

Christmas in Kilkenny



A Fun-filled, Festive Christmas 2015



The management, staff and elected members of Kilkenny County Council wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas and good health and happiness for 2015.

Guíonn baill tofa, bainistíocht agus foireann Chomhairle Chontae Chill Chainnigh Nollaig Shona agus síochánta ar gach éinne. Sláinte agus sonas díobh i 2015.

Christmas 2015 Décor

A Warm Mayoral Welcome Home for Christmas!

Mayor Joe Malone will be welcoming home Kilkenny people to the Town Hall this Christmas period. On Tuesday December 22nd, the doors of the town hall will be open to welcome people home to Kilkenny for Christmas.

So if you have any friends or family home for Christmas, call into the Town Hall to enjoy a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie with the Mayor, 12 noon to 4pm



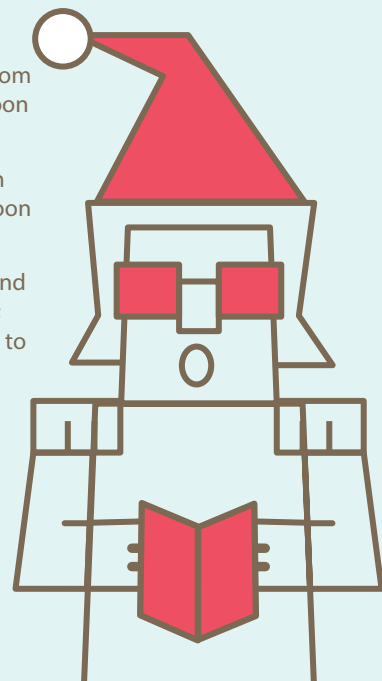
Watch out for some of the Festive singers performing Yuletide Carols at City Hall's forecourt

Tuesday 12th December: Army Choir from James Stephens Military Barracks, 12 noon to 3 pm

Friday 18th December: Army Choir from James Stephens Military Barracks, 12 noon to 4 pm

Saturday 19th December: Ambulance and Fire Service Carol Singing 9 am to 2 pm; followed by The Ossory Big Band, 2 pm to 5 pm.

Wednesday 23rd December: St. Vincent de Paul Fund Raiser, 3 pm to 6 pm



FREE PARKING

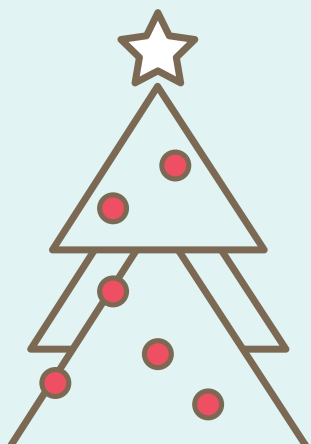
Free City Parking over Christmas!

There will be free parking in the Market Yard Car Park, Kilkenny as below;

From 9 am to 12 noon on the following dates :

Monday 7th December to Thurs 10th December inclusive & Monday 14th December to Thursday 17th December inclusive

Also free parking all day, in all Council Car Parks on Saturday 26th, Sunday 27th & Monday 28th December inclusive (except Friary Street Car Park as this will be closed on these days).



Sing for your Community!

Christmas Adventures

EXPERIENCE WINTER AT Highbank Orchards!

Tractor train through the orchards with a shot of hot mulled apple juice visit the smallest distillery in Ireland and sample Kilkenny's own organic single estate apple gin, vodka and Christmas liqueurs accompanied with local history storytelling.

Saturday 5th & 12th December 11-12.30
Tickets: €10 per person

Christmas Once Upon a Time at Highbank Orchards 2015
Ahhhh Christmas, Once Upon a Time, when I was young Christmas was not what it was like now!
Well at Highbank Organic Orchards, Kilkenny, they'll take you back to, 'Once Upon a Time', for Christmas.

With the smell of freshly cut Kilkenny grown Real Christmas trees for sale, chestnuts roasting by an open fire, artisan food stalls, hot apple cider, Cocktail Sensory Experience, Taste and Tours of the orchard, see the distillery and pick up some gorgeous Single Estate Apple Spirits including unique organic Highbank Gin, Vodka and Liqueur Brandy for a special Christmas present.
We are open for just 3 weekends so come visit Highbank Orchards Kilkenny and re live your Once Upon A Time.
Opening times: Nov 28 -29, Dec 5-6, Dec 12-13.
For more information and bookings: www.highbankorchards.com



a children's medieval christmas at rothe house



medieval christmas tales presented by heritage tales with special guest santa claus

Friday December 11th - 6pm & 7.30pm
Admission: Children €12.50 Adults: €9.50
For bookings contact reception@rothehouse.com or 056 7722893

Theatre at Christmas

The Watergate, Kilkenny's Municipal Theatre - supported and funded by Kilkenny County Council. T: +353 (0)56 776 1674. E: watergateinfo@eircom.net
www.ctb.ie/tickets/watergate
December 9th to December 11th. Mischief at Christmas . Come along and see Santa Claus , Mrs Claus and The good Fairy save Christmas. Daytime shows at 11.a.m. Suitable for schools. Written and directed by Mary Cradock and presented by Watergate productions. (60 minutes)

December 16: Mayor's Christmas Concert. Each year The Mayor of Kilkenny presents a concert at the Watergate, proceeds of which goes to the less well off in our community. The evening will feature local bands and a few surprises.
December 18th : A Jazz Merry Christmas . A concert for all the family to come along to and get into the Spirit of Christmas.

Coming in January : The Pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk. (January 9th to 16th)
The Watergate Theatre provides some great ideas for that special Christmas present. Just some of the shows coming in early 2016 include the Pantomime Jack and The Beanstalk presented by Watergate Productions *Tommy Fleming *The Showband show* The Three Tenors * Eddie Reader

For more information www.watergatetheatre.ie



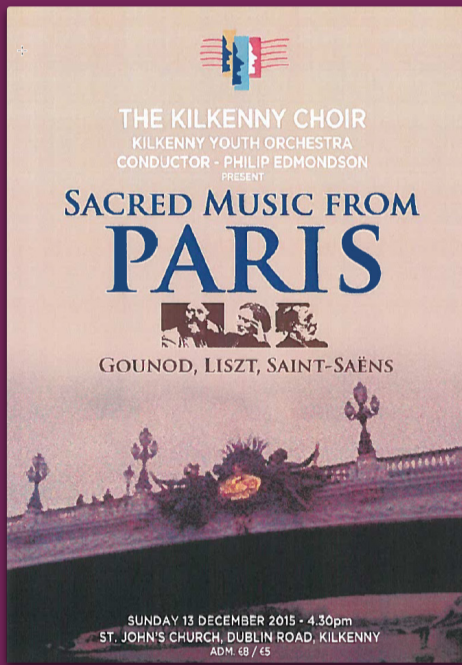
Be Active This Christmas

Opening Hours
The Watershed will be open over the Christmas and New Year

Watch out for our exciting 12 Days of Christmas Deals' promotion which kicks off Christmas week.

Wednesday 23rd December	Open 7.30am	Closed 10pm
Thursday Christmas Eve	Closed	
Friday Christmas Day	Closed	
Saturday St Stephens Day	Closed	
Sunday 27th December	Open 10am	Closed 6.30pm
Monday 28th December	Open 10am	Closed 9pm
Tuesday 29th December	Open 8am	Closed 9pm
Wednesday 20th December	Open 8am	Closed 9pm
Thursday New Years' Eve	Open 8am	Closed 6.30pm
Friday New Years' Day	Closed	
Saturday 2nd January	Open 9am	Closed 6.30pm





Brewery corner:

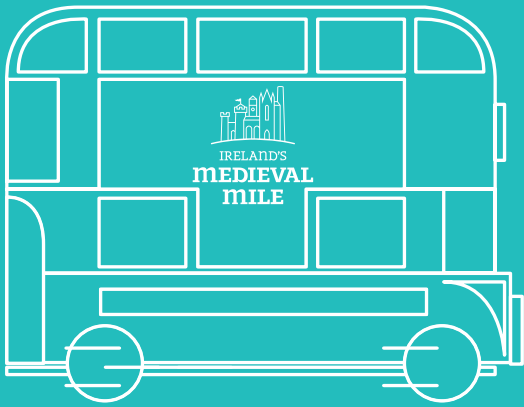
December events are as follows:

Friday Dec 4: Wyvern Lingo Saturday Dec 5: Chemical Addiction w/ Those Black Marks Thursday Dec 10: Songwriters in the Round Friday Dec 11: Shaker Hymn w/ Damsel Saturday Dec 12: DJ Foreign Affair Free Friday Dec 18: Craic Appeal Sunday Dec 20: Cat Punx..

Shankill Castle are hosting a special Christmas Exhibition and Art Sale in the Stable Yard

Tuesday 8th - Sunday 13th December from 10am- 5pm
or by appointment Pop up cafe with homemade refreshments

Kilkenny Castle Events Click here



St.Canice's Kilkenny Christmas Tree Festival

Friday 11th December to Sunday 13th

Don't forget – in the midst of your preparations for Christmas to take some time out to visit the Christmas Tree Festival in St Canice's Cathedral from lunchtime Fri 11th Dec. We look forward to seeing many people in attendance. Proceeds towards the O'Neill Centre and Union Parish Funds.

Admission: Adults €3 children €1

Opening times for the three days are

Friday 1pm -8pm : Sat 10am -8pm : Sunday 1pm -8pm

There will be a number of workshops and events running in parallel to the viewing of the Trees. There will also be a stall with seasonal goodies for purchase and a raffle for delicious hampers and tea / coffee or hot mulled fruit punch with tasty treats.

Friday 4pm Making Christingles (Places limited to 15 children. Please text 0871647173 to secure you child's place)

7pm Chats about Christmas - memories from home and abroad

Saturday 11am Christingle Making (Places limited to 15 children. Please text 0871647173 to secure your child's place)

11am and 3 pm tours of the bell tower
max no 10 per tour

12 noon - The Dean interviews Santa
4pm Chat about Christmas traditions

8pm Christmas Decorating with Louise Pim.
This is a separate ticketed event €10.00 per ticket includes a glass of mulled fruit punch and a raffle for Louise's creations. Tickets available from Joy Bibby, Shirley Parr or at the Cathedral

Sunday 3pm Decorating Gingerbread men with Lada
7pm Cards by request. Results of Hamper raffle.
Announcing the Visitors favourite Christmas Tree

Lighting up the City!

Kilkenny's Christmas Lights were switched on by Cathaoirleach Mary Hilda Kavanagh and Mayor John Malone on Sunday 29th November, at 5pm at the Parade Plaza Kilkenny.

Christmas fun at our Libraries

Loughboy Library

T: 056 779 4176 or email

loughboy@kilkennylibrary.ie

Jim Maher will bring traditional Christmas Storytelling to Loughboy on Friday Dec 11th at 6.30pm

During December Toddler Hour will feature Christmas stories and crafts. Drop in any Thursday at 11.30am

City Library, John's Quay

T: 056 779 4174 or email

citylibrary@kilkennylibrary.ie

Wednesday 9th December: Christmas activities in City Branch kick off with a traditional Christmas Storytelling session with Jim Maher and Geoff Rose on Wednesday 9th December at 6.30pm All welcome. The performance commences with a reading of the classic poem "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas by Jim Maher. Jim will then tell some of his own "Christmas Stories" and the evening will conclude with a reading of another classic seasonal poem from Patrick Kavanagh called "A Christmas Childhood."

Wednesday 16th December Christmas story time for children with Jane at 6.30pm Free - all welcome

Thursday 17th December Christmas recital given by the pupils of St John's Junior School under the direction of their choir mistress Ailish Hogan at 11.30am.

Friday 18th December Activities conclude with a Christmas Customer morning where tea, coffee and Christmas nibbles will be served to thank all our patrons for their custom throughout the year. 056 7794174

Thomastown Library

T: 056 7794331

thomastown@kilkennylibrary.ie

Jim Maher's traditional Christmas storytelling session takes

place on Wednesday 16th December at 6.30pm

Graiguenamanagh Library

T: 056 779 4178 or email

grauguenamanagh@kilkennylibrary.ie

Jim Maher's traditional Christmas storytelling session takes place on Tuesday 15th at 6.30pm

Ferrybank Library

T: 051 897200 or email

ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie

Brothers of Charity Christmas Craft Fair Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th December 10.00am to 4.00pm

Great Christmas gifts for all the family!

Urlingford Library

T: 056 7794182 email:

Urlingford@kilkennylibrary.ie

Christmas Crafts with Anna for 10-12 yrs. 10 places available. Thursday, December 3rd. 3.45- 4.45pm

Callan Library

T: 056 7794183

email: callan@kilkennylibrary.ie

Christmas Colouring competition for children during December

Castlecomer Library

T: 0564440561

email: castlecomer@kilkennylibrary.ie

Clogh ICA Christmas Craft Fair takes place on Tuesday 1st December 10am - 6pm

Mrs Claus Storytime in the library on Tuesday 8th December at 6.30pm. limited to 50 children.

Santa comes to Kilkenny!

Ho Ho Ho! Santa Claus comes to Kilkenny!

Mount Juliet

The Santa Village at Mount Juliet Estate runs 4th to 23rd December.

The interactive theatrical production is packed full of Christmas wonder and magic!

Meet the cheeky elves and Mrs. Claus before boarding the Santa Train for a magical journey around the grounds of Mount Juliet Estate

Finally you will meet Santa Claus who will have a present for every boy and girl!

Kilkenny's Traditional Santa arrived at Market Cross

Kilkenny's Traditional & Historical Santa arrived at Market Cross

Santa travelled from Kilkenny Castle on board the Santa Polar Express up High street to Market Cross Shopping Centre, led by The Kilkenny City & District Band. The busiest man on earth was met by Mrs Claus, Snow Sister, Toy Soldiers on Stilts, Elfie & Juggling Elf, Cuddles Polar Bear & Sugar Plum Balloons!

Beat 102-103 Beat Fleet were on hand for Face painting and games and competition winners.

For Santa Visiting hours visit www.marketcross.ie

MacDonagh Junction Shopping Centre has Christmas Covered.

As well as Santaland open every weekend, relax and enjoy free Christmas Movies or enjoy the beautiful giant tree and attractions in

Workhouse Square. An elf bedroom, Christmas indoor garden and lots of lovely Christmas food and hot drinks to be enjoyed. Avail of Free gift wrapping every weekend in December or enjoy one of the wonderful choirs and orchestras playing in the mall.

As well as all that you will meet Mrs Claus as she entertains the children and you might even receive a kindness card from staff members, rewarding you with gifts such as free coffee, ice cream, a train ride for the children or maybe a Christmas teddy bear that needs a home.

Charity collections include food collection outside Dunnes for St Vincent De Paul and a Toy Appeal for Amber, Kilkenny Women's Refuge.

Ho-Ho-Hold the sleigh as Christmas boarding begins!

Castlecomer Discovery Park

The magic of Christmas in Castlecomer runs from Friday, November 27th. Set amongst 80 acres of winter woodlands, Lapland comes to life as Santa and Mrs Clause take up positions in the 17th century Old Bell and Mill House.

Boys, girls and adults alike escape to the fairy-tale Christmas Experience. Visitors enjoy snippets of old Christmas movies before meeting with Santa and Mrs Claus then depart on the Lapland Express with the North Pole's train master where the sights and sounds of Christmas will come to life as you journey through the natural winter wonder woodlands.

During the magical hour and a half experience, Santa's little helpers might also be spotted in the Fairy village on your way to the Christmas Depot where Santa's sleigh awaits loaded with gifts. Postage of Christmas lists in the North Pole Christmas letter box is available right up until last deliveries. €17 per child or €10 per adult, the Christmas Experience will run until Wednesday, December 23rd.

www.discoveryparkchristmas.com



Christmas Shopping in Kilkenny



Christmas Shopping in Kilkenny - What a wonderful place to find the perfect present!

And don't forget to refuel in one of our fab eateries throughout city and county :)

Shop local this year - you'll be spoiled for choice in the creative capital and not only that, you'll be doing your part to support the local economy.

You can purchase Kilkenny Gift Vouchers which are accepted in over 150 shops in Kilkenny. (<http://kilkennychamber.ie/>)

Why not drop into MADE in Kilkenny which have their annual pop up shop on the corner of Johns Bridge, in the old Xtravision shop, until Christmas eve. Grab some of the very best of Kilkenny design and craft.

You might even find a jewel from MTW, Spirit Jewellery, Ken Foley, Jerpoint glass, Moth to a Flame, Cushendale Woolen Mills, Rosemarie Durr, Andrew Ludick, Castlearch Pottery, Yvonne Ross, Tunde Toth or Klaus Heartmann.



Take a breather and pop into the studios themselves, there are plenty more treats promotions and bargain for example the Bridge pottery are holding a special weekend Sat 12-13th December with plenty of warming Winter Treats & Beautiful Gifts.

Our artisan food producers have lots of gift ideas!

