



TEMPLEORUM PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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

ANNIVERSARIES

Bridget Drennan

John & Cissie Dungan

Chris Kelly, Carlow

Seamus, Francis & Kevin O'Shea

Mikey & Ellen Pender

John Tobin

Mary & Noel Walsh, Fiddown



OWNING & TEMPLEORUM – SUNDAY 10AM MASS ROSTER

22nd December – Owning

29th December – Templeorum

5th January – Owning

12th January – Templeorum

19th January – Owning

26th January – Templeorum



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

CHRISTMAS EVE

TUESDAY, DEC. 24TH

Piltown – 6pm

Owning – 8pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 25TH

Templeorum – 9:30am

Piltown – 11am



A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

Fr. Moore would like to wish all parishioners a very happy & peaceful Christmas and prosperous New Year.

Thanks to all who have supported him and helped out in any way throughout the year. Your support is very encouraging and displays a wonderful community spirit that we should all be proud of and celebrate during this wonderful Christmas season.



Oh Holy Night



FIDDOWN UNION OF PARISHES

Annual Carol service at St. Paul's Church, Piltown will take place on Sunday, December 22nd at 7pm. Traditional service of 9 lessons and carols.

All are welcome.



PILTOWN, OWNING, TEMPLEORUM, FIDDOWN COMMUNITY ALERT

POTFA, is active in promoting community Alert. Thankfully, over the last period there has been few incidents to report. Very few messages have been issued.

We have a base of over 100 active membership. We have updated our membership and messages are issued through WhatsApp. If you are a paid up member and have not received any message, please let us know and we'll rectify the issue.

We have to replace a camera in Fiddown. 4 cameras are to be installed near the barracks as soon as we have sufficient funds. Cabling is in place at the barracks for power.

We appeal to all members to renew your subscription of €10 to be paid at Piltown Credit Union on either a Thursday or Friday.



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.”



MOONCOIN PARISH HALL

Monday 23rd December:

8pm - Bingo

Monday, 30th December:

8pm - Bingo



CHRISTMAS EVE PRAYER

There is a lovely tradition of placing the figure of the baby Jesus in the crib on Christmas Eve, before children go to bed. Often the youngest member of the household gets this honour! If you are joining in Christmas Mass via the Webcam, before Mass begins, light a candle and place the figure of Jesus beside it. The figure can then be placed in the crib scene in the home at the end of Mass and the following prayer said;

*Emmanuel, God with us, come
to each of us and stay with us.
Protect us and guide us as a family,
free us from any worry and let
your love grow in our hearts
so that we may be Emmanuel,
God with us,
to one another over these
Christmas days and beyond.
Amen.*

CHRISTMAS DAY PRAYER BEFORE YOUR FAMILY MEAL

*Loving God,
on this Christmas day we give
thanks that Jesus, your Son,
has come into our world
bringing us gifts of peace and joy.
Bless us as we sit down together
at this table for our Christmas meal.
Bless the food we share and help
us to remember those who are hungry.
Be with our neighbours
and our friends,
those who are lonely, sick or
away from home.
We pray that our departed loved
ones may sit now
at your table in heaven.
May the joy of this feast give us
strength and light,
now and in the days ahead.
Amen.*

ADVENT

This weekend marks the fourth and final Sunday of Advent in 2024 (December 22nd). The theme of Advent's fourth Sunday is the love that God has for mankind to become man and save us from death and sin, representing a new focus and time of reflection. The fourth week of Advent is the candle of love. Also known as the "angel candle," it is in this fourth week of Advent that we reflect on the ultimate gift of love - Jesus Christ. Jesus is our true example of love, and He came to teach us to love God and others and to reflect on the promise of unconditional love available only through and because of Jesus Christ.

You are King and ruler of all, yet you came not as a lion but as a lamb. You came as an innocent baby whose purpose was to walk this earth in complete love and then to sacrificially give his life as an atonement for the sins of His children. Emmanuel. God with us. Love in the form of a man.

That was your plan. From beginning to end, you knew every minute of Jesus' life. You knew that the cross of Calvary was waiting for Jesus, yet you still sent your only Son so that our sin debt could be paid and we could walk blameless because of the shed blood of Jesus.

There is no greater gift than this, that a man should lay down his life for his friends. You willingly gave the gift of your life because of your love. At that moment you gave us the gift of your love for all eternity. We receive grace upon grace and mercy upon mercy in that moment.

The greatest gift of all came that first Christmas. It wasn't wrapped in a beautiful package and set under a decorated tree. The greatest gift came wrapped in the flesh of baby Jesus and laid in the rough wood of a manger. Father, this final week of Advent, fill our hearts and minds with the significance of

that truth. Thank you, Lord, for loving us enough to send Jesus. In Jesus' precious name we pray.

Prayer of Love

Heavenly Father,

The whole meaning of Christmas can be explained in one little four-letter word...LOVE. You sent your gift of pure love to us that first Christmas. Love descended from heaven to be born of a virgin. Love lay in the scratchy hay of a manger in a meagre barn in Bethlehem. All of your love, God, was robed in the delicate skin of a baby and wrapped in swaddling clothes. This final week of Advent, help us to reflect on the magnitude of love that was made manifest in Jesus.

You set aside all of the glory and splendour of heaven and chose the most humble way to enter into your kingdom. Beneath the stars, surrounded by all of the hosts of heaven, Love came. Welcomed by an earthly mother and father, shepherds and wise men. Amen.



USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

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Pieta

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The Samaritans

Freephone: 116 123

Aware

Freephone: 1800 80 48 48

Available Monday to Sunday 10am - 10pm