

SUNDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 2024



TEMPLEORUM PARISH NEWSLETTER

ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN THE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Items for the Newsletter should be submitted by e-mail to piltownparishnews@gmail.com prior to 7pm on Wednesday of each week to ensure inclusion in the Parish Newsletter the following Sunday

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WEEKEND MASSES IN THE PARISH

Piltown – Saturday @ 6pm

Owning & Templeorum –

Every alternate Sunday @ 10am

WE REMEMBER IN OUR PRAYERS AT THIS TIME,

people of the parish, those who have passed away in our community, our beloved family members & friends and all those who need our prayers at this time

MONTH'S MIND

Eileen Bowe, Corloughan

ANNIVERSARIES

Kathleen Burrows

Michael Burchill, Kildalton Close

William & Mary Coffey, Turkstown

Seamus Cooney

Bill Costello, Tybroughney

Barry Curran

Mick, Catherine & Pat Dunne

Jimmy & Mary Farrell

Dan Foley & his mother Mary

John, Pat & Eileen Hanlon

William & Hannah Kearns

Noel & Alan Long

Ned Maher

The Murray Family, Kilmoganny

Caroline & Gary Power

Patrick & Hannah Power

Mary, Jim, Patrick, Molly, Tom

and Seán Reid, Garrygaug

Eily Walsh, Fiddown

OWNING & TEMPLEORUM – SUNDAY 10AM MASS ROSTER

15th December – Templeorum

22nd December – Owning

29th December – Templeorum

5th January – Owning

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DEC. 24TH

Piltown – 6pm

Owning – 8pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25TH

Templeorum – 9:30am

Piltown – 11am

CHOIR PRACTICE - TEMPLEORUM

Choir practice for Christmas tomorrow evening Dec. 16th @ 7:30 pm in Templeorum Church.

All members are asked to attend and we welcome new members also.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Thanks to all who supported the Annual Christmas Appeal for St. Vincent De Paul. Your support, as always, is very much appreciated. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and Peaceful New Year.

The Piltown Conference helpline number is 086-2096341.

CHRISTMAS TREE TRADITION

While the Christmas tree is very much part of the Christmas season, over the course of Advent the tree will begin to appear in more and more homes, signalling that we are getting closer to the feast of Christmas. In the midst of winter, the evergreen tree, dressed with lights, reminds us of the life and light that comes to us through Christ. The colourful decorations of the tree are a reminder of the paradise tree of the garden of Eden, hung with the bright colour of fruit.

Families are invited to say the following prayer together when they put up the Christmas tree in their home.



*Lord God,
let your blessing come upon us
as we gather around this tree.
May its light and the cheer it gives us
be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts.
As we delight in this tree
may we come to the knowledge and joy
of the Christmas gift of
salvation and peace.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.*

SENIOR LINE

“Don’t be alone and lift the phone” Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Would you like someone to talk to over Christmas? Senior Line is Ireland’s national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm, Freephone 1800 80 45 91. You may feel isolated, alone, bereaved or far



from family. Senior Line's older volunteers are trained to listen, to support and refer to other helpful services if necessary. So don't be alone and lift the phone. No problem is too big or too small."

DIAL A PRAYER

A community of contemplative nuns, Sister of Mary Morning Star who came to live in Waterford in January 2019 have decided to set up a new prayer initiative called "Dial a Prayer". The sisters want to bring the intentions, thoughts and prayers of people to the Lord in their adoration and daily Mass. The sisters are available on (085) 7611822 between 2pm and 3pm daily.

KILKENNY'S BIODIVERSITY ACTION PLAN 2025-2030

Public Consultation Open. A draft biodiversity action plan is now on public consultation. It has been prepared after community engagement during the summer. The public are invited to review the draft plan and submit their comments.

The draft biodiversity action plan is available to view on: <http://consult.kilkenny.ie/> or a paper copy can be requested via biodiversity@kilkennycoco.ie or by ringing 056-7794920.

ADVENT

This weekend marks the third Sunday of Advent in 2024 (December 15th). The theme of Advent's third Sunday is the joy of the shepherds seeing the newborn Christ and the third candle on our advent wreath is also known as the "shepherd candle". It is in this third week of advent that we rejoice for the coming King. The shepherds experienced joy at the good news of the birth of the Messiah. The greatest joy in the world - the gift of

salvation through Jesus Christ. The 3rd Sunday of Advent is also known as Gaudete Sunday, a day of rejoicing, a time to live in joy, peace and readiness for Christ's coming.

Prayer of Joy

Heavenly Father,

In this third week of Advent, let us remember that the good news of Jesus' birth brings us great joy this Christmas season.

Our joy isn't dependent on what is going on in our lives, in our world, or the people that we are with. It doesn't depend on the gifts we give or the gifts we find under the tree. No earthly thing can ever give us complete joy.

Our joy comes from you. That joy that flooded the hearts of the shepherds, the angels, the wise men, the hosts of heaven, and Mary and Joseph is the joy that still has the power to overwhelm our hearts with rejoicing.

Those who gathered around the new baby were blessed because they believed that you had fulfilled your promises. Mary and Joseph believed and were able to feel the joy of holding baby Jesus in their arms. The shepherds and wise men believed the angles and the signs and experienced the great gladness of worshipping their Messiah.

Father, you offer that same joy to us now if we know you and recognise Jesus as our Savior and Lord. You gave us a reason to celebrate when you gave us the unspeakable gift of Jesus Christ. You came to dwell among us. forgive our sins and give us eternal life when we believe in you.

Our joy doesn't come from what we have on earth. Our joy is a gift. It is the gift that you gave us that first Christmas in Jesus Christ. Our joy is encompassed in our Savior, Jesus. Flood our hearts with joy this Advent season as we reflect on the good news of Jesus' birth. In Jesus' precious name, we pray.

Amen.

MOONCOIN PARISH HALL

Monday 16th December:

10am - Women's Group

8pm - Bingo

Tuesday:

8pm - Drama

Wednesday:

10am - Breastfeeding Support Group

Thursday:

5pm - Birthday Party

8pm - Drama

Saturday:

3pm - Mascots Ireland - Christmas Special



USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

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Mobile: 086-8450641

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Women's Aid Helpline

1800 341900

Pieta

1800 247 247 or text HELP to 51444

The Samaritans

Freephone: 116 123

Aware

Freephone: 1800 80 48 48

Available Monday to Sunday 10am - 10pm

