

SUNDAY, 15TH MARCH, 2026 – 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

TEMPLEORUM

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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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.

ANNIVERSARIES

Noel Kenny

Vera Kiely, Belline

James & Imelda Norris, Rathmore Rd

Geoff Phelan, Kildalton

Bernie Power, Tybroughney

Tuts Broson, nee Halloween

OWNING & TEMPLEORUM - SUNDAY 10AM MASS ROSTER

22nd March – Templeorum Church

29th March – Owning Church

WEEKLY EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Owning on Tuesdays from 2-3pm

Piltown on Thursdays at 10:30am

LENTEN STATIONS

Lenten Stations are now due. Your support is very much appreciated.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY

The group continue to meet on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm in the Piltown Community Centre.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASSES

Saint Patricks Day is March 17th.

Vigil Mass on Monday 16th at 6p.m. in Piltown Church.

Saint Patricks Day Mass

in Templeorum Church at 10a.m.



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The James Dermody Memorial Bluebell Walk will take place on Sunday, May 10th from 10am to 2pm in Mountain Grove, Piltown, Co. Kilkenny. This year's walk will mark Jame's 5th Anniversary.

COIS NORE CHOIR

Mooncoin Parish presents the 'Cois Nore Choir & Guests' in the Church of the Assumption, Mooncoin on Friday, March 27th at 8pm. Your kind donations on the night will be in aid of the Mooncoin Cancer Support Group. All are Welcome!

OWNING NATIONAL SCHOOL

On Friday, 6th March the pupils and teachers of Owning National school visited the church in Owning to celebrate the feast day of St John of God who is the patron saint of the school. They learned a little bit about the life of St John and how he died after saving the life of a drowning man. Following a decade of the Rosary there was quite prayer and a short instruction on the miracles of Jesus. The visit finished by singing the Our Father and all returned to school with hopefully a little bit of joy in their hearts.

4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

The fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday, from the Latin word Laetare, meaning "rejoice" (Isiah 66:10).

It serves as a midpoint in the Lenten season, offering a brief respite from the solemnity and austerity of Lent. This Sunday emphasizes hope, joy and spiritual renewal, reminding the faithful of the approaching celebration of Easter. It is also called Mothering Sunday, Refreshment Sunday, Mid-Lent Sunday or Rose Sunday, reflecting customs such as wearing rose coloured vestments and visiting one's mother church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION & CONFIRMATION 2026

The remaining dates of the preparation masses, all of which will take place in Piltown Church at 6pm on the Saturdays in question are as follows:

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION; April 18th
CONFIRMATION; March 14th

All pupils who are to receive the above Sacraments must attend these masses.

MOTHER'S DAY

This Sunday, March 15th, 2026 is Mother's Day, also known as Mothering Sunday. Mother's Day is a celebration honouring the mother of the family or individual as well as motherhood, maternal bonds and the influence of mothers in society. Mothering Sunday is celebrated on the 4th Sunday in lent. The practice of celebrating Mothering Sunday died out in Ireland in the late 18th century but was revived around 1950. We wish all Mother's in our Parish a lovely day!

OSSORY CE SCHEME

The latest meeting of the above scheme took place on February 24th in the GAA Complex, Piltown. It was a social occasion held for Dan Kenny, Chairman, who stepped down after 35+ years' service to the scheme. Dan remains on as a director. Warm tributes were paid to Dan for his outstanding contribution to the Community Employment scheme during his 35+ years. He always had his finger on the pulse and personally got to know all the CE workers that came and went over his tenure as chairman. Two presentations were made to Dan, one from the GAA Club and one from the sub sponsors of the CE scheme. Dan's wife, Ursula and family were also present for the occasion and flowers were presented to Ursula.

KILKENNY COUNTY COUNCIL SUMMER STUDENT EMPLOYMENT SCHEME 2026

Details: Competition Reference Number: 2026/O/OA/T/04. Salary: €14.15 per hour

Hours: Variable hours, Monday to Saturday between 8:00am.& 7:00pm. It may be necessary that the occasional Sunday be worked. Application Deadline: Tuesday, 24th March 2026 at 12:00 Applicants must be full-time students (over the age of 18 on 1st June 2026) who are currently undertaking a third level course in Engineering, Business, Computing, Finance, Science, Arts or related disciplines.

How to Apply: Get the Application Form and Recruitment Guidance Booklet from the Kilkenny County Council Website or this link: <https://kilkennycocohr.submit.com//show/395> Kilkenny County Council is an Equal Opportunities Employer.

SOUTHEAST TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY (FORMALLY WIT) AND KILDALTON COLLEGE

SETU and Teagasc have signed a new service level agreement, strengthening their long-standing collaboration in Land Sciences Education. The agreement reinforces SETUs relationship with Kildalton College while also creating new opportunities for collaboration in Veterinary medicine. The intake of students for the new veterinary medicine course will commence in September 2026. New buildings are presently being constructed on the SETU campus and plans have been submitted for a new 1,000 sq. meter veterinary medicine building at Kildalton College.

DAFFODIL DAY 2026

Carrick-on-Suir and Piltown Daffodil Day will take place on Friday, March 20th. Once again, we would appreciate your loyal and continued support. If you are in a position to give up some of your time to help in any way please contact Marie on 087-0564440. Daffodil Day raised 6.68 million euro in 2025. Your support helped Cancer patients through lifts to patient's treatment, night nursing care, free counselling sessions and support line calls.

NATIONAL SPRING CLEAN

National Spring Clean Month is April. To keep Kilkenny clean! Register now on: www.nationalspringclean.org/register-now. For more information email environment@kilkennycoco.ie 272 tons of litter was collected by volunteers in 2025!

PILTOWN GAA ALL STAR TICKETS

It's that time of year again, our sellers are out promoting the Piltown All Star 15 draw for 2026. This is the Clubs main fundraiser and your support to date has enabled us to: Field 32 teams playing Gaelic Games; fund a Gaelic games participation officer in the local primary schools; expand and drain our main pitch; supply new goals and ball stop nets; improve the entrance, fencing and dugouts. For the wider community there is now a sensory area; a level surface illuminated walkway; a volunteer run tea/coffee shop; a member's gym and squash courts and competitions.

We look forward to many more developments in the future but cannot do it with your support. For just €3.47 a week you have multiple chances of winning over 100 prizes in 12 monthly draws plus many more benefits which you can see if you go to the following link <https://piltowngaa.ie/categories/lotto/products>. We wish to extend our thanks to all our wonderful volunteers who have given up their time and effort to help achieve all the wonderful improvements you have seen to date and to all the coaches who give up their time weekly to help all our teams.

IVERK SHOW & KEEP PILTOWN TIDY GARDEN COMPETITION 2026

To mark the 200th Iverk show, we are celebrating Piltown gardens and gardeners with a special 2026 garden competition. Open to all, from seasoned growers to first-time gardeners, with categories to suit every type of garden.

Best Front Garden- Prizes: 1st : €100, 2nd : €75, 3rd : €50

Medium/Large Front Garden- Prizes: 1st : €100, 2nd : €75, 3rd : €50

Open Space in Housing Estate: Prize: €300

Best Display of Containers: Prize: €100

Best Upcycled Garden Feature: Prize: €100

Watch out for Entry forms available shortly in local outlets: Hickson's, Tirlan, Credit Union, Community centre and Suzi Q's coffee. Entry is free! Closing date is May 29th and judging takes place towards the end of June. The official launch of the competition takes place on March 28th in the Community Centre from 10am to 1pm. For further information email: gardencompetition@iverkshow.ie

MOONCOIN PARISH HALL

Monday 16th March: 10am - Women's Group ; 12pm - Chair Yoga ; 8pm – Bingo | Tuesday 17th: St. Patrick's Day.

Wednesday 18th: 10am-Breastfeeding Support Group; 1.30pm-Day Care Centre ; 7pm–Bridge ; 7.30pm-Line Dancing

Thursday 19th: 3.15pm - Kids Martial Arts ; 6.45pm - Yoga with Caoimhe ; 7.45pm - Cumann Gaelach

Friday 20th: 9.30am - Scoil Mhuire ; 4pm - Hip Hop with Rachel.

TEMPLEORUM PARISH ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2025

INCOME

OUTGOINGS

<u>Basket Collection</u>	€		€
Piltown	26,329	Insurance	14,678
Owning	13,594	Light & Heat	6,245
Templeorum	4,105	Rates, Water & LPT	10,625
		Repairs	31,901
		Cleaning	2,412
<u>Envelope Collection</u>		Security Costs	2,149
Piltown	13,745	Computer, Phone & Postage	7,492
Owning	10,219	Sanctuary Expenses	4,594
Templeorum	4,902	Choir & Music Costs	2,150
		Travel	6,986
		Churches Operational Costs	11,929
<u>Other Income</u>		Diocesan Contributions	16,300
Shrine	5,895	Missalettes	6,840
Graves	5,700	Charity Payments	1,835
Donations	38,285	Faith Costs	3,927
VAT Scheme	1,336	Bank Costs	1,071
Parish Halls	2,316	Sundry	3,141
Deposit Interest & Dividend	1,359		
Faith Collections	1,151		
Sundry	635		
Deficit For Year	4,704		
	134,275		134,275

TEMPLEORUM PARISH ACCOUNTS Y/E 31/12/2025

Thank you to all who are supporting our Churches and Community Halls.

Notes:

- 1) Basket & Envelope Collection falling year on year.
Approximately 30% of eligible parishioners are supporting collections.
- 2) Parish Accounts have deficits for last 5 years and are unsustainable.
This has been met from past reserves.
- 3) Parish needs coming together to maintain present Church & Community Hall benefits.
- 4) 2025 Outcome was mainly covered by Donations. Otherwise a deficit of €42,989 would arise.
- 5) Hard decisions need consideration.
- 6) Fire Safety Officer's Report being carried out on Churches and Halls.
- 7) Engineer Report to take place on Churches and Remedial Actions will be considered.



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JOE'S TAKEAWAY

- Monday - Thursday 4 pm - 10 pm
- Friday 1 pm - 12 am
- Saturday - Sunday 4 pm - 12 am
- ☎ (051) 644 329
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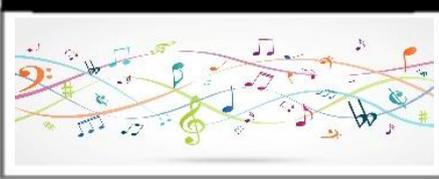
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USEFUL CONTACT NUMBERS

- 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**
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Available Monday to Sunday 10am - 10pm