

The Ossory Times

The Christmas edition of The Ossory Times is available this weekend (€2). As always, it's a colourful, interesting and well produced record of Diocesan events and affairs, and comes at a very nominal cost.

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GOD WILL PROVIDE!

A young woman brought her fiancé home to meet her parents. After dinner, her mother told her father to find out about the young man. The father invited the fiancé to his study for a little talk. 'So, what are your plans for the future?' the father asked the young man. 'I am a biblical scholar, sir,' he replied. 'A Biblical scholar. Hmm,' the father said. 'Very admirable, but what will you do to provide a nice house for my daughter to live in?' 'I will study,' the young man replied, 'and God will provide for us.' 'And how will you buy her a beautiful engagement ring, such as she deserves?' asked the father. 'I will concentrate on my studies, sir,' the young man replied, 'and God will provide for us.' 'And children?' asked the father. 'How will you support your children?' 'Don't worry, sir, God will provide,' replied the fiancé. The conversation proceeded like this, and each time the father posed a question, the young idealist insisted that God would provide. Later, the mother asked, 'Well, how did the little chat go, Honey?' The father answered, 'He has no job; he has no plans, and he thinks I'm God!'

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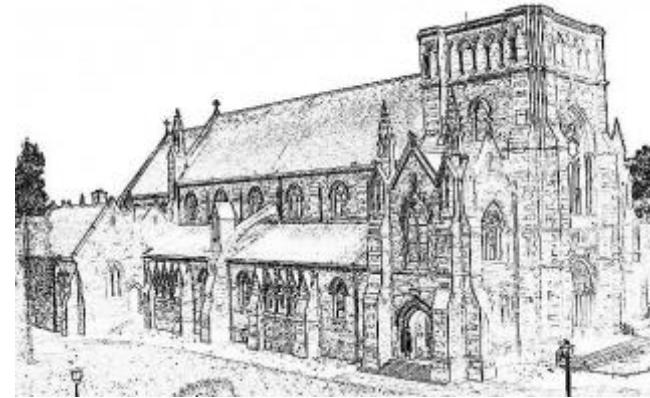
Moth To A Flame

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"Candles for every occasion"

"Sale now on until the end of January"

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The Baptism of The Lord 8th January 2017

ARTABAN - The Fourth Wise Man

In 1895, Henry van Dyke wrote the "*Story of the Other Wise Man*," a fourth wise man called Artaban. He is not mentioned in the Gospel because he missed the caravan. He got to Bethlehem too late to see the baby Jesus. But Artaban did make it in time to save one of the Holy Innocents by bribing a soldier. For 33 years Artaban searched for Jesus. He did not find him. But all the while the Fourth wise man fed the hungry, helped the poor. Then one day in Jerusalem Artaban saw the "King of the Jews" being crucified. He started to offer a pearl as ransom. But then he saw a girl being sold into slavery to pay family debts. Artaban gave his pearl to buy freedom for the girl. Suddenly the earth quaked as Jesus died on the cross and a stone struck Artaban. As he was dying, he heard a voice saying: "*When you helped the least of my children, you helped me. Meet me in heaven!*" Artaban, the fourth Wise Man, had been making God present in his community for years by helping others. At this time of year, God asks each of us to be a fourth Wise Man by becoming God's "Epiphanies to others", making His love present in the world around us by our acts of love and kindness.

Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Bridget Nolan, Old Callan Road.
Ann Ryan, The Sycamores.
Ann Guilfoyle, Larchfield.
Judith Stanistreet, Manchester.
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Month’s Mind: Tommy Dowling (6.30pm);
Kitty Brennan (10.00am);
Theresa Walsh (12.00 noon);

Anniv: Ned & Eddie Byrne Jnr. (10.30am); Margaret Pearson & Ned Brennan (11.00am); Marian & Timmy Tennyson (7.30pm); Patrick Cass; Andy & Maureen Ennis; Edward Walsh; James Cleary; Theresa Hoban; Mick & Annie Ruth; Patrick & Ann Dowling; John Lanigan; Peg Dowling; Thomas & Catherine Lyons; Bernard Kelly; Pauline Hogan; Jerry Davis; Tom & Mary Gaffney; Peter & Eileen Browne;

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8.00am	Nora Webster
10.30am	Kathleen Ferguson & Saoirse Ryan
12.00noon	Bobbie Lahart & Seán Ware
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Robert Butler
Dunmore 11.00am	Pierce Lennon & Liam Maddock

Weekly Envelope Collection

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

Pilates Johnswell

Pilates Classes given by Seamus Nugent in Johnswell Hall every Thursday night from 7.00pm to 8.00pm. €6.00 per night.

Annual Parish Social

The Annual Parish Social takes place in *Langton House Hotel* on Sunday, **29th January**, commencing at 8.30 pm.

Tickets will be on sale next weekend at €10 each, which includes Dinner followed by Music and Dancing.

Tickets can be purchased from any member of the Pastoral Council, or at the Sacristy, or at the Parish office

giveblood.ie

The IBTS is at present experiencing difficulty in collecting enough voluntary blood donations in order to meet hospital requirements of 3,000 units of blood a week. Please help us make the difference.

The mobile clinic will be at the Newpark Hotel at the following dates:

Sunday 8th January	-	12.00 noon to 3.30pm
Monday 9th to Thursday 12th	-	4.30pm to 8.00pm

Pastoral Council Meeting

The January meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council Meeting will take place on Thursday evening at 7.30pm in the Presbytery. All members are requested to attend.

St Vincent De Paul Society

Monthly collection will take place next weekend. Thank you for your support.

Foster Families

Foster a child? Families needed to care for children from short term to long term care. Visit www.fiveriversireland.ie for further information or call 01-8665290.

French Classes

Enrolment for French Classes with the *Alliance Francaise* takes place next Tuesday 10th in the Club House Hotel from 7 to 9pm.

Classes are available for Primary and Secondary students; Adult beginners; intermediate (improve your French) and advanced (with literature and current affairs).

Classes are offered in the evenings and mornings. More information from www.afkilkenny.org or Mary 086-1690565.

Knitting Classes

Knitting Classes will commence mid-January for details please contact Liz on 086 8359425.