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#### **PARISH PRIEST**

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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

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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 Geoff O'Shea, Mullinbeg

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

William & Mary Coffey, Turkstown
Pat & Maureen Dunne, Skough
Tom, Eileen, Paddy & Dessie
Murray, Kilmoganny
Tom & Molly Reid
Jim & Mary Reid
Patrick & Sean Reid, Garrygaug
Eily Walsh

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#### OWNING & TEMPLEORUM -SUNDAY 10AM MASS ROSTER

21st December – Owning 28th December – Templeorum

# WEEKLY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Owning on Tuesdays from 2-3pm Piltown on Thursdays at 10:30am

#### 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 10am Christmas Day Mass

Piltown Church No Christmas Day Mass



#### **CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS**

Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are available in both the Sacristies and the Parish Office.

#### **CHRISTMAS CHOIR REHEARSAL**

Choir rehearsal for Christmas takes place on Tuesday night 16<sup>th</sup> December at 7:30pm in Templeorum Church. All members are asked to attend and we would very much welcome new members.

#### THE GIVING TREE - TEMPLEORUM

Caps, scarves, gloves, etc can be placed in the box at the back of Templeorum Church and these gifts will be given to the homeless in Waterford.

#### PILTOWN SENSORY GARDEN

Work is well underway for our Sensory area. It could not be done without the help of so many volunteers, people who give so freely of their time and energy without hesitation week on week. Thank you.

#### TEAM UP TO CLEAN UP KILKENNY

Local volunteers from Templeorum were delighted to win  $\mathfrak{C}500$  for their efforts & participation in "Team Up to Clean Up-Together for Kilkenny" in September.

Huge well done to the community in helping keep our communities clean and making Kilkenny a better place to live and work.



#### SPIRIT RADIO

For those who might wish to listen to some positive and uplifting radio during the Christmas Season, Spirit Radio might be the answer. It reaches 540,000 adults each week and is celebrating its fifth birthday this year. Well worth a listen!!

### KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL-CREATIVE IRELAND GRANT SCHEME 2026

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Applications open on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Artists, creators and community groups should apply for the Creative Ireland Grant Scheme 2026. This initiative is designed to spark imagination, support cultural projects and celebrate creativity across Kilkenny. Submissions closing date is 13/02/2026 at 4pm. For queries and an application form, contact the Community and Culture Section, Kilkenny Co Council at creativeireland@kilkennycoco.ie

#### **CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY**

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The next meeting of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer group will be in the New Year. We take this opportunity to wish all our participants a very joyful and peaceful Christmas Season.

#### **ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION**

Advent day of recollection on the Marian consecration of St. Louisde Montfort. Preached by Fr.Killian Byrne of the Foyers of Charity. Saturday, December 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 in St. John's Church, Waterford. 11am - Mass followed by 1<sup>st</sup> 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.** 

#### 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.







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Dry, ash hardwood. Luke: (087) 3923054

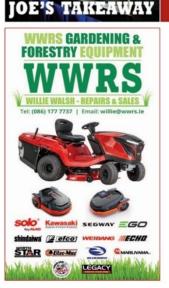














# USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS Parish Bereavement Group Mobile: 086-8450641 Piltown Conference of St. Vincent De Paul Mobile: 086-2096341 Women's Aid Helpline 1800 341900 Pieta 1800 247 247 or text HELP to 51444 The Samaritans Freephone: 116 123 Aware Freephone: 1800 80 48 48

Available Monday to Sunday 10am - 10pm

## ETB Courses starting in January 2026

<u>Venue:</u> ETB Carrick-on-Suir. <u>Full time:</u> Employment skills & Emergency Medical Technician.

#### **Part-time:**

European Computer Driving Licence Growing fruit

Word processing Digital marketing

Woodcraft

Culinary operations

Infection prevention and control, Introduction to AI, Dementia care and support

Safety and Health at work

See <u>www.fetchcourses.ie</u> for further information of call 051-649932.



#### **OSSORY CE SCHEME**

There are currently four job vacancies on the Ossory Parishes Community Employment Scheme.

- 1. Piltown Tidy Towns.
- 2. Turkstown Tidy Towns.
- 3. Piltown GAA Complex.
- 4. Piltown Soccer Club.

For further details please contact Anthony or John on 051-644256.