

Divine Mercy

Holy Hour takes place in The Friary today from 3-4pm. All are welcome.

Rosary Mass

Adoration, and Prayer for healing will take place at Mill Hill, Waterford road, Monday 11th January at 8pm. All are welcome.

The Poor Little Boy with No Arms

A new play "The Poor Little Boy with No Arms" will be performed in The Watergate Theatre, on Fri, 29th Jan at 8pm. The play was written and produced by the first graduates (2014) of the Lir Academy (Ireland's National Academy of Dramatic Art at TCD), together with Mikel Murfi. All support welcome. Reservations: The Watergate Theatre tel; 7761674)

Kilkenny Active Retirement Association

January meeting will be held in Club House Hotel on Monday 2.30pm.

Short Literature Course

Explore the poetry of Eavan Boland and short stories of Edna O'Brien in an evening class suitable for all levels. Six-week course starts Thursday, Jan 21st, 7-9 pm, Kilkenny Campus at St Kieran's College. Course fee €90, incl. tea/coffee. Booking essential - email margaret.irish@nuim.ie or call 086 3935513.

Kilkenny/Waterford Boundary Review

The location of the boundary between Kilkenny and Waterford is currently being reviewed by The Waterford Boundary Committee. It is important that the people of Kilkenny have their say as changes to the boundary could impact the whole of Kilkenny. Please visit www.waterfordboundaryreview.ie or call into the public offices of Kilkenny County Council or any of the libraries branches to find out how you can make a submission. The closing date for submissions is the 15th January.

Newsletter & Christmas Candles in St John's Church, kindly sponsored by

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The Baptism of the Lord

10th January 2016

The Parish Social

The Annual Parish Social takes place in Langton House Hotel on, Sunday **31st January** starting at 8.30 pm.

Tickets will be on sale next weekend at €10 each, for which you get a meal followed by music and dancing. Tickets can be bought from any member of the Pastoral Council (names on top of page), from the Sacristy or at the Parish office

Johnswell Development Committee

Upcoming events-

Thursday 14th January - Crime Prevention, Community Alert & Farm Safety meeting in Johnswell Hall on @ 7.30p.m.

Power point presentation by Sgt Peter McConnon, Kilkenny Garda Station.

Presentation from Kilkenny Fire Service on safety in the home.

Saturday 16th January - Defibrillator Course in Johnswell Hall at 10.00a.m. - 1.00p.m. €15 per person. Maximum of 10 per session.

Contact Paul 086 8461462 for bookings.

Deaths – Month's Minds – Anniversaries

Deaths: Tommy Duff, Cardiff, Wales & Late of St Johns Tce.
Mary Ryan, Newbridge & Late of Graiguenamanagh.
Thomas Walsh, Lord Edward Street.
Angela White, Castlecomer.

Months Mind: Brede Dunne.

Anniv: Michael O'Dwyer (6.30pm);
Catherine & Thomas Lyons (10.00am); Seamus Hennessy (10.30am);
John & Ann Barry (11.00am); Ned & Eddie Byrne (12.00noon);
Michael O'Connor Jnr. (7.30pm); Bernard O'Gorman; John Lanigan;
Jimmy & Chrissie Bergin; Peter & Eileen Browne; Teresa Hogan;
James Cleary; Bridget Slattery; Tom & Mary Gaffney; John Nolan;
Peg Dowling; Johnny Brennan; Denis Guilfoyle

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8.00am	Ann Marie Hogan
10.30am	Paula Rogers & Louis Feeley
12.00noon	Marie Claire Mealy
7.30pm	Eileen Kinane
Johnswell 10.00am	Fiona Whitely
Dunmore 11.00am	Martina Brennan & Tom Keating

Ossory Vocations Promotion #07

Like Jesus, you are called God's beloved. Renew your baptismal commitment and pray for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. (Luke 3:15—16, 21-22)

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

Society of St Vincent De Paul

Monthly collection takes place next weekend 16th & 17th January. Thank you for your continued support.

Pastoral Council Meeting

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

St John's Homes for the Elderly

A vacancy has arisen at the Homes for the Elderly, St John's Court, located on the grounds of St John's Church. Application forms are available from the Parish Office during office hours 9.30-2.00pm Monday to Friday. Closing date for applications is 21st January.

Side By Side Club

The Side by Side club takes place every Thursday at 2pm in the Day Care Centre. New members welcome. Contact Helen Goode on 087 6884072.

New Pilates Session

Commencing Thursday 14th January in the Dunmore Hall from 7.00 -8.00 pm. 9 weeks €75. All abilities catered for. Fully qualified Pilates Instructor. Places are limited so booking is essential. For further information, please call Margaret (086 8547710).

Christmas Offering & Weekly/Yearly envelopes

Thank you to all who have returned your Christmas Offerings. It's very much appreciated. Also, as far as you can, whether you do it by weekly or yearly contributions or by standing order, please try to maintain your donations to Parish Funds to maintain the buildings and property within your parish.

The Baptism of the Lord

Today the Church celebrates the Baptism of Our Lord. This brings to an end the season of Christmas. As we celebrate this great feast we recall our own Baptism. It is in Baptism that we die and rise with Christ. It is in Baptism that we enter the Church, the Body of Christ. It is in Baptism that we become children of God. It is in Baptism that we are anointed priest, prophet and King. So as we come to the conclusion of the Christmas season, let us celebrate not only Jesus' baptism, but our own. And let us continue to remember and celebrate our Baptism each day as we follow Jesus this new year. *Let us also recall our Baptism each time that we bless ourselves with holy water. We also remember and pray for those who were baptised in our parish in the past year.*