

# PARISH NEWSLETTER



31<sup>st</sup> December 2017

## Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

### Died Recently

Teresa (Tess) O'Sullivan Callan.  
Joseph (Joe) Ryan  
Ballaghmore, Borris-in-Ossory.

### Anniversaries

Catherine & Martin Connery  
(Sat. 7.00pm.) Donaguile.  
Michael Brennan (Sun. 10.00am.)  
17 Church Ave.  
Arlene Brennan (Sat. 11.30am.)  
53 Oakhill.  
William & Annie Doogue Chatsworth St.  
Michael Kennedy Skehana.

## Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> January at 7.00pm. Month's Mind

Criostóir (Christy) Lynch  
Kilkenny Road.

### Christmas Collection for the Priests of the Parish

Contributions will be gratefully received  
this weekend. Thank you.  
*Please use envelope supplied*

### Ossory Times (Sharing the Life of Diocese)

Christmas Edition on sale in Church Porch.  
Price: €2.00

### Adoration of Blessed Sacrament 7.00pm. – 9.00pm.

*On Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> January in Church.*

## Readers for Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018

### Vigil Mass

**Friday** 7.30pm. Mrs. Maureen Holohan.  
**Feastday:** 11.30am. Mr. Eamon Kavanagh.

### Readers for next Weekend

**Vigil Mass** 7.00pm. Mrs. Eithne McKenna.  
**Sunday** 8.00am. Mr. Donall Dunne.  
10.00am. Mrs. Margaret Kavanagh.  
11.30am. Mrs. Eimear Mealy.

### Mass Times during the Week

**Monday – Friday**  
**Mass at 10.00a.m.**

## Dublin – Ireland World Meeting of Families 21<sup>st</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup> August 2018

At the end of Masses this weekend you will be given a print of the Icon of the Family, which has been specially commissioned for this event. Families are encouraged to pray the Prayer for Families regularly in the coming year.

### Altar Servers: Current, Old and New

All Current Altar Servers and those who wish to start serving, and those wishing to return, are invited to a training session and a cup of hot chocolate and a treat, in the Sacristy after 11.30am. Mass on Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018 (Solemnity of the Epiphany). The new Server's Rota will be printed soon. The session will be for one hour only – after Mass. There are a few changes in serving Mass to be learnt – so full attendance will be appreciated. A Parent/Guardian needs to be present for information on Diocesan Safeguarding Policy.

## Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday, 6<sup>th</sup> January 2018

Holyday of Obligation

Vigil Mass: Friday, at 7.30pm.

Feastday Mass at 11.30am.

No Mass at 8.00am.

*“On this day, Lord God,  
by a guiding star you revealed  
your only begotten Son  
to all peoples of the world.  
Lead us from the faith by  
which we know you now  
to the vision of your glory  
face to face”. Amen.*

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*“Every good gift comes from  
the Father of Light.  
May he grant you his grace  
and every blessing, and  
keep you safe throughout  
the coming year.*

*May he grant you unwavering  
Faith constant hope and  
love that endures to the end”.*  
*We wish you all a Happy New  
Year. Thank you for your kind  
support throughout the past year.*

*Fr. Michael Ryan  
Fr. Ian Doyle*

### Unwanted Christmas Gifts

The Parish Pastoral Council and the Society of Vincent De Paul invite people who wish to donate Christmas gifts to needy people to do so on the Feast of the Epiphany 6<sup>th</sup> January and the following Sunday. Container will be beside the Crib.

## Sunday, 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 (Feast of Holy Family)

The recently erected statue of St. Joseph and Child Jesus in Church grounds will be blessed and formally unveiled by Sr. Nuala Horan, former Principal of Presentation Primary School and Sr. Sheila Bowe former teacher in Castlecomer Community School after the 11.30am. Mass.

### Advance Notice

#### St. Brigid's Cross 2018

On Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> January at 8.00pm. there will be an open meeting in the Parish Centre for all who are interested in helping with this fundraising project for our Parish. All are welcome, in particular those who have been so faithful to the project in the past.

*New supporters are very welcome*

### Wellington Race 2018

Volunteers are needed to steward and collect on New Year's Day. If you can help, please contact any Committee member on New Year's Day, at 12noon. in the Community Hall to receive instructions.

*This is a very Special Day in the Community  
so please do get involved*

### The Parish Centre Open on

*Wednesday 10.00am. – 1.00pm.  
Thursday 10.00am. – 5.00pm.*

*Items for Newsletter to be in before  
11.00am. on Thursday*

### Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> December - €3,710.00  
Sincere thanks.

**Lotto Jackpot - €2,800.00  
Draw - Tuesday at 9.30pm.  
(Shortall's)**