Christmas, we are urged not to forget our spiritual preparations also as we prepare to celebrate the Lord's birthday.

There will be ample priests available on the night, so please make the effort to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent Season.

Kilkenny Choir & Kilkenny Youth Orchestra

Note change of time: 4.00 p.m.

The Kilkenny Choir & Kilkenny Youth Orchestra will host their Annual Concert/Recital presenting the sacred music of **Victoria and Palestrina** in St John's Church this afternoon at 4.00 p.m.

Conductor – Mr Philip Edmondson with Brass Ensemble. Adm. €10 / €6.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Patsy Hanrahan, Cashel Downs.
Jerry Konieczny, Poland.
Tommy Dowling, St Colman’s, Castlecomer Road.

Month’s Mind: Bridget Slattery (7.30pm).

Anniv: Jim Byrne (6.30pm); Catherine & Louis Brennan (10.00am);
Mary McGuinness (10.30am); Jerry O’Neill (11.00am);
Tom & Kathleen Cody (12.00 noon); Edward Moran; Nan Brennan;
Andy Heffernan; Denis & Mary Purcell; Ann Fogarty; Mary Maher;
Billy Loughman; Richard O’Carroll; Pat & Betty Murphy; Jack Byrne;

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8.00am	Nora Webster
10.30am	Paula Rogers & Louis Feeley
12.00noon	John Joyce
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Robert Butler
Dunmore 11.00am	Stephanie Butler & Roger Curran

Weekly Envelope Collection

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

Eucharistic Adoration

Divine Mercy hour takes place every Tuesday in Dunmore Church from 3 to 4pm. All are welcome.

Dunmore Annual Bake / Cake Sale

The annual bake/cake sale will take place this Sunday 11th Dec. after the 11 am mass to raise funds for Christmas time in our Church. Please come along on the morning for a cuppa and get dessert sorted for the dinner.

Important Notice re. Parking

Last June we notified you that MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre is no longer operating the Surface Car Park across the street from our Parish Church and that Irish Rail has taken it over.

As is the case for the Railway carpark itself, the management of the one across from the church is contracted to Nationwide Controlled Parking Systems (NCPS). Mass-goers still maintain the same concession that they had up to last June.

This concession means that parking is free and that clamping would NOT occur during Sunday morning Masses.

Parking for Daily masses and Holy Day masses were never covered by this concession from Irish Rail.

Despite requests, nothing has ever been given to us in writing – it has only ever been a verbal commitment.

TO CLARIFY THE CURRENT POSITION:

Parking across from the church and up towards the train station (IN THE SPACES TO THE RIGHT, ON TOP OF HILL ONLY) is free on Sunday mornings only. Parking is not free during Daily Masses, nor Saturday or Sunday evening mass.

St Vincent De Paul Society

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

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.