

Celebrating Advent with Ossory Adult Faith Development:

Advent text – for a message each day, text your mobile number to the Ossory faith Development Group at 085 8313100.

Advent tweet – follow the Diocesan Twitter account@ossorydiocese

For those of us less familiar with texting and tweeting,

The Ossory Advent Pack, at €1, contains some simple resources for Advent, to be used at home.

Sunday Reflection Booklet, at €2, is a help for reflecting on the Sunday Gospel.

Thought for the Day booklet, at €2, is to help people reflect on a line of scripture each day by means of a reflection, prayer and question.

All printed material is available at Church, the Parish Office, or the Cathedral Bookshop.

'Toyland Christmas in Thomastown'. Please support this first initiative of TCN (Thomastown Community Network) by bringing your families and friends to the start of events on Friday 2nd Dec at 6.30pm for the Parade of Light and the turning on of the lights by the Scouts and Santa on Market Street, the meeting point is the Concert Hall at 6.30pm. The theme is Toyland so dress accordingly and bring a light to help light the way! The Parade of Light is the start of a weekend of activity which includes Magical Musical Mayhem in the concert hall, presented by Kilkenny Musical Society at 7.30pm on Friday. There are activities on Saturday at the School of Food, Om Yoga Studio, Grennan Mill Craft School, The Pottery Skills School, Storytelling in the book Shop, Christmas Craft Fair in The Concert Hall (also on Sunday). On Sunday the Annual Camphill Advent Fair will take place at The Watergarden from 1-5pm and there will be a Supervised Teen Disco in the Concert Hall from 3.30 - 6.30pm. There are posters and flyers around the Town with full details or please visit www.thomastowncommunitynetwork.com

Billy's Tea Rooms And Shop, Ballyhale: Our Christmas Concert Fundraiser on Friday, December 2nd is fast approaching. Tickets are €10 each or a Family ticket for €25. Alternately you can order your tickets in advance by phoning : Noeleen 086 0873399 Helena. 087 7589914.

Inistioge Village Christmas Market and Great Ball Run 2016 is happening on Sunday 11th December. All traders book your stall now (Margaret 089 4319530 or Joan 086 3500704).

'Strange Occurrences in a Small Irish Village' DVD available now. This is a fascinating film about an extraordinary story, examining the phenomenon of Knock Shrine, from the testimonies of those that witnessed the Apparition in 1879, to those that play a central role in Knock Shrine and village today. The DVD is now on sale at Knock Shrine Bookshop, Knock Museum and online at www.knockshrine.ie . An ideal Christmas gift!

Kilkenny Carer's Support Group: Tuesday 6th December 2016, 3.00-4.30pm at The Village Day Centre (behind the Village Inn Pub). Information and support for past/present carers of people with Alzheimer's/Dementia. Drop in to group or for more information call 056 7771230.

The liturgy this weekend directs our minds to the Last Day, to the Second Coming of Christ, to the Day of Judgment. The suddenness of the coming of the Lord may make us fear, but we should look forward in joy – rejoice when we hear them say 'Let us go to God's house'. St Paul tells us how to live in the meantime: be fully awake and cast off the works of darkness.

P.S. Please have notices for publication at the Parish Office by midday Thursday at the latest. The Newsletter is printed on Friday morning, and late notices cannot be included after that. This is especially important regarding anniversaries. Please have them in by Thursday midday, either by ringing the Office, dropping the notice into the Parish Office or sending it by email. On a final note, space is limited on the Newsletter, so priority is given to parish and diocesan notices.

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BAPTISMS

Baptisms are held on 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month and on 2nd Sunday of each month after 11.00am Mass. Please contact the Parish Office, tel 056-7793191, or email: thomastown@ossory.ie

MARRIAGES

All people planning Marriage in Church in Thomastown must give at least three months notice to the Parish. Please contact the Office or one of the Priests. With such a significant step for life, it is important that couples intending Marriage undergo a course of Marriage Preparation. Accord is the official provider of Pre-Marriage courses.

PARISH OFFICE:

Notices for the Newsletter must be placed in the letter box before Thursday 12 noon for inclusion in the coming weekend's Newsletter.



27th November 2016 First Sunday of Advent

Advent focuses our attention on the comings of Christ. During these early days of Advent we ponder his 'second coming', when he will come in glory at the end of time. Coming closer to December 25th we will recall his 'first coming', when he was born in Bethlehem. Meanwhile, in the midst of busyness we seek to be attentive to all the ways that he seeks to be present to us in the world of everyday things.

'Maranatha, come Lord Jesus, come'.

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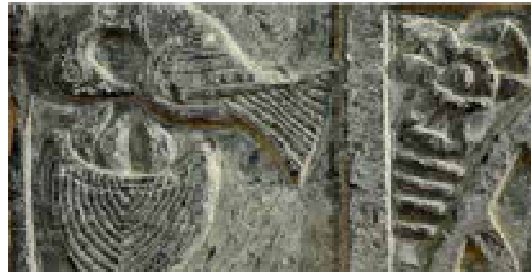
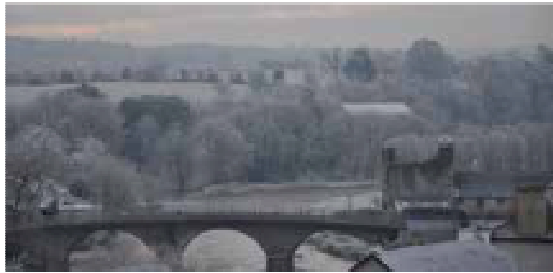


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CHURCH SERVICES THIS WEEK BEGINNING 27th NOVEMBER 2016

Parish Church	Sunday morning Mass	11.00am
	Monday, Wednesday & Friday Mass	09.30am
	Monday Adoration in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
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	Wednesday Lectio Divina in Mercy Chapel	10.00am
	Saturday evening Vigil Mass	07.00pm
St. Columba's Hospital	Sunday morning Mass	09.30am
	Tuesday Mass	10.00am
	Thursday Eucharistic Service	10.00am
Chapel Hill	Saturday evening 03 rd December Mass	05.45pm
Confessions	Saturday 11am & after 7pm Mass when requested.	

Mass times in Chapel Hill & Mong for the coming weeks.

Mass in Chapel Hill Saturday evening 03rd December, 17th December at 5.45pm

Mass in Mong Saturday evening 26th November, 10th December at 5.45pm

Deaths/Anniversaries: Elizabeth Walsh, Kilmurry (Months Mind Mass 7pm); Frances White Knocknaboola (9.30am Mass); Jack Collins, Inistioge & John Whelan, Jerpont Church (11am Mass); Josephine Butler, Pleberstown; Patrick Butler, Cloughsgregg; Michael O'Carroll, Jerpont Church; Sheila O'Hanrahan, Kiljames House; Peter O'Hanrahan, Primatesstown, Ashbourne & Kiljames House; Alice Reddy, Dangan; Alan Reddy, Graiguenamanagh; John Challoner, Bray & 41, Newtown Terrace; Judy-Ron Clowes, Liverpool & 23, Newtown Terrace; Patrick & Emily Morrissey, Ladywell; Eamonn Morrissey, London May they rest in peace.

Please understand that on occasion, if requested, it may be necessary to share anniversary Masses on Saturdays or Sundays, except for Month's Mind Masses and First Anniversary Masses.

Cead Mile Failte: Welcome to Zoe Margaret Hughes, The Meadow; Aoibheann Bridget Flynn, The Belfry; Lucia Mai Cullen, Ardmillan, Mt. Juliet Road baptized into the family of God recently.

Collection for Retired Priests Each year we are asked to support retired priests of the Diocese. We will hold our collection at the Church door next weekend 3rd/4th December.

Eucharistic Ministers for December: If unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.

07.00pm	Patricia Dempsey	Mary McComb	Sheila McDonald
11.00am	Alice Challoner	Breda Bergin	Seamus Quigley

December Ministers of the Word: Unable to attend, please exchange with another Minister.

07.00pm	09.30am	11.00am
Betty O'Connor	Mary Lannon	Josie Beck
Ann Casey	Emma O'Keefe	Janet Sahaffi

First Friday: Next Friday is the first Friday of the month, so Fr. Dan and Sister Anna will bring Holy Communion to the homebound. If you would like to receive Communion in your home, please contact us. If we call regularly and you plan to be away, please let us know.

Carol Service: Tuesday 20th December at 7pm. All are invited to participate this year. Please join us and bring your family and friends to what promises to be a lovely occasion.

The theme for the Parish Plan devised by the Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) is that of Family. This week's suggestion for your prayer is: *We pray for our parish, family and friends, for a spirit of readiness; that God will awaken us from inattention and slothfulness so that we can be vigilant in our words and deeds, and prepared for Christ's advent into our lives each day*

Christmas Concert with the Three Tenors at St Mary's Cathedral, Saturday 10th December, in aid of St Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund.. Tickets €25, tel. 056 7721253 or online at www.ossory.ie

St. Mary's Cathedral Restoration Fund Draw. The ninth of twelve draws takes place next Wednesday. The subscription is €10 per month. Join at Murphy Victualler in Market Street, Reddy's on Pipe Street or the Parish Office.

'Come, Father of all, wake us up for the coming of his kingdom. Let us find Jesus now, in the crimson coloured dusk, in his crescent moon and flying geese, show him in laughing children, and in brothers and sisters wherever we find them. Always awake, watching for him, with our hearts wide open, so we each and all can 'greet him the day I meet him, and bless when I understand.'

