**WINDGAP PARISH NEWSLETTER 24/25 DECEMBER 2013**

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**MASSES DURING THE WEEK**

Monday & Friday in Dunamaggan at 9.30 a.m. **First Friday mass in Windgap at 7.30 p.m.**

Wednesday & Thursday in St. Joseph’s Home, Kilmoganny at 12.10 p.m.

Tuesday in Windgap at 9.30 a.m.

Saturday: Kilmoganny at 7.00 p.m.;

Sunday: Tullahought at 9.00 a.m.; Windgap at 10.00 a.m.; Dunamaggan at 11.00 a.m.

**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in St. Nicholas’s Church, Windgap each Monday from 10.00 a.m. – 8.00 p.m.**

**Holy Hour each Wednesday from 3.00 - 4.00 p.m. St. Leonard’s Church, Dunamaggan.**

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**ANNIVERSARIES:** Ellen & Michael Cantwell, Seskin, mass at 6.00 p.m. Tues. 24th; Josie Purcell, Tullahought, mass at 9.00 a.m. Wed. 25th; Sharon, Zarah & Nadia Whelan, mass at 10.00 a.m. Wed. 25th; Jim Burke, Graigue, mass at 10.00 a.m. Wed. 25th; James Walsh (Sen.) and Johanna Walsh, Kilmacoliver, Pat, Eileen, John, Margaret & Jim Power, Tullahought, mass at 9.00 a.m. Wed. 25th; Kit & John Doran, Windgap; Nicholas Dempsey & Family.

 Rev. Martin Cleere, mass at 10.00 a.m. Sun. 29th.

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**CHRISTMAS MORNING**: **An opportunity to meet friends and chat** in **the Parochial House, Windgap** with a cup of tea etc. will take place **after 10.00 a.m. mass on Christmas Morning.** Also to view Children’s Christmas Cards. All are welcome.

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**PARISH RAFFLE:** 1st. Pat McEntee, Kilkenny; 2nd: Padraig Dempsey, Mullinavat; 3rd; Joan Culleton, Raheenarran, 4th; David & John Brett, Kildrummy; 5th Walter Purcell, Lamogue; 6th; Lena Young, Garryricken; 7th; Danny O’Shea, Kiltalaghan.

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**Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Taizé**, France organised by Ossory Youth and under the patronage of the Bishop of Ossory will take place from **17th to 24th August 2014.** The Taizé community is an ecumenical monastic order in Taizé, Saone-et-Loire, Burgundy, France. Over 100,000 young people from around the world make a pilgrimage to Taizé each year. The pilgrimage is open to Transition year, 5th year and Leaving Cert students and the **closing date for applications is 17th January 2014.** For additional information, including cost, and application forms, contact Patrick Bookle, Ossory Youth at (056) 7761200, (087) 2129006 or pbookle@ossoryyouth.com.

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**OSSORY TIMES CHRISTMAS EDITION** is available in the Churches. Price €2. Please support.

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**THANKS** to all who helped in large or small ways during the past year in making the Parish a more attractive place in which to live. Your continued voluntary dedication and commitment to a great variety of activities within the Parish is what gives the Parish its Spirit and Character. Your ideas and views are always welcome. The strength of the Parish or any group is in its ability to harness diversity so that so that the uniqueness of each individual contribution is not only recognised but valued.

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**PROGRESSIVE 25’S** will take place on **Christmas Night** in **St. Eoghan’s Centre, Kilmoganny** at **8.00 p.m.**. All are welcome.

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**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES:**

**Christmas Eve: Windgap at 6.00 p.m.; Kilmoganny at 7.15 p.m.; Dunamaggan at 9.00 p.m.**

**Christmas Day: Tullahought at 9.00 a.m.; Windgap at 10.00 a.m.; Dunamaggan at 11.00 a.m.**

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**FUN WALK, JOG OR RUN:** **St. Stephen's Day Annual Family Fun Walk, Jog or Run**, starting at Windgap **GAA Grounds 11.30a.m**., adults €10, in aid of Windgap Community Development.

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**ANNUAL CALENDERS** are available free at the back of the churches. Please take one.

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I wish you all a very **Happy, Peaceful, Joyful, Enjoyable, Relaxed and Celebratory Christmas.**

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