

**You are not Alone**  
**ALONE** is a national organization that strives to enable older people to age at home, safely and securely, for as long as they wish. If you are an older person who would like to learn more about this service, please call ALONE's National Support Line on 0818 222 024. Available seven days a week from 8am to 8pm.

#### 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.

#### 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

If you 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

#### Alzheimer Society of Ireland

The Alzheimer Society of Ireland's National Helpline Service is open six days a week. Call 1800 341 341 or email [helpline@alzheimer.ie](mailto:helpline@alzheimer.ie)

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

#### Wexford Carer of the Year Award

Congratulations to Elaine Smith from Longridge, Bridgetown who has been named Wexford Family Carer of the Year for 2021. She cares for her 3-year-old daughter Lucy who was born with severe brain damage and cerebral palsy. These awards pay tribute to all of Ireland's 500,000 family carers and shines a light on the immense work that they do, day in, day out, often with little or no reward from the State. We salute all carers today and wish Elaine and Darren and all her family every good wish for the future.

#### Lifeboat Shop Open

The Lifeboat shop is open every Saturday and Sunday for the sale of Christmas Cards, Calendars and presents.

Cards are for sale in some local shops and can also be obtained from Johnny Moore on 087 7523611 or Anne McMorris on 087 2938135. There is also an RNLI Christmas Raffle with lots of prizes. Tickets are on sale at €2 each, or three for €5.

#### Bridgetown Information & IT Centre

With the rise in Covid cases, people are being asked to curtail their movements and protect themselves. There is no need to fear loneliness or isolation as a result. Kilmore B-Friending service is here to support you throughout, so please, do not hesitate to contact us for any help or assistance we can offer you. Do not feel alone, we are here. The service is open to all age groups. We are at the end of the phone. To avail of our service, please contact Margaret on 087 9731471 or the Kilmore Parish Office, Fr Pat or Sr Mary.

#### Active Retirement AGM

Kilmore Active Retirement Association will hold its annual general meeting on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 2-30pm in the AOH hall, Bridgetown. This is the first AGM for two years due to Covid so we expect a good attendance of members and we would welcome any new or prospect members who will be made welcome at the meeting.

#### Tomhaggard Social Centre AGM

The AGM of Tomhaggard Social Centre took place recently. The following Officers were elected for the coming year. Chairman Nick Hayes, Vice Chairman Peter Kehoe, Secretary Breda Hayes, Assist Secretary Ellen Cloney, Treasurer Mary Boggan, Assist Treasurer Grainne Dullard, Covid and Safety Officer Carol Gray. The Social Centre remains open for all activities, subject to Public Health Guidelines. It has Sanitizer and Social Distancing protocols in place.

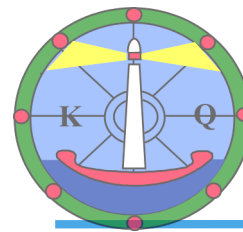
#### Lotto Results

This week's Winning Lotto Numbers. 4 -5 -12 -13. Only one Match 3 Winner. Next Weeks Jackpot is €7,800. Many thanks to all our Parishioners who have joined our Lotto. Cards are available in the church or in the parish office.

#### Newsletter Notes

Please email notes for the newsletter to Mary Archer at [maryokeeffearcher@gmail.com](mailto:maryokeeffearcher@gmail.com) or phone 087 2480288 before Friday noon Many thanks.

*Put your ear down by your heart, and listen hard*



## NEWS & REFLECTIONS

### St Peter's Church

### Kilmore Quay

### Co Wexford



**First Sunday of Advent, November 28<sup>th</sup> 2021**



#### Advent Wreath and Candles

The Advent wreath began as a way for families to reflect on the meaning of Advent in their homes. Today, most Catholic churches use an Advent wreath during their celebration of the Advent season. The wreath is usually made of evergreen branches formed into a circle. The circle represents eternal life. The green colour of the wreath represents hope. It is a symbol of our hope for salvation and eternal life that

Christ won for us on the Cross. The wreath is decorated with four candles, one for each week of Advent. One candle is lit on the Sunday at the beginning of each week of Advent. The first two candles and the fourth candle are usually purple. Purple is a colour of penance. It represents sorrow for our sins. The third candle is pink. This represents rejoicing because our Saviour is coming soon. The pink candle is lit on the third Sunday of Advent, which is called Gaudete Sunday, or Rejoice Sunday. The light from the lit candles represents Jesus, who is the Light of the World.



#### Reflection on the Gospel for the First Sunday in Advent 2021

In life, the journey and the destination are part of one reality. The going is as important as the arriving, and one contributes to the other. Today's Mass suggests our approach should be similar. If we want to celebrate the First Coming of Jesus and prepare for his Second Coming, then the way to do it is to be aware of his coming into every moment of every day. The Scripture for today tells us that on the bus of life we should:

- Be ready to get off the bus at any point, that is, be ready to meet the Lord whenever he calls us to himself, whether that be in the very near future or many years away. The important thing is: *Be prepared.*
- Do not be afraid, do not worry. Fear, worry and anxiety do not solve any problems. Fear, worry, and anxiety are about things which do not yet exist and most probably will never exist as we imagine them. As Fr Tony de Mello used to say: "Why worry? If you worry, you will die; if you don't worry, you will die. So why worry?"
- Improve our relations with the people around us. A good life consists not so much in the kind of work we do or how "successful" we are but how we have related with other people – with family, relatives, friends, colleagues and total strangers.

#### Pope Francis' Intention for December

*For Teachers and Catechists*

Let us pray for teachers and catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.





## WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR

### KILMORE QUAY: Saturday: 6.00 pm

- † **Nov 27<sup>th</sup>: Paddy Barry**, Grange, whose anniversary occurs
- † **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>: Bill Roche** Neamstown whose month's mind occurs at this time, **Peg Benson**, Newtown, Kilmore Quay whose first Anniversary occurs, **John Moore & Margaret White**, the Quay and **Thomas Howlin** of Maynooth & Kilmore Quay and **Vincent Mathers** of Dublin, all of whose Anniversaries occur.

### TOMHAGGARD: Saturday: 7.30pm

- † **Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>:** We pray for all departed loved ones
- † **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>: Joan and Paddy Murphy** - Tenacre and deceased family members. We also pray for all those on the Frontline Services.

### KILMORE: Sunday: 10.00 am

- † **Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>: Jimmy Cousins**, the Hill, whose Anniversary occurs
- † **Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>: Tommy Cousins**, Ballask and his parents **Jack & Johanna Cousins**, Ballyharty and **Nigel Hoddell**, the Hill whose Anniversaries occur and for the soul of **Tom Power** of Drinagh and late of Kilmore who was buried in Piercestown on Friday last and for the Soul of **Tony Power** late principal of Bridgetown Community School – Deepest Sympathies to all his family at this time.

### MULRANKIN: Sunday 11.30am

- † **Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>: John & Rosie Miskella** and their daughter, **Eileen** and son **Tim** whose Anniversaries occur.
- † **Nov. 28<sup>th</sup>:** Pray for the anniversaries of **John & Rosie Miskella**, their daughter **Eileen** and son **Tom** whose Ashes will be buried later today.
- † **Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>: Kay Sinnott** Harpoonstown, Mulrankin whose months mind occurs and **Pat Hogan**, Ballylibernagh whose Anniversary occurs.
- † 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 10.00am each morning.  
Rosary each morning at 9:30am

#### Saturday Vigil Masses

- † **Kilmore Quay**  
6.00pm
- † **Tomhaggard** 7.30pm

#### Sunday Morning Masses

- † **Kilmore Parish Church** 10.00 am
- † **Mulrankin** 11.30am

#### Gluten-free hosts

We now have gluten-free Communion hosts available for anyone who might need them. In order to ensure that we can cater for your needs, please register with us.

#### Telephone Numbers of Our Parish Team

**V Rev Fr. Patrick Mernagh** 086 2256794

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

**Parish Office** 053-913 5181 – Open Tuesday-Friday after 10am Mass to 1pm for booking anniversary masses, baptisms etc. Mass cards, various greeting cards, baptismal candles and other religious objects on sale.

#### Parish Shop

We now have a variety of religious Christmas Cards, Christmas Mass Bouquets and Christmas Candles in stock in our Parish Shop. The shop is open each day from Tues to Fri. from 10.30 am to 1.00 pm.

#### Please Note re December First Friday Communion Calls

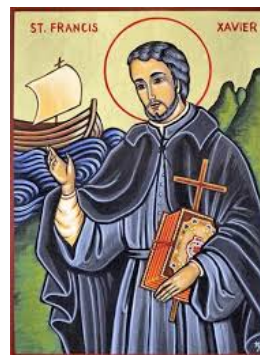
The First Friday Communion Calls in December will take place nearer to Christmas in the week starting the 21<sup>st</sup> December to enable Fr. Pat & Sr. Mary to visit people for Christmas. Full details will be announced nearer the time

#### Visit of Bishop Ger Nash to our Parish

We warmly welcome Bishop Ger to Kilmore Parish next weekend, Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> for his first Pastoral Visit. He will visit our four churches, Kilmore, Kilmore Quay, Mulrankin and Tomhaggard.

#### Mass online and via Parish Radio

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



### Saint of the Week: St. Francis Xavier Feast: Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>

**St. Francis Xavier** was born in Navarre, Spain in 1506. He was the third son of the president of the council of the king of Navarre, and in 1525 he journeyed to the University of Paris, the theological centre of Europe, to begin his studies. In Paris in 1534 he pronounced vows as one of the first seven members of the Society of Jesus, or Jesuits. Francis was ordained priest on June 24, 1537. In 1540, Francis left Rome for India to preach the Gospel. Much of the next three years he spent on the south-eastern coast of India among the simple, poor pearl fishermen. Francis's eyes, however, were now fixed on a land reached only five years before by Europeans, Japan. Having spent some years there, he died on Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1552, while waiting to be allowed into China. Even before his death, Francis Xavier was considered a saint, and he has been formally venerated as such by the Catholic church since 1622. In 1927 he was named **Patron of all Missions**.

#### Farewell Gift to Fr. Denis

To mark Fr. Denis' retirement and in recognition and appreciation of his years of dedicated service as Parish Priest of Kilmore, we are organising a Farewell Presentation to Fr. Denis. If you would like to contribute to this Farewell Gift, special envelopes will be available in all our churches this weekend. You can drop your envelopes into the collection boxes at the back of the church, leave them into the Parish Office during opening hours or give them to Fr. Pat or Sr. Mary.

#### Sparkles light up the community

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December - Sparkles light up the community tree night at 5pm. Choose your own Christmas tree from a selection of trees on the night at the cross, that will be available from local vendors. There will be carolling, mulled wine, coffees, hot chocolates and more available on this winter's evening.



Today is a new day, and it is up to you what you make of it. Your first waking thoughts can colour the whole day. They can be happy, positive thoughts or miserable, negative ones. Never be influenced by outer conditions – by the weather, for example. It can be pouring with rain, but if your heart is filled with love and gratitude, your whole attitude will be of sunshine, and blue skies. Do you see what a tremendous responsibility rests upon your shoulders? Life is what you make it, so never blame anyone else for the state you are in, but know that it is of your own making. Change your attitude and you can change your whole outlook. Adopt a constructive attitude towards life. Build up the very best from what you see all around you, and ignore the rest; give it no life force and it will disappear. Wait upon me this day, in

quietness and in confidence, and know that this day has my blessings. (Eileen Caddy, *Opening Doors Within*).

#### Prayer

They had made it their custom to invite their pious aunt to go with them on their picnic each year. This year they forgot. When the invitation did come at the last minute she said, "It's too late now. I've already prayed for rain." (Anthony de Mello, *The Prayer of the Frog*)



#### Stella Maris Centre Events – December

- ❖ Body Feels: Yoga with Niamh Brogan every Sunday at 11.00 am
  - ❖ Mothers and babies group Thursday morning gatherings 9.30 to 11. Active Retirement Bowls on Tuesday and also Bowls League: Weekly
  - ❖ December 10<sup>th</sup>: 50th anniversary Launch of the Parish Journal
- Sean Keane is playing again in the Stella Maris centre on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2022 as part of his 6 week Return Tour. So don't miss out as it is his only performance in the south east. Tickets are €30 and would make a wonderful Christmas present. They are available by phoning 053 91 29922 or emailing [manager@stellamariscentre.com](mailto:manager@stellamariscentre.com)

*We can never judge the lives of others because each person knows only their own pain and renunciation. It is okay to feel you are on the right path, but it is NOT okay to think that yours is the only path.*

