



YULEFEST

CHRISTMAS IN
KILKENNY

CELEBRATE
CHRISTMAS IN
KILKENNY

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Kilkenny



IRELAND'S
ANCIENT EAST®



CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS IN KILKENNY WITH YULEFEST

Enjoy Christmas Markets, Festive Family Activities, Santa Experiences, Live Music & Concerts and lots of Festive Fun! Beautifully set in our medieval city and county adorned with fabulously festive lights. Keep reading for the festival highlights and visit www.yulefestkilkenny.com to find out more and to book tickets for the events.

YULEFEST CHRISTMAS MARKET

FESTIVE TREATS, LOCAL CRAFT & GREAT GIFTS
– THE PARADE, KILKENNY CITY

OPENING TIMES:

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| Saturday 25th November | 11am - 6pm | Sunday 26th November | 11am - 6pm |
| Saturday 2nd December | 11am - 6pm | Sunday 3rd December | 11am - 6pm |
| Saturday 9th December | 11am - 6pm | Sunday 10th December | 11am - 6pm |
| Saturday 16th December | 11am - 6pm | Sunday 17th December | 11am - 6pm |
| Friday 22nd December | 11am - 8pm | Saturday 23rd December | 11am - 6pm |

YULEFEST BANDSTAND





FREE MUSIC, DANCING & FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT, THE PARADE, KILKENNY

| 📅 SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER | | 📅 SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER | |
|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| 12 noon | Gwen Blanch | 12 noon | Brid Lyons |
| 2pm | Samba Katz | 2pm | Wandering Souls |
| 3.30pm 5pm | The New Brass Kings | 4pm | Social Dancing with The Dance Club Kilkenny |
| 📅 SATURDAY 2ND DECEMBER | | 📅 SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER | |
| 12 noon | IF Indie/Rock | 12pm | Spinc Comhaltas |
| 2pm | Derek Morrissey & Brian Mooney | 2pm | The Savage Jim Breen |
| 4pm | Harmania Choir | 4pm | Whiskers of Lichen |
| 📅 SATURDAY 9TH DECEMBER | | 📅 SUNDAY 10TH DECEMBER | |
| 12 noon | Alize's School of Singing | 12pm | Music Generation Kilkenny - Jingle Bell Rockout |
| 2pm | The Presidents | 2pm | Oracle Villa |
| 4pm | Rhythm Riot | 4pm | Social Dancing with The Dance Club Kilkenny |
| 📅 SATURDAY 16TH DECEMBER | | 📅 SUNDAY 17TH DECEMBER | |
| 12 noon | Kilkenny Academy of Irish Dancing | 11am | Samba Katz |
| 2pm | The Pinsetters | 12pm | Oisín MacCinnéide & Kevin Shortall |
| 4pm | CCE Croabh Osraí | 2pm | Uproar Choir |
| | | 4pm | The Donnys |
| 📅 THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER | | Morning of School Choirs | |

| 📅 FRIDAY 22ND DECEMBER | | 📅 SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER | |
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| 12 noon | Mick Citerm-Walsh | 12pm | Sola |
| 2pm | Bobbie Carey & Carole Nelson | 2pm | Banna Cheoil Traidisiúnta with Clann Sabhois |
| 4pm | Burnchurch | 4pm | Kiddies Christmas Disco |
| 6 & 7pm | Code of Behaviour | | |

RHYTHM MAKERS DRUMMING WORKSHOPS

**CHILDREN'S & ADULTS SESSIONS
WITH JEREMY HICKEY**

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|---|---|
|  | Every Saturday 2nd – 23rd December |
|  | 12noon 1pm 2pm 12pm – 5 to 7yrs 1pm – 8 to 12 yrs 2pm - Adults |
|  | The Parade, Kilkenny City |
|  | €3 Booking required |



MRS CLAUS FAMILY FARM

**MEET THE ANIMALS WITH NORE
VALLEY**

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|  | Every Sunday 26th November – 17th December |
|  | 12pm – 4pm |
|  | The Parade, Kilkenny City |
|  | FREE |



SATURDAY STREET ENTERTAINMENT




FAMILY FUN

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|  | Every Saturday 2nd – 23rd December |
|  | Daytime |
|  | The Parade, Kilkenny City |
|  | FREE |



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE COUNTY




MOUNTAIN VIEW CHRISTMAS MARKETS

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|  | Each Sunday in December |  | 10am – 6pm |
|  | Mountain View, Ballyhale, R95NH31 | | |

STONEYFORD CHRISTMAS FAIR

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|  | Sun 3rd Dec |  | 12pm - 5pm |
|  | Stoneyford Community Centre, R95FCV9 | | |

BALLYRAGGET CHRISTMAS MARKET

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|  | Sat 2nd Dec |  | 12 noon |
|  | Ballyragget Community Hall FOLLOWED BY SANTA'S ARRIVAL & SWITCHING ON OF THE BALLYRAGGET CHRISTMAS LIGHTS | | |

BALLYRAGGET WREATH MAKING CLASS WITH LYNDIA JACKMAN FROM PETALS & BLOOMS

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|  | Fri 1st Dec |  | 7pm - 9pm |
|  | Community Hall |  | €50 |

THOMASTOWN CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR

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|  | Sat 2nd & Sun 3rd December |  | 11am - 5pm |
|  | Thomastown Community Centre, R95PX56 PARADE OF LIGHT & SANTA'S ARRIVAL TO THOMASTOWN SUNDAY 3RD 6PM | | |

GRAIGNAMANAGH CHRISTMAS MARKET

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|  | Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd December |  | 10am - 5pm |
|  | Graignamanagh Abbey Hall, R95Y6W7 | | |

IONAD LACHTAIN CHRISTMAS FAIR

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|  | Sunday 3rd December |  | 12pm - 5pm |
|  | Ionad Lachtain, Freshford, R95XA31 | | |

GORESBRIDGE CHRISTMAS MARKET

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|  | Saturday 16th December |  | 12pm - 4pm |
|  | Ionad Dara Hall, Goresbridge, R95 D654 | | |


CALLAN CHRISTMAS MARKET

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|  | Sunday 17th December | | |
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JOHNSWELL CHRISTMAS MARKET


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|  | Saturday 2nd December |  | 12pm - 4pm |
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JOHNSWELL ORGAN RESTORATION CONCERT

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|  | Saturday 2nd December |  | 7.30pm |
|  | Johnswell Church |  | €20 |

CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS




ROTHE HOUSE FESTIVE WREATH MAKING WORKSHOP

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|  | Saturday 2nd December |  | 10.30am – 12pm 1.30 – 3pm |  | €45 + bf |
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ROTHE HOUSE CHILDRENS FESTIVE STORYTELLING CRAFT WORKSHOP

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|  | Saturday 16th December |  | 11am – 12.30pm |  | €10 + bf |
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CHRISTMAS WORKSHOPS AT CASTLECOMER DISCOVERY PARK





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|  | Weekends in December |  | 10am-12pm 1pm-3pm |  | €12 |
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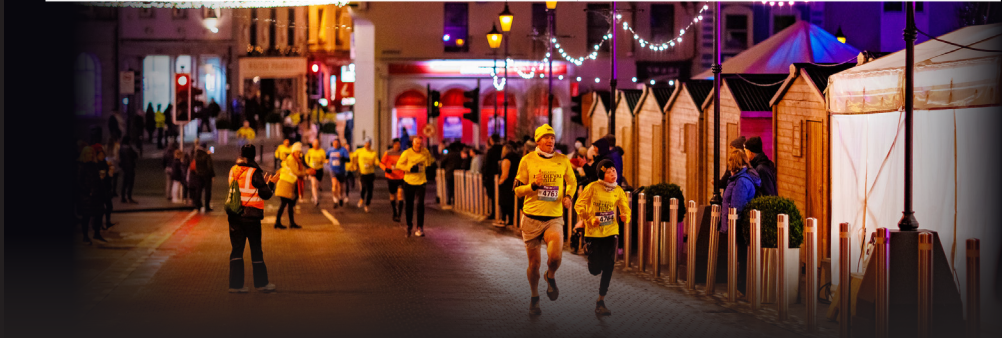
STORIES AND SONGS WITH SANTA

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| At your local Kilkenny libraries this December | | YULEFEST LOCAL AUTHORS | |
| | | Children's stories, literary fiction & local history books at the Yulefest market | |

MEDIEVAL MILE RUN




PRESENTED BY KILKENNY CITY HARRIERS

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|  | Friday 1st December |  | 7.30pm |
|  | Kilkenny City |  | TIMED €15 Non-timed FREE |



SANTA TRUCK

IN AID OF LAURALYNN CHILDRENS HOSPICE

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|  | Saturday 9th December |  | 5pm-7pm |
|  | Yulefest Christmas Market, The Parade | Donations Appreciated | |



YULEFEST MOVIE NIGHT

A MUPPETS CHRISTMAS CAROL ON THE OUTDOOR BIG SCREEN

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|  | Thursday 14th December |  | 7pm |
|  | Canal Square |  | €3 + bf |



FIREWORKS OVER THE RIVER NORE

CELEBRATE THE START OF THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS WITH THE CHRISTMAS MARKET, LIVE MUSIC & FIREWORKS.

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|  | Friday 22nd December |  | 8.15pm |
|  | <p>Views from around Kilkenny City – FREE OF CHARGE</p> <p>The public can view the fireworks from around the city with best views from John's Quay and Michael Street.</p> <p>Late night opening at the market until 8pm so make your way down from the parade to see the display!</p> | | |

ROGU FIRE SHOW FIREY FUN FOR ALL THE FAMILY

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|  | Saturday 16th December |  | 7.30pm Gates open at 7pm |
|  | Coach Park, St. Canice's Place, Kilkenny – SOLD OUT | | |

CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

AT ST. CANICE'S CATHEDRAL

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|  | Thurs 7th – Tues 12th December |
|  | 10am – 6.30pm Sunday: 1.30pm – 6.30pm <i>Sensory Hour Monday 11th Dec 2pm-3pm</i> |
|  | St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny |
|  | Adults €4, concessions €3.50, Children €2, Family €10. Tickets available at the door |



JAMES STEPHENS BARRACKS TOUR

BARRACKS TOUR & MUSEUM VISIT WITH FESTIVE STORIES

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|  | Sunday 17th December |
|  | 3pm - 5pm |
|  | James Stephens Barracks |
|  | €5 + bf |



JINGLE BELL ROCKOUT


WITH MUSIC GENERATION KILKENNY

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|  | Sunday 10th December |
|  | 12 noon |
|  | Yulefest Bandstand, The Parade, Kilkenny City |
|  | FREE |



SANTA RUN CHRISTMAS FUN RUN

IN AID OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

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|  | Sunday 17th December |
|  | 11am |
|  | Kilkenny Castle Park |
|  | €10 Adult €5 Child €20 Family (2 adults & 2 children) |



SANTA EXPERIENCES

All experiences must be booked online in advance. Visit the events at www.yulefestkilkenny.ie to find out more.

SANTA'S MAGICAL VILLAGE AT CASTLECOMER

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|  | Wednesday 15th November – Saturday 23rd December |
|  | Various |
|  | The Craft Yard at Castlecomer Discovery Park |
|  | Prices from €8 |







WINTER WONDERLAND SANTA EXPERIENCE AT JURASSIC NEWPARK

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|  | From Saturday 18th November |
|  | Various |
|  | Newpark Hotel |
|  | Prices from €25 |



NORE VALLEY PARK SANTA EXPERIENCE AT MACDONAGH JUNCTION SHOPPING CENTRE

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|  | From Friday 1st December |
|  | Various |
|  | MacDonagh Junction |
|  | Child €19 Extra Child €17 Special Pet Visit on Tuesday 12th December 6-8pm €12 per pet |







SANTA'S WINTER WONDERLAND GROTTO AT MARKET CROSS SC

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|  | Weekends in December & Christmas Week |
|  | Various |
|  | Market Cross Shopping Centre, Kilkenny City |







MUSIC AND THEATRE

MC HAWKS CLASSIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT NIAMH SHEEHY PRESENTS A CLASSIC CHRISTMAS CONCERT WITH SPECIAL GUESTS THE COIS NORE CHOIR & FRIENDS

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|  | Friday 22nd December |
|  | 7.30pm  St. Mary's Cathedral, Kilkenny, R95 CP46 |
|  | €20 + b/f Proceeds in aid of Marble City Hawks Basketball Club and Cois Nore Cancer Support Centre |







FICINO QUARTET AT KILKENNY CASTLE MUSIC BY SHOSTAKOVICH, BRAHMS, MCDONAGH & GOJIOV

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|  | Friday 8th December  8pm |
|  | Parade Tower, Kilkenny Castle |
|  | €20 €15 Concession |







CHRISTMAS WITH THE KILKENNY CHOIR

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|  | Sunday 10th December  4.30pm |
|  | St. Canice's Catholic Church, Dean Street, Kilkenny City |
|  | €20 U18s Free |




CHRISTMAS MISCELLANY AT ROTHE HOUSE – A SEASONAL CELEBRATION OF STORYTELLING, SONG, POETRY AND MUSIC

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|  | Tuesday 12th December  7pm - 9pm |
|  | Rothe House, R95 P89C |
|  | €15 +bf |






A CHORAL CHRISTMAS WITH LADY DESART CHOIR & CAIRDEAS

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|  | Saturday 16th December  7pm |
|  | St. Canice's Cathedral, Kilkenny City |
|  | €10 +bf |



MARBLE CITY MUSIC FESTIVAL 3 CONCERTS PRESENTED BY PATRICK RAFTER

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|  | Patrick Rafter and Fiachra Garvey Saturday 2nd December at 8pm Vivaldi 4 Seasons with RTÉ Contempo String Quartet Sunday 3rd December at 1pm & 4pm |
|  | St. John's Priory, Kilkenny City, R95 AW74 |
|  | €30 +bf per concert |



SET THEATRE WINTER PROGRAMME

MUSIC & COMEDY FOR ALL TASTES Set Theatre, Johns Street, Kilkenny City

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| JOHN FRANCIS FLYNN | 1 Dec |
| THE RED HURLEY SHOW | 3 Dec |
| THE HIGH KINGS - SOLD OUT | 8 Dec |
| REBEL REBEL: THE DAVID BOWIE EXPERIENCE | 9 Dec |
| CIAN DUCROT – SOLD OUT | 14 Dec |
| BREATHE: THE PINK FLOYD EXPERIENCE PRESENT “DARK SIDE OF THE MOON LIVE” | 16 Dec |
| THE ACADEMIC | 16 Dec |
| THE MARY WALLOPERS – SOLD OUT | 21 Dec |
| THE SCRATCH | 22 Dec |
| SOMETHING HAPPENS | 27 Dec |
| HERMITAGE GREEN | 30 Dec |
| KEITH BARRY: MIND GAMES | 6 Jan |

WATERGATE WINTER PROGRAMME

THEATRE, MUSIC & FILM Watergate Theatre, Parliament St., Kilkenny City

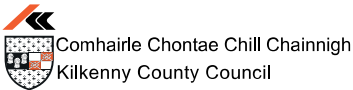
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| THE STARS OF IRISH COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT | 3 Dec |
| THE MYSTERIOUS CASE OF KITSY RAINEY BY MIKEL MURFI | 9 Dec |
| ABBA FOREVER | 10 Dec |
| GEORGE – THE ESSENTIAL COLLECTION SHOW | 16 Dec |
| ELFIE SAVES CHRISTMAS | 17 Dec |
| GOLDILOCKS AND THE THREE BEARS | 19 Dec |
| AJA – THE MUSIC OF STEELY DAN | 20 Dec |
| HOME ALONE - MOVIE | 21 Dec |
| THE GREATEST SHOWMAN - MOVIE | 21 Dec |
| THE GRINCH - MOVIE | 22 Dec |
| IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE - MOVIE | 22 Dec |
| THIS IS TOM JONES FEATURING DANNY ROMAN | 23 Dec |
| ALADDIN – PANTO 2024 | 3-7 & 10-14 Jan |

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