

SUNDAY, 1ST 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

RECENTLY DECEASED

Burial of Ashes of the late William Carroll following 10am Mass on Sunday, 1st December.

ANNIVERSARIES

*John & Brigid Joy & their sons,
William and Anthony
and all deceased members
of the Joy Family
Mary Grace, Kildalton*

OWNING & TEMPLEORUM – SUNDAY 10AM MASS ROSTER

1st December – Templeorum

8th December – Owning

15th December – Templeorum

22nd December - Owning

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Feast of The Immaculate Conception Sunday, 8th December is normally celebrated on the day but this year it is being celebrated on Monday, 9th at 10am Mass in Piltown.

FINANCE MEETING

A meeting of the Parish Finance Committee will take place on next Wednesday, December 4th at 7pm in the Community Centre.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

The Penitential Service will take place on Friday, 6th December at 7:30pm in the Church of the Assumption, Piltown.
All are Welcome.

PARISH FUNDRAISING QUIZ

Thanks to all who turned out to support our Parish fundraising Quiz last Saturday night in the Community Centre. Unfortunately, due to a clash in dates with another group, the next Quiz on Saturday, 14th December has had to be postponed. A new date will be set in the New Year so watch this space for further information.

TABLE QUIZ

Lingaun Valley Tourism will hold a fundraising Table Quiz and Raffle in Powers of Tullahought next Wednesday the 4th December at 8:00pm. Fantastic prizes to be won on the night. Table of four €20.
All support welcome.

ADVANCE NOTICE

Christmas is a time of special music. What a better way to celebrate the birthday of Jesus than to join together and raise our voices in the special songs of Christmas that we know and love so well. We invite you to join us for our journey to Bethlehem in our Christmas Carol Service in Piltown Church at 7:30pm on Thursday 12th December. Those wishing to join in the choir "on-stage" on that evening please call 051-643112 for more information.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINARS

The Life in the Spirit Seminar series which concluded last Tuesday evening was a huge success with a large turn-out. We hope that all who came along enjoyed the spiritual journey of the programme so well done to those who attended the series of seminars and thank you to those who helped Fr. Moore throughout; Fr. Eamonn O'Gorman, Fr. Michael Kelly, Fr. Liam Barron, Christine Kelly, Shirley Power, Marie Duggan, Margaret Cuddihy, (thanks to Marie and Margaret also for the regular Thursday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament) Lance O'Brien, Noel O'Reagan and both the Parish and School Choirs. Thanks also for the hospitality and refreshments which were organised each evening by John and Lucy. At this time we take the opportunity to compliment all the CE Scheme workers who tend to the grounds and graveyards, the Community Centre, the cribs and many tasks which go unnoticed!

CHRISTMAS COFFEE MORNING

Fiddown Union of Parishes will hold a coffee morning on Saturday, 7th December, 2024 in the Rectory, Piltown, E32 VP08 from 10:30am to 1 pm. There will be Stalls; Jams; Cakes etc. and a **Big Raffle too!**

All are Welcome.

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS WORKSHOP

with Crafts and Carols.

Date: December 7th and 8th, 2024

Time: 1:30pm to 3:30pm.

Where: Piltown Community Centre.

Cost: €15 per day.

Contact:

Chloe on (086) 3638660 or

Naomi on (086) 3783224

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

Open call for singers/bucket shakers! Carol Singing in aid of Humanitarian Aid in Gaza on 14th December, 2024 at Market Cross, Kilkenny from 1-2pm and 3-4pm.

Practices:

Tuesday, December 3rd and

Saturday, December 7th at 8pm.

Venue: Owing hall.

Come along to the practices or just on the day! Contact: Roisin on 085-1813814 for further information.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

The Annual Christmas Appeal for St. Vincent De Paul takes place both this weekend in Piltown and Templeorum and next weekend in Owing. As the Christmas Season draws nearer, we all know that today in our area and surrounding areas, many are struggling to meet the demands of everyday life, and an unexpected illness or bills can cause crisis and poverty. But we know that a little help at the right time can stop a family from experiencing prolonged hardship and ease financial pressure.

Many of you regularly support our work, for which we are very grateful. Without this help, we simply would not be able to support those struggling in our Parish. This Christmas please reach out in support of our Christmas Appeal for the Piltown Conference of SVP.

If any parishioners are in need of additional support this Christmas, please do not hesitate to contact the conference helpline on 086-2096341.

ADVENT

Sunday, December 1st marks the first Sunday of Advent. The season of Advent is dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival, "advent" of Jesus Christ's Nativity at Christmas time. This important event on the church calendar focuses on a different theme each week - Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love. Christians from all denominations and backgrounds celebrate Advent in different ways but all focus on the anticipation of waiting for the arrival of Jesus. The lighting of the candles on the Advent Wreath is a common practice. Each candle represents one of the four weeks of Advent. A new candle is lit on each Sunday.

Advent is seen as a time of giving and helping others but is also a time for spiritual reflection and prayer. Prayer is a beautiful way to help cut away from distractions of the season in preparation for the joy and hope of Christ's birth.

Advent Prayer

This Advent, Lord, come to the Manger of my heart. Fill me with Your presence from the very start.

As I prepare for the holidays and gifts to be given, remind me of the gift You gave when You sent Your Son from Heaven.

The first Christmas gift was the greatest gift ever. You came as a baby born in a manger. Wrapped like the gifts I find under my tree, waiting to be opened, to reveal Your love to me.

This Christmas, Jesus, come to the Manger of my heart. Invade my soul like Bethlehem, bringing peace to every part. Dwell within and around me, as I unwrap Your presence each day. Keep me close to You, Lord, it is in Your wonderful Name I pray. Amen.

MOONCOIN PARISH HALL

Monday 2nd Dec:

10am - Women's Group

8pm - Bingo

Tuesday:

7:15pm - Cancer Support Meeting

8pm - Drama

Wednesday:

1:30pm - Day Care Centre

7:15pm - Bridge

7:30pm - Line Dancing

Thursday:

6:45pm - Yoga

8pm - Drama

Friday:

4pm - Hip Hop

USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

Parish Bereavement Group

Mobile: 086-8450641

Piltown Conference of

St. Vincent De Paul

Mobile: 086-2096341

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