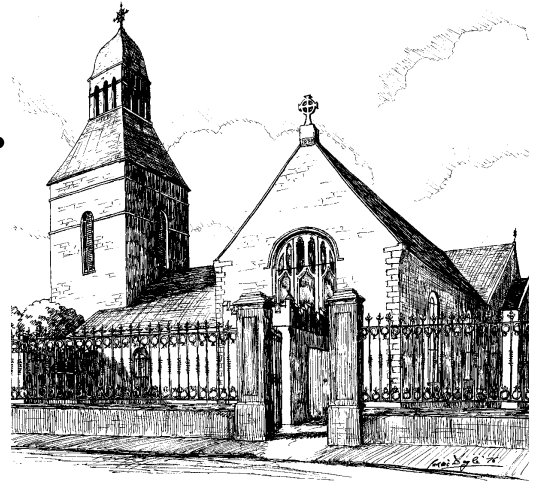


# Kilmore Parish Newsletter



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**Parish Office:** The opening hours for the parish office in Kilmore church are from 10.30am to 12.30pm, Tuesday to Friday each day. The parish office phone number is 053 913 5181.

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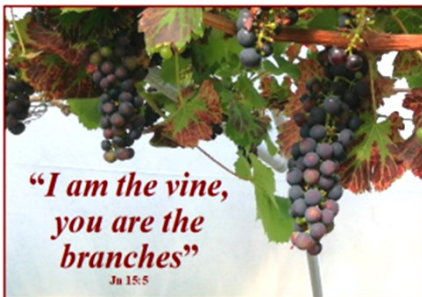
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## Church notices

### Reflection on the Gospel for the fifth Sunday after Easter

The context of today's gospel reading is Jesus' long talk to his disciples at the Last Supper.



While fully aware of his enemies' determination to destroy him, Jesus' concern is not for himself but for his disciples. He wants to prepare them for the challenges they will face in bearing witness to him and continuing his mission.

Throughout John's Gospel Jesus uses images, such as Light, Bread, Shepherd, to convey his message. In today's gospel reading he uses an image familiar to his disciples: the image of the vine and the branches. Here Jesus applies the image of the vine to himself and his relationship with his disciples.

Jesus is the vine, and we are the branches. Without the nourishment, moisture and support offered by the vine, the branches wither and die. This means that our lives must be rooted in Christ – a truth we may find hard to accept at a time when self-reliance, independence, and self-assertion are promoted as the supreme values.

Nowadays, we are encouraged to create our own identities. We are told that we are what we make of ourselves. It is, of course, true that we can, and must, shape and direct our lives. But the image of Christ, the vine, reminds us that we are loved, sustained, redeemed, and sanctified through the person of Christ, and that, cut off from him, we are, quite simply, worthless.

The image of the vine also illustrates that Christ needs us. We are the branches, and it is the branches that bear the grapes. In the oft-quoted words of St Teresa of Avila: "Christ has no body now but yours, no hands, no feet on earth but yours; yours are the eyes with which he looks compassion on this world; yours are the feet with which he is to go about doing

*good; and yours are the hands, with which he is to bless us now."*

### Weekend Masses and Anniversaries

#### Saturday: 6.00pm Kilmore Quay

- ✠ April 27th. We pray for the soul of **Tommy Roche**, Neamstown, his daughter-in-law **Angela Roche**, Piercestown, and **Des Behan**, Killag, all of whose anniversaries occur at this time.
- ✠ May 4th. We pray for the souls of **Frank Scallan**, Kilmore Quay, whose 2nd anniversary occurs, and **Paul, Maureen, and Tom Cullen**, Libgate whose anniversaries also occur.

#### Saturday: 7.30pm Tomhaggard

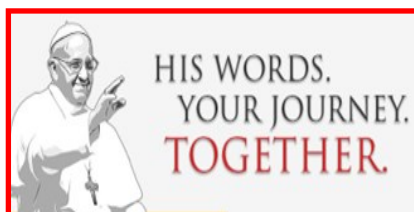
- ✠ April 27th. We pray for the souls of **Mary Reville-Culleton**, Tomhaggard, whose first anniversary occurs, and **Tom Troy**, Tomhaggard, whose 7th anniversary occurs.
- ✠ May 4th: We pray for the souls of **Martin, Ann, and Tony Murphy**, Mountpill, whose anniversaries occur.

#### Sunday: 10.00am Kilmore

- ✠ April 28th. We pray for the soul of **Maurice Lonergan**, Wicklow and Seaview, whose anniversary occurs.
- ✠ May 5th. We pray for peace in our world, especially in Ukraine and Gaza.

#### Sunday: 11.30am Mulrankin

- ✠ April 28th. We pray for the soul of **Pat Kehoe**, Bridgetown, whose anniversary occurs.  
Reader: **Sharon Warburton**.
- ✠ May 5th. We pray for all volunteers in our parish.  
Reader: **Mary Doyle**.



*"Dear brothers and sisters, we are always journeying in life. And we become what we go towards. Let us choose the way of God, not of self; the way of "yes," not the way of "if." We will discover that there are no unexpected events, no uphill path, no night that cannot be faced with Jesus. May Our Lady, Mother of the journey, who by receiving the Word made her entire life a "yes" to God, show us the way."*

**Pope Francis**

## THOUGHTS TO START THE WEEK

- Fresh start. View Monday as a fresh start and an opportunity to set new goals positively. Approach the new week with optimism and a positive mindset
- Prioritization: what's your week priorities?
- Goal Setting: Set specific, achievable goals for the week.
- Time Management: Plan your week efficiently.

### World Meeting of Parish Priests

Fathers Kevin McElhennon of the Diocese of Derry, and James Fegan of the Diocese of Ferns, have been nominated as two priest representatives from the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference to attend the World Meeting of Parish Priests which will take place from 28 April to 2 May at the Fraterna Domus in Sacrofano, near Rome. Approximately 300 hundred parish priests have been identified by their Bishops' Conferences to participate in this worldwide meeting of listening, prayer and discernment.

### March for Life Ireland 2024

Shining a spotlight on Ireland's abortion law and calling for positive supports for mothers. Our next march: Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May, 2:00pm, 2024. Marching In Dublin from St Stephen's Green to Leinster House. Join us

**RAVENPORT RESORT**

**NOW OPEN**

Neville Hotels are excited to announce our newest addition - Ravenport Resort, a new deluxe hotel, golf course and holiday lodge resort in the well-known area of Curracloe in Wexford, with a breathtaking view overlooking the famous Curracloe Beach.

Phase One of the hotel, open now, has been carefully designed with your comfort in mind, and features 50 spacious bedrooms and suites, delicious dining options in the restaurant and bar, and will soon include a luxurious spa and leisure club. Located only a short walk from both Curracloe village and the 11km stretch of white sands at Curracloe beach, this coastal hideaway promises a slice of luxury and is less than two hours from Dublin.

Whether it's a relaxed getaway that you need, or a refreshing trip to the beach to blow away the cobwebs, take the time to revitalise at Ravenport Resort.

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**BRIDGETOWN A.O.H HALL**

**OPENING LAUNCH SATURDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> MAY 4PM – 6PM**

JOIN US FOR THE OFFICIAL OPENING WITH MAURA BELL AT 4.30 WITH LIVE MUSIC AND A CHEESE AND WINE RECEPTION

**ART EXHIBITION**

HEART 2 ART IS A GROUP OF LOCAL ARTISTS WHO ALL SHARE A PASSION FOR ART.

WE MEET WEEKLY TO PAINT, CHAT, LAUGH AND ENJOY A CUPPA.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO OUR DEBUT EXHIBITION WHERE YOU CAN:

MEET THE ARTISTS, VIEW THEIR RECENT WORK, PURCHASE A UNIQUE AND ORIGINAL PIECE OF ART.

WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK OUR FUNDERS & SPONSORS:

WWEB Community Education, Bridgetown College, Bridgetown AOH Hall

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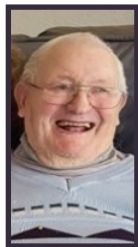
Maria O' Hara  
Ann O' Connor  
Caroline Sinnott  
Shannon Walsh  
Catherine Healy  
Paddy Lacey  
Mary Lacy  
Joan Browne  
Helena Murray  
Ria Doogard

Tutor: Sheila Burton

EXHIBITION ALSO OPEN FOR VIEWING SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MAY 11AM – 4PM

in advocating for change, unity, and empowerment for mothers and their babies. Be a part of something bigger – let's make a difference together.

### Birthday wishes



**Lac Bates** (left), Kilmore Quay celebrated his 99th Birthday during the week. Congratulations, Lac from all of us in the parish. Wishing you continued good health and happiness.

We congratulate **Seán O'Keeffe** from Mulrankin



who celebrated his special surprise birthday on Friday night. As he toasts his 'Four Score' of years of life, we wish him every blessing for the next score of his life.

### Pilgrimage for Life

The National Pilgrimage for Life will take place on Saturday, May 4th, at Knock Shrine, Co Mayo. Join us as we pray for the protection of all human life. Starting at 3.00pm with Mass and anointing of the sick.

### Reminder Dates for your Diary

- \* **May 18th:** First Holy Communion, 11.00am.
- \* **May 26th:** Patron Sunday at 2pm in Kilmore Cemetery.

### Conversations with Women in the Bible

Exploring insights from their stories and God's transforming presence in their lives. Date: Friday May 10th. Venue: Ballyvaloo Retreat and Conference Centre, Blackwater. Speaker:



**Wexford Volunteer Centre**  
Iona of Our Dear Deborah Loch Gairm

**COMMUNITY & VOLUNTEER EXPO**

Speak with community groups from across Co Wexford

Discover volunteer opportunities

**MONDAY 13TH MAY 2024**

**5PM - 9PM**

**RIVERSIDE PARK HOTEL ENNISCORTHY, Y21T2F4**

**FREE PUBLIC EVENT**

www.volunteerwexford.ie

Therese Fitzgerald. Cost: € 30 (includes lunch). Pay at the door. Time: 10.00am-4.30pm. Booking to Sara or Catherine 056 772 2870, 9.00am-5.00pm or [regionaloffice@ssig.ie](mailto:regionaloffice@ssig.ie) before May 10th.

### Anniversary masses

All requests for anniversary masses must be made to the parish office. The office is open Tuesday to Friday between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

### Mass online and via the parish radio

To access Mass on the parish website go to [www.kilmoreparish.com](http://www.kilmoreparish.com). The webcam goes live 15 minutes before Mass. To access Mass on the parish radio tune in to 103.90FM.

### Child Protection Services

To seek support or advice, or to report any concerns you may have with regard to child protection matters, please contact the following parish safeguarding officers: **Séamus Byrne**, 086 082 2380 (Kilmore area), **Pat Roche**, 087 278 5156 (Tomhaggard/Mulrankin area) and/or **John Stafford**, 087 914 8009 (Kilmore Quay area).

### Adoration and Rosary

Sunday Adoration at 3pm each Sunday. Join us for the rosary every Monday and Friday at 6.30pm as usual.

## Community notices

### Rosary at the Grotto in Tomhaggard

Rosary will be recited for the month of May in the Grotto at 7pm, Monday to Friday, Saturday at 7 o'clock in the Church before Mass and Sunday at 2 o'clock. All are welcome.



### Keep your cars dirty!

Please come and support Kilmore United Football Club in their fundraiser in aid of pitch development. Please support our young 6-year olds to the men's and women's teams. We would love all the community to support. So get those cars down, and why not enjoy something from the BBQ while you wait! Thanks to all our local businesses for helping make this event happen. See you all in Kilmore Quay on Sunday 12 May, 11am to 4pm at the car wash in the factory across the road from the playground (green shed).

### Camogie Club news

Reminder of our annual spring clothes collection on Saturday May 11th 9.30am to 12noon. Thanking our community in advance for your continued support. Upcoming games include U10s away to St Anne's on Monday 6.30pm. U12s travel to Horeswood for a blitz, more details to follow. U14s away to Rosslare B on Thursday at 6.30pm. Kilross Gaels u16 play their first round of the championship this Wednesday



**KILMORE UNITED FOOTBALL CLUB**

**PUT THIS ON YOUR CALENDAR!**

**12th of MAY CAR WASH**

11am to 4pm

Car Wash

Raffle Fundraiser

BBQ

**KILMORE QUAY, FACTORY**

**ACROSS THE ROAD FROM THE PLAYGROUND**

**(GREEN SHED)**

v Oylegate in Tagoat at 6.45pm. Our juniors have a bye at the weekend but our intermediates are at home to Duffry Rovers Sunday 5th at 11.30am. Best of luck to all teams.

Our intermediates had two games last weekend; they went down to a strong Cloughbawn side on Friday evening and were narrowly beaten by two points by Blackwater on Sunday. A powerful performance by the girls who led by 10pts at halftime, just got tired towards end of game after a very tough physical game on Friday, very unlucky not to come away with the points.

### ICA News

Kilmore Quay ICA monthly meeting for May will take place on Wednesday May 8th at 3pm (please note change of date )in Stella Maris Centre. All members are invited to attend.

### Community Lotto

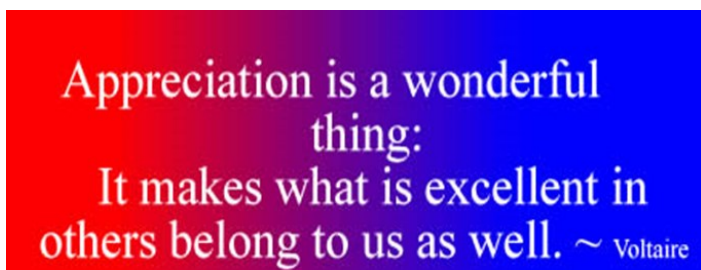
The numbers drawn in this week's Lotto were 3, 7, 14, and 16. There were four match-three winners each receiving €50. There was no jackpot winner and next week's jackpot stands at €6,600.

### Next weekend's ewslatter

Items for 'Community notices' are welcome to [kilmorenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:kilmorenewsletter@gmail.com) before noon on Fridays. Don't forget that you can read this newsletter in colour on the parish website at [www.kilmoreparish.com](http://www.kilmoreparish.com). And if you would like to join the 355 people who receive the newsletter on their mobile phones or other devices by email every weekend, you are very welcome to send your request to [kilmorenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:kilmorenewsletter@gmail.com).

### Clothes Collection

Kilmore Camogie Club will hold their annual spring clothes collection on Saturday May 11th from 9.30am to 12 noon at the GAA club. All donations greatly appreciated.



Appreciation is a wonderful thing:  
It makes what is excellent in others belong to us as well. ~ Voltaire



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