

SUNDAY, 7TH DECEMBER, 2025 – 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

TEMPLEORUM

PARISH NEWSLETTER

"Advent is a time of waiting for our Lord, who will visit us all in our own hearts."

*The Lord is coming!
Let us wait for Him."*

Pope Francis

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Items for inclusion in the Parish 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

Joan Fleming, Tybroughney

ANNIVERSARIES

Eileen, Patsy, Nicky Brophy and

their parents Mary & Michael,

late of Ballinacronny

Kathleen Burrows

Seamus Cooney

Barry Curran

Jimmy & Mary Farrell

Lawrence & Eileen Hawe

Noel & Alan Long

Ned Maher

Margaret & Edward Walsh, Ardcloyne

OWNING & TEMPLEORUM - SUNDAY 10AM MASS ROSTER

14th December – Templeorum

21st December – Owning

WEEKLY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Owning on Tuesdays from 2-3pm

Piltown on Thursdays at 10:30am

HOLY DAY – 8TH DECEMBER

Monday December 8th is the Feast day of the Immaculate Conception. There will be mass in Piltown Church at 10am.

PENITENTIAL SERVICE

Our Penitential Service for Christmas will now take place on next Friday December 12th at 7:30pm in Piltown Church.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

November stations are now due. Please make all cheques payable to 'Templeorum Parish'. We appreciate your continued support.

MINISTRY OF CATECHIST

Registration for the Ministry of Catechist in the Diocese of Ossory is now closed. We are delighted that more than forty people have come forward. All who expressed interest via the designated email service should by now have received details of a forthcoming information event. On behalf of the Diocese, Bishop Coll would like to take this opportunity to thank all who are involved in this process and to ask God's blessing on the work.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 24TH – CHRISTMAS EVE

Piltown Church at 6pm

Christmas Eve Vigil Mass.

Templeorum Church at 8pm

Christmas Eve Mass.

THURSDAY, DEC. 25TH – CHRISTMAS DAY

Owning Church at 9:30am

Christmas Day Mass

Piltown Church at 11am

Christmas Day Mass

Mass times are subject to the availability of 3 priests and times of masses in Mooncoin and Kilmacow.



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

The annual Carol Service 2025 themed 'A Christmas Journey to Bethlehem' will take place in the Church of the Assumption, Piltown on Thursday, December 11th at 7:30pm. Taking part in our concert this year are Piltown Choral Choir Group, the Children's Choir comprising of children from the three primary schools in our Parish, Ferrybank Folk Group and many more guest soloists, Noel O'Regan (Organist), Ursula Kenny (Conductor). We thank Fr. Paschal Moore for organising this wonderful event for our parishioners to enjoy and hope that many of you will come along on the night.

ALL ARE WELCOME.

OWNING HOUSE COFFEE MORNING

Owning House Retirement Village will hold a Coffee Morning and Cake Sale on Thursday, December 11th from 10:30am to 12:30pm. Raffle tickets are now on sale with great prizes to be won. Your support for this event would be greatly appreciated.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING FOR SUDAN & GAZA

Open call for singers/bucket shakers! Carol Singing in aid of Humanitarian Aid in Sudan and Gaza on 13th December, 2025 in MacDonagh Shopping Centre, Kilkenny from 1-2pm & 3-4pm. Mince Pies and Mulled Wine included! There will be a practice on Wednesday, December 3rd in Owning Hall at 7pm. Come along to the practice or just on the day! Contact: Roisin on 085-1813814 for further information.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Thanks to all who supported this year's Annual Christmas Appeal for St. Vincent De Paul. Your generosity is much appreciated.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer group continue to meet each Wednesday night at 7:30pm in the Community Centre.

All are Welcome.

ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Advent day of recollection on the Marian consecration of St. Louis de Montfort. Preached by Fr. Killian Byrne of the Foyers of Charity. Saturday, December 20th 2025 in St. John's Church, Waterford. 11am - Mass followed by 1st [Conference.@1:30pm](#) and 2nd [Conference.@2:30pm](#). Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with the opportunity of confessions. Finishing at 3:30pm after benediction and rosary. **All are Welcome.**

TEMPLEORUM NATIONAL SCHOOL TRACTOR RUN

€3,370 was raised from the recent tractor run. The money will be divided between the school and the community defibrillators. A big thank you to all those who took part and volunteered on the day. A wonderful community effort!

MOONCOIN DAY CARE, CHRISTMAS DINNER IN MOONCOIN PARISH HALL

Invites you to join them for their annual Christmas dinner on Wednesday, December 10th. Doors open at 5:30pm and dinner starts at 6pm sharp. Join us for a great night of good food, music, dancing and prizes. Tickets are €10 each and are available from any committee member.

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The Samaritans
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Available Monday to Sunday 10am - 10pm

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas and lasts until Christmas Eve, marking the start of the Liturgical year in many Christian traditions. Each week focuses on a different theme, traditionally hope, peace, joy and love.

- **Hope:** Anticipating the fulfilment of God's promises.
- **Peace:** Reflecting on the peace that Christ brings.
- **Joy:** Celebrating the joy of Christ's coming.
- **Love:** Emphasizing love for God and one another.

The lighting of candles on the Advent wreath symbolises the growing light of Christ in the world. The wreath is traditionally a circular arrangement of evergreen branches with four candles, one for each week of Advent.

Advent is a meaningful season that encourages Christians to prepare their hearts for the celebration of Christmas while also looking forward to Christ's return. It is a time of reflection, anticipation and spiritual renewal, inviting believers to deepen their faith and commitment to living out the teachings of Jesus in their daily lives.

