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PARISH PRIEST

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<u>WEEKEND MASSES IN THE PARISH</u> 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

Paddy Connolly, Graigue, Owning Chrissie & Danny Fitzpatrick Tony Gavin Kay O'Brien Phil, Sadie, George, Ellen, Nora and Ned Walsh, Turkstown

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Owning & Templeorum – Sunday 10am Mass Roster

9th March – Templeorum 16th March – Owning 23rd March – Templeorum 30th March – Owning 6th April – Templeorum 13th April - Owning

PRAYER GROUP

Our Parish Prayer Group resumes next Wednesday, March 12th at 7:30pm in the Community Centre. All are welcome.

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1st Sunday of Lent

The first Sunday in Lent is called Quadragesima Sunday or Invocabit Sunday. Lent is the most solemn season of the year for Christians, starting on Ash Wednesday and ending on Holy Thursday, three days before Easter Sunday. On the first Sunday of Lent, Jesus fasts for 40 days in the desert through many temptations.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASSES

Masses in the parish for St. Patrick's day will be as follows: **Sunday, March 16th:** Vigil Mass in Piltown Church at 6pm. **Monday, March 17th:** Mass in Templeorum Church at 10am.

PASTORAL UPDATE

A meeting with Bishop Niall Coll and Gemma Mulligan, Diocesan Pastoral Co-ordinator will take place on Thursday 13th March, 2025 in the Barrow Room, Kilmacow Community Hall (X91 VH18) at 7pm. Members of the Pastoral Committee and other Parishioners are invited to join with the Bishop to discuss their thoughts on what we can to help develop our Pastoral area into the future.

"The door of God's heart is always open; let us return to him. Let us return to the heart that loves us and forgives us." (Words of Pope Francis, December 2024)

FEAST DAYS FOR THE

COMING WEEK March 9th St. Frances of Rome March 11th St. Aengus

MEDJUGORGE PILGRIMAGE

Kilkenny Medjugorge Pilgrimage Will take place from 4^{th} to 11^{th} June, 2025 with direct flights to Mostar. (Month of the Sacred Heart and includes Pentecost Sunday). Hotel near the Church. Cost is €875 per person, accompanied by spiritual Director. For bookings – contact Ann on 086-1991620 or 086-8825622.



SAFEGUADRING TRAINING

A schedule of training opportunities for all parishes clergy, staff & volunteers is now available. Booking for training is now open and places can be secured by emailing <u>safeguarding@ossory.ie</u> or by phoning 085-8021633.

You can also contact the above number if you have any questions or queries about the training.

1. Introduction to Safeguarding & Refresher Session

Date: Tuesday 25th March, 2025 Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm Venue: St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny

2. Full Safeguarding Training Session
Date: Saturday 5th April, 2025
Time: 10am-4pm
Venue: St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy, Kilkenny

3. Introduction to Safeguarding & Refresher Session Date: Wednesday 30th April, 2025

Time: 7.30pm-9.30pm **Venue:** Slieverue Parish Hall, Slieverue.

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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2025 First Holy Communicants are obliged to attend the following Saturday evening masses at 6pm in Piltown Church: *March 29th / April 26th*

HOUSING DEVELOPMENT

SELF-HELP SCHEME 2025

The objective of this scheme is to assist local authority tenants to carry out improvement works to their home which are deemed to be the tenants responsibility.

What works are covered under the scheme? Examples: Replacing or repairing doors and windows. Gutter cleaning or replacement. Painting internally or externally. Provision of a shed. Tiling bathrooms. Replacing internal doors etc. When the grant is awarded, only then can you start the work. Application forms and further details are available by either calling 056-7794914 or emailing

housingrepairs@kilkennycoco.ie.

Closing date for completed applications: 11/04/2025.

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OWNING HOUSE RETIREMENT VILLAGE IRISH NIGHT

Saturday next, March 15th will see a host of local musicians descend on Owning House for our Annual and much anticipated Irish Night. The food and entertainment starts at 7:30pm sharp. There are some tickets available but it is anticipated that the remaining few will be gone early in the week so call in to buy yours to be assured of your spot. Our committee member Marie Duggan has a fantastic line-up of musicians and singers to the ready for entertainment. Our bingo continues every Friday night at 8pm and we thank all who have made this such a great social outlet, not just for our own residents, but also for those in the wider community.

TIPPERARY ETB

Tipperary ETB Carrick-on-Suir are holding a Painting and decorating Floor and Wall Tiling Course in March. The course will be on Monday and Wednesday evenings. Apply today and use course code; 462502 For more details contact: 051-640742.

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ВІКЕ WEEK 2025

Bike Week 2025 runs from May 10th to May 18th. Clubs, Organisations, and Community Groups are invited to apply for funding to organise their own bike week event as part of this year's celebration. This is an ideal opportunity to promote cycling and raise awareness of your club/group/organisation in your local community.

Event examples: Family fun cycles, cargo bike events, mountain bike events, bike maintenance workshops, safe cycling awareness sessions, social spins and themed bike tours. The maximum funding amount is \notin 500 and has been secured by Kilkenny County council from the national transport authority. Closing date is March 14th, 2025. For further information see the website www.kilkennycoco.ie

COIS NORE SUPPORT GROUP

Art & Crafts Group each Thursday from 2pm – 4pm in St. Canice's Neighbourhood Hall.

Gentle Exercise & Relaxation Classes on Wednesday mornings from 10:30am to 12pm in St. Patrick's Parish Centre, Loughboy Survive and Thrive - a six week programme for people adapting to life after cancer treatment. Starting Wednesday, 5th March from 10am to 1pm.

Climb Workshops for children aged 5-12years who are currently living in a household where a loved one has or had cancer will start on Tuesday afternoons from March 4th at Gaelscoil Osraí, Loughboy, Kilkenny.

For more information on any of the above services please call 056-7752222 or email info@coisnore.ie or services@coisnore.ie

PILTOWN PARISH HALL

Mondays:

10am: Knitting Club 10:30am-1pm: Bowling 5pm-7pm: Karate 3pm-9pm: Music Lessons with Chloe

Tuesdays:

10am-1pm: Art Classes 5pm-7pm: Irish Dancing Classes 7:30pm-8:30pm: Piloxing with Inga 3pm-9pm: Music Lessons with Chloe

Wednesdays:

11am-12noon: Chairobics 7:30pm-8:30pm: Piloxing with Inga

Thursdays: 10am-1pm: Bowling 7pm: Piltown Choral Group 7pm-9pm: Table Tennis

Friday:

10am-1pm: Bowls 3pm-9pm: Music Lessons with Chloe

Library open daily from 10am Snooker Club open daily from 6pm The Meeting room is available for hire to all groups. For further details contact John Burke on 087-9746007.



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

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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