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Parish Newsletter

Sunday 13th December 2020

Blessed Are Those Who Die In The Lord

Anniversaries

George Lacy (Sat. 7.00pm.) Firoda Lower.
Anastatia Mealy (Sun. 11.00am.)

46 Kilkenny St.

Kathleen Kelly (Mon. 9.00am.)

Kilkenny St.

Katie Moran (Tues. 9.00am)

Cruttenclough.

John & Susan Kelly (Wed. 9.00am.)

Dublin/Ardra.

Richard (Dick) & Anne Holohan

(Thurs. 9.00am.) 28 Marymount.

Patrick & Bridget O'Brien,

Chrissie O'Brien, & Maureen Vassallo
(nee O'Brien) (Fri. 9.00am.)

27 Maryville/London.

George Kelly (Sat. 10.00am.) Ardra.

Maureen Brennan Stephens Hillside View.

Helen & Patrick (Paddy) Loughlin Ardra.

Mary & Peter Walsh Drumshambo.

James & Johanna Ryan Ardra.

Michael & Margaret Nolan 16 Deerpark.

James Ryan Rock Road, Aughamuckey.

Patricia (Pat) & Thomas (Tommy) O'Neill
Ballyhemmon.

Owen McEntee Conahy.

Michael Dwyer Ballyhemmon House.

Ann Walshe Donougmore, Ballyragget.

Michael (Sonny) O'Neill 16 Maryville.

Saturday, 19th December - 7.00pm.

John (Jack) Crennan

Templeogue/Knocknadogue.

**Deenside - on Sale in local shops and
Post Office from this weekend.**

READERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND

Vigil Mass 7.00pm. Mrs. Eithne McKenna.

Sunday 8.00am. Mr. Donall Dunne.

11.00am. Mrs. Sheila Pedini.

Priests on duty:

Fr. Michael Ryan Tel: 4441262 - 086 3693863

Fr. Ian Doyle Tel: 087 9669223

Secretary: Tel: 056-4441969

Eucharistic Ministers' Rota

9.00am. Monday 14th – Friday 18th

Mrs. Teresa Hetherington.

Saturday, 19th December

10.00am. Mrs. Teresa Hetherington.

7.00pm. Vigil Mass Saturday 19th

Mrs. Catherine Greer.

8.00am. Mass Sunday 20th

Mrs. Margaret O'Neill.

11.00am. Mass Sunday 20th

Mrs. Teresa Hetherington.

Advance Notice

The Celebration of Christmas 2020

Christmas Eve. Mass: at 9.00am.

*5.30pm. for Young Children & Families
and 8.00pm.*

Christmas Day

8.00am. Dawn Mass

9.45am. & 11.30am.

*Please Note change of Mass times on
Christmas Day.*

*This is necessary in order to leave sufficient
time for seats to be sanitised etc.*

Advent 2020

*A Two Night Virtual Advent Retreat for
new and existing Ministers of the Word
in our Diocese*

*with Fr. Jim Murphy and Fr. Dan
Bollard and the Diocesan Retreat Team*

Wednesday, 16th December

8.00pm. - 9.00pm.

Thursday, 17th December

8.00pm. - 9.00pm.

*To request a link contact afd@ossory.ie
or Tel: 056-7753624.*

St. Mary's Cathedral Bookshop - Open

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday,
Saturday and Sunday from 9.00am. –
5.00pm. Wednesday's, 2.00pm. - 5.00pm.
A wide selection of Christmas gifts and
cards on display.

Every Sunday Afternoon

A group of parishioners will pray the
Rosary and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy
at 3.00pm. People may also join them
through the Parish Radio and Webcam.

Adoration & Prayer in Parish Church

Every Tuesday evening from 7.00pm –
9.00pm. Rosary recited at 8.00pm, Divine
Mercy Chaplet at 8.45pm. All attendees
are requested to observe social distance
and to sanitise seats before locking
Church. **Thank you.**

The Parish Pastoral Council & Parish Finance Committee

Urge all parishioners to shop locally for
Christmas. In this way you will be helping
employment in your own town.

Every Day at Noon

A group of parishioners come together in
the Church to pray the Angelus and
Rosary and Chaplet of Divine Mercy.
Monday – Friday. You are welcome to
join with them. You may also join them on
the Parish Radio and Webcam.

Bishop's Pastoral Letter for Lent

God is seen in the Landscape of our Lives

In Advent we prepare to celebrate the birth of
our Saviour. Born at Bethlehem, Christ never
leaves us. In the resurrection Christ is always
with us (see Matt 1:23). The risen Christ is the
Christ of Bethlehem today! The Feast of
Christmas calls us to become more aware of
his presence. Christ is present to us not only in
the Word and Sacrament, but also in the people
who surround us. He comes to us in those who
are afraid, in those who are isolated and lonely.
It was Christ himself who said to us that "I was
hungry and you gave me food..." (Matt 25:35-
40). The Christ-child lying in a manger is but
the beginning of the story. In the face of all the
anguish of the last nine months, we see
heroism and patience and understanding; we
see honesty and the unselfish service of others;
we see genuine holiness and fidelity. There are
people in the world, in the Church, in our
schools, in our estates and in our families who
are committed to the care of the sick and
elderly. Such lives, marked by a striving to
minister to the sick and the dying and to the
little ones, testify that Christ and his Kingdom
are close to us, and that the Lord has not
abandoned his people. In these days of Advent
may we never cease to pray that his Kingdom
may come, that justice and mercy be done.
Come, Lord Jesus! Maranatha! Do not delay!
+Dermot Farrell - Bishop of Ossory.

Parish Office

Open on Monday and Friday from
9:30am – 1:30pm. Only one person in the
Parish Office at a time. Please use hand
sanitiser in lobby area, and maintain social
distance in the office. Thank you.

Weekly Envelope/Church Collection

Sunday, 6th December - €2,415.00

Sincere thanks.

**Lotto Jackpot €3,400.00
Draw Monday at 9.30pm. Enterprise Centre**