It helps if you remember that everyone is doing their best from their level of consciousness. (Deepak Chopra)

# Diocesan Child Protection Services

For support or advice or to report any concerns you may have regarding child protection matters, please contact the following parish representatives: Kilmore Quay; John Stafford: 087 914 8009; Kilmore: Tomhaggard / Mulrankin: Pat Roche 087 278 5156.

# COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

## Samaritans Helpline

Call Us **Free**, From Any Phone. Find Out More Now. You Talk, We Listen. Call Us **Free** on 116 123.

# **Bereavement Support Line**

If you or someone you know is struggling at this time, we are here to help you. It is free to call our Bereavement Support line 1800 80 7077 Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm.

# Pieta House, Preventing Suicide and Self Harm

We continue to provide our free counselling services via phone, text and video despite the current surge in Covid cases. We also continue to provide inperson counselling in a Covidsafe environment if, however, you have a scheduled appointment with a counsellor and have any concerns please contact our team on 0818 111 126. Pieta Crisis helpline 1800 247 247 or text Help to 51444

# Women's Refuge

For women in crises there is a 24-hour Free Helpline 1800 220 444

# What is Prayer?

Prayer doesn't just happen when we kneel or put hands together and focus and expect things from God. Thinking positive and wishing good for others.

# That is prayer

When you hug a friend -

# That is a prayer

When you cook something to nourish a family & poor people. **That's a prayer** When we send off our near and dear ones and say



# 'Drive safely' or 'Be Safe'-that's a prayer

When you are helping someone in need by giving of your time and energy ---you are praying. Prayer is a vibration – A feeling – A thought. Prayer is the voice of love, friendship and genuine relationship



# A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, In your wisdom and love you made all things, Bless those fathers who have taken upon themselves the responsibility of parenting. Bless those who have lost a spouse to death, separation, or divorce, and who are parenting their children alone. Strengthen all Dads

by your love that they may become the loving, caring persons they are meant to be. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Tomhaggard Clean Coasts Group**

Tomhaggard Clean Coasts Group is a new group which was established to tackle the problem of plastic, marine, and other waste which has accumulated on the beach and burrow at The White Hole. Now that restrictions are easing we are welcoming volunteers. We are particularly interested in recruiting a member with a four-wheel drive vehicle which is capable of traveling on deep sand to enable us to access the more remote parts of the burrow. We meet on Thursday evenings at 6.30pm (weather permitting). If you are interested please contact Anne Marie (087) 632 5775 or see our Facebook page.

# Kilmore Village clean up

Next Wednesday evening we will meet up at the school at 7pm (weather permitting) to do a sweep up and litter pick-up in our village. If anyone has a little time to spare all help would be much appreciated. We now have most of our planting, boxes and hanging baskets in place and our village is starting to bloom again. Thanks to those who continue to help with maintenance, watering, weeding and all that it takes to have pride in our village.

Sometimes the strongest women are the ones who love beyond all faults, cry behind closed doors, and fight battles that nobody knows about.



# NEWS & REFLECTIONS St Peter's Church Kilmore Quay Co Wexford



# Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 20th, 2021

# Gospel: (Mk. 4: 35 -41) God Who is with us



This Sunday's Gospel tells us of the calming of the storm. We all have different reactions to storms- some people love a bit of excitement, some panic.

Some people turn their energy to work, some feel frantic or unsure. A few can still themselves enough to separate from the fear and tension, calmly noticing the storm instead of being consumed by it. How are you when things go off balance, when storm clouds gather? How do you feel when you can't be in control of it all? Imagine being in that boat, and Jesus asleep in the corner. Imagine that Jesus is in your life, our boat, right now whatever the

#### weather

Did you know that there is no right way to feel in a storm—no incorrect feeling or unacceptable emotion. Instead of wondering what you should be feeling these days – about life, God, family or work -maybe it's best to just notice how you are and accept it as it is – and then you can bring it in prayer to God, asking for the grace to notice that God has been with you all the time. (Flor McCarthy).



# FATHER'S DAY: SUNDAY 20TH JUNE 2021

## For Father's Day

Sunday 20th June is Father's Day. We congratulate all fathers on this special day as we remember our fathers be they living or dead. The following reflection was given by Pope Francis in a General Audience in February 2015. It connects the gift of fatherhood to God the Father's paternal care for us and our identity as children he was created. It also challenges a false notion that fatherhood is a social construct or a stereotype role that can easily be substituted by someone who is not

our father. Fatherhood is not a label. It is inextricably linked to biology. Fatherhood matters.

A good father knows how to wait and knows how to forgive from the depths of his heart. Certainly, he also knows how to correct with firmness: he is not a weak father, submissive and sentimental. The father who knows how to correct without humiliating is the one who knows how to protect without sparing himself...

If, then, there is someone who can fully explain the prayer of the "Our Father", taught by Jesus, it is the one who lives out paternity in the first person. Without the grace that comes from the Father who is in Heaven, father's loose courage, and abandon camp. But children need to find a father waiting for them when they come home after failing. They will do everything not to admit it, not to show it, but they need it; and not to find it opens wounds in them that are difficult to heal.

The Church, our mother, is committed to supporting with all her strength the good and generous presence of fathers in families, for they are the irreplaceable guardians and mediators of faith in goodness, of faith in justice and in God's protection, like St Joseph.

#### Where is the Parish Office?

The Parish Office which is located beside the sacristy and can be accessed through the church or through the garden entrance will be open each day from Tuesday to Friday after 10.00 am Mass until 1.00 pm. You are welcome to book your Anniversary Masses, Baptisms etc. in person or by phone during these hours. Mass Cards, various Greeting Cards, Baptismal Candles, and other religious objects will be on sale here at our counter. Parish Office Phone: 053-9135181.

# WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR

# Kilmore Quay: Saturday 6.00pm

Saturday June 19th

**Marty Scallan** – Anniversary Saturdav June 26<sup>th</sup>

We pray for all who are ill at this time from the Parish

# Tomhaggard: Saturday 7.30pm

Saturday June 19<sup>th</sup>

John Cogley, Whitehill – Annivesary

Saturday June 26th

<sup>⊕</sup> Marie Casey, Tenacre – fifth anniversary

# Kilmore: Sunday 10.00

Sunday. June 20th

- Ronnie Woodcock, Kilmore anniversary
- ⊕ Dom Sinnott, Lannagh, Kilmore – Anniversary

Sunday June 27th

We pray for all those in hospital from the Parish

# Mulrankin: Sunday 11.30am

Sunday June 20th

- <sup>⊕</sup> We pray for all Fathers living and deceased of the parish
- Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>
- We pray for all who are ill at this time from the parish

We also remember and pray for our loved ones who have gone before us and all those whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they all rest in peace.

Let us look at our shortcomings and leave other people's alone: There is no reason why we should expect everyone else to travel by our road. (Teresa of Avila).

## Kilmore Parish

# Weekday Mass times Tuesday to Friday

Kilmore Church 10.00 am each morning. Rosary each morning at 9:30am

# Saturday Vigil Masses

- ☆ Kilmore Quay 6.00pm
- पे **Tomhaggard** 7.30pm

# Sunday Morning Masses

- ☆ Kilmore Parish Church 10.00 am
- ₱ Mulrankin 11.30 am

# **Telephone Numbers of Our Parish Team**

V Rev Fr. Patrick Mernagh 086 2256794

Sr. Mary O' Shea Parish Sister): maryossig@gmail.com (087) 6784830.

## **First Friday Calls**

Now we are updating our First Friday calls list in preparation for the resumption of same. We will contact those already on the list to confirm details and obtain your Eircode. If you or anyone you know would like to be added to this list, please contact the Parish Office.

## **Baptisms**

Booking are now been taken for Christenings in the parish. You can make contact with us through our website or by calling to the parish Office so we can make the necessary arrangements for your child and family. You can also call 053 9135181.

## Dates for your diary



The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place in the Parish Church, Kilmore on Saturday the 28<sup>th</sup> of August.

Mass online and via

To access Mass on the

www.kilmoreparish.com.

The webcam will go live 15

access Mass on the Parish

Radio tune into 103.90FM

minutes before Mass. To

parish website go to

Parish Radio

The Celebration of First Holy Communion will take place in the Parish Church, Kilmore on Saturday the 18<sup>th</sup> of September.

## Summer Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Society will hold their Annual Summer Collection in the Parish of Kilmore at all their churches on Sat/Sun June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup> to help families who are struggling due to the Covid 19 Pandemic. Your donation could help provide a family with the basics of food and electricity. Many thanks in advance.

What is age to you? Do you fear growing old? Or are you one who takes it all your stride and who know and understands that the fountain of youth is in your own consciousness. When you keep your mind young, fresh and alert, there is no such thing as growing old. When you have many interests in life and when you enjoy life to the full, how can you ever grow old? Human beings limit themselves when they think of three score years and ten as being the fullness of life. It can be just the beginning for many souls when they awake to the wonder of life, and in awakening begin to enjoy it. Banish all thoughts of old age. It is but a universal thought form which has become so strong that is like a very hard nut, tough to crack. Start readjusting your thinking about aging now. (Eileen Caddy, *Opening Doors Within*).

# **Newsletter Notes**

Please email newsletter notes by Friday noon to maryokeeffearcher@gmail.com or phone 087 2480288

## Saint of the Week: St Thomas More

The joint feast of Saints John Fisher (1469-1535) and Thomas More (1478-1535) serves as an inspiration

to both clergy and laity in the Church and modern world. As a priest and bishop, John Fisher was martyred on 22nd June 1535 for his opposition to the marriage of King Henry VIII to Anne Boleyn and his refusal to acknowledge Henry as supreme head of the Church of England. Two weeks later, on 6th July, Thomas More, a husband and father, was martyred in the tower of London for the same reasons. St. Thomas Moore served as Lord Chancellor (like a prime minister) to Henry the Eighth. When Henry declared himself to be the head of the church, Thomas did not accept it, instead he remained faithful to the Catholic Church. This put him in great danger, and despite their friendship, he was held prisoner in the Tower of London. In the movie 'A Man for all Seasons' that recalls the life of St Thomas More, there are



several wonderful lines placed on the lips of Thomas that reveal the integrity of his conscience that remained intact throughout his life, trial and condemnation. Regarding fidelity to truth, John and Thomas are outstanding examples of people whose consciences sought the truth rather than invent it. Before his execution he said "I am the king's good servant but God's first". St Thomas More's feast day is next Tuesday 22nd June

# **Wedding Congratulations**

Congratulations to Michael Webster and Leslie Ann Hogan who were married recently in Mulrankin Church with Fr Danny performing their nuptials and also to Seana O' Brien and Ian Curran who were also married in St David's recently with Fr Jim performing their nuptials. Wishing them and their families every blessing as they begin their marriage journey together.

## **Best Wishes**

Wishing all our 6<sup>th</sup> Class pupils every success and blessing for the future as they graduate from Scoil Réalt na Mara, Kilmore, this coming week. Thanks to all the teachers who have taught them over the past eight years. We also want to wish all the boys and girls, and all members of Staff a safe and enjoyable summer.



# Message for the Fifth World Day of the Poor from Pope Francis

"It is crucial that we grow in our awareness of the needs of the poor, which are always changing, as are their living conditions. Today, in fact, in the more economically developed areas of the world, people are less willing than in the past to confront poverty. The state of relative affluence to

which we have become accustomed makes it more difficult to accept sacrifices and deprivation... We need to be open to reading the signs of the times that ask us to find new ways of being evangelizers in the contemporary world."

# Message from Fr Denis

"Can I say a most sincere thanks to the Children's Mass Group for organising last Sunday's 12 noon Mass ad presentation for my 50th Jubilee of Ordination. I was surprised, overwhelmed and so thankful for their thoughtfulness. The celebration of the Eucharist was beautiful, the presentation of the exquisite piece of Art which was painted by our own Trisha O'Callaghan was much appreciated. Trisha has such amazing talent and it will take pride of place in my home. It was lovely to see the group again, other parishioners who were present and most especially the children. As the summer holidays are fast approaching I wish them all a safe and wonderful summer.

Finally, thanks to Fr Pat for giving his blessing for this celebration also Tony Crosbie for his photography, I do hope he did no damage to his camera while taking my photo. To each and everyone for your cards, gifts, emails and messages thank you. Fifty years have flown by and I have loved every minute I spent in all my assigned ministries: Belfast, Blackwater, Wexford Parish, New Ross, Brazil and finally my 18 years with you in Kilmore Parish. They were truly wonderful years."