

## Dunmore Annual Bake / Cake Sale

The annual bake/cake sale will take place next Sunday after the 11 am mass. Please support by baking, drop goodies to the Hall before mass and then by joining us for a cup of tea after mass. Raffle donations can also be dropped before mass. All are very welcome.

## Readers at Mass - Ministers of the Word

We invite, and encourage, those who carry out this ministry in our parish to attend the following session for the Middle Deanery of the Diocese.

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec.** St Fiacre's Church, Loughboy, 7.30pm.

Speaker Fr Kieran O'Shea— *The ministry of bringing God's Word to Life.*

## A Children's Medieval Christmas in Rothe House

Friday 11th December at 6pm & 7.30pm. Stories, fun and entertainment provided by Heritage Tales with guest appearance by Santa Claus! Tickets cost €12.50 per child and €9.50 for adults. Pre-booking is essential.

## Marian Movement of Priests

A meeting of the above will take place next Monday at 7.30pm in St Joseph's Mill Hill on the Waterford Rd. Mass, Rosary and Holy Hour.

## Alzheimer's/Dementia.

Kilkenny Carer Support Group, Wednesday 2nd December 2015, 4.00-5.30pm at The Village Day Centre (behind the Village Inn Pub). Information and support for past/present carers of people with Alzheimer's/Dementia. Everyone welcome.

## St John's Parish Local History Calendar

A new St John's Local History Calendar for 2016 is now available. Contact Frank Cody, Newpark Close FRC at 056-7723309. Cost: €5.00.

## St Mary's Cathedral – Ninth Draw Results

Prize	Winner	Parish
1 <sup>st</sup> Prize €2,000	Sr Anthony Barlow	Callan
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize €1,000	Sr Hannah Frisby	Callan
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prize €500	Brendan Murphy	Muckalee
4 <sup>th</sup> Prize €300	Marie Delaney	St Canice's
5 <sup>th</sup> Prize €300	Trish Champion	Johnstown
6 <sup>th</sup> Prize €200	Denis Molloy	St Mary's
7 <sup>th</sup> Prize €200	Dorothy Kennedy	St Mary's
8 <sup>th</sup> Prize €100	Michael Hoyne	Thomastown
9 <sup>th</sup> Prize €100	Gowran Parish	Gowran
10 <sup>th</sup> Prize €100	Eugene O'Donovan	Callan

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## First Sunday of Advent 29<sup>th</sup> November 2015

## Christmas Cards

A special '*Year of Mercy*' edition of our Parish Christmas Card featuring the Pope Francis' Jubilee Prayer will be available next w/e. Pack of six €5.

## Celebrating Religious Life in Our Diocese

Celebrating the year of Consecrated life is an opportunity for the Bishop, the Priests and the lay faithful in our Diocese, to acknowledge and show our appreciation for the wonderful contribution religious have made over many years and, indeed, continue to make in the life of our diocese.

**In response to the Year of Consecrated Life, the Adult Faith Development will host a display area in St Kieran's College from 12.00 noon until 5pm this Sunday 29<sup>th</sup>** with stands outlining the various charisms and ministries that religious have offered to our Diocese throughout the years. **This day will conclude with a Mass of thanksgiving in St Mary's Cathedral at 5.30pm.** It is an opportunity for people to get some insight into the vast service they offer, and have offered.

## Deaths – Month’s Minds – Anniversaries

**Deaths:** Jim Brophy, Johnswell.  
Margaret O’Neill, St Francis’ Terrace.  
Eamon Walsh, Danesfort.  
Anne Hennessy, Weir View & late of Gorey.  
Annette Ronan (nee Kelly), late of St John’s Tce., Dublin Rd.

**Anniv:** Nicola Hayes (6.30pm); John-Joseph Kinsella (10.00am);  
Jerry Tobin (10.30am); Kitty & Jack Hennessy (12.00noon);  
Paddy Byrne (7.30pm); Billy Hanaphy; Walter Tallis; Eileen Barry;  
Mark Lynch; Stephen Buckley; Martin & Peggy Brett;  
Josephine Cummins;

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8.00am	Ann O’Grady
10.30am	Paula Rogers & Louis Feeley
12.00noon	Marie Claire Mealy
7.30pm	Marie Fogarty
Johnswell 10.00am	Betsy Rice & Teresa Dowling
Dunmore 11.00am	Fiona McGeary & Nora Guilfoyle

## Weekly Envelope Collection

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

## Ossory Vocations Promotion #01

*Be on the watch! Allow God to lead you in the ways of truth and justice.*

*How is God calling you to serve? (Jer.33:14-16)*

If you think God is calling you to priesthood, call Fr. Willie Purcell Ossory Vocations Director. 056 7770261 or email [ossoryvocdir@gmail.com](mailto:ossoryvocdir@gmail.com).

## 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.

## Advent Texts

If you would like to receive a Daily Text to meditate on during Advent, please send your mobile number by text to 085 8313100 or email [afd@ossory.ie](mailto:afd@ossory.ie) or tel. 056-7753624.

## Advent Reflections

For each of the Sundays of Advent, a leaflet is available which contains a line of scripture from each of the daily readings.

We invite you to take a copy as you maybe get an opportunity to take a short moment, at home or at work, each day during Advent to reflect.

## Jubilee of Mercy

Pope Francis has announced a Year of Mercy to commence on Sunday 8th December.

He did this by means of a Papal Bull (*Formal letter announcing the Jubilee Year*). Copies of the letter will be available at masses next w/e.

## Johnswell Development Committee

Johnswell Development Committee will hold its AGM next Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> at 8pm. New members needed due to retirement of existing officers.

## Coffee Morning/Craft Sale

A coffee morning and Christmas craft sale will be held in Johnswell Primary School after 10am Mass on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> December. The crafts will be made by the pupils and parents of the school. Please support.

## Chernobyl Children Kilkenny Outreach Group

Are you in a Choir, a Book Club, or perhaps a few friends who would like to get together for a chat and a cuppa before Christmas.

Why not have your festive get together at our Christmas American Tea Party in Langton’s, next Sunday from 3 to 6p.m., €10 per person, Bookings to Rita at 086 8322993.

## ‘Giving Life Away: Memories’

A new book by Callan native Father Jim O’Halloran will be launched at Stonehouse Books, Kieran St., next Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> at 3.00 pm.

It is called Giving Life Away: Memories. Growing up in Mill Street during the 40’s and his subsequent life as a priest and Missionary abroad. It costs €10.

## St John’s Eucharistic Adoration

New ‘adorers’ are required for this ministry. If you wish to become an adorer i.e. commit to a regular hour Tuesday to Friday for 8am – 7pm please put your name and number in book outside adoration Chapel Door.