

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 / Mulrarkin: **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.

Only when the last tree has died and the last river has been poisoned and the last fish has been caught will we realise that we can not eat money. (Chief Seattle)

Take only memories, leave nothing but footprints

*"The world is so loud and makes so many demands.
Sitting next to you doing absolutely nothing means absolutely everything to me"
said the boy to the tree.*



This Sunday, 5th September, Mgr. Ger Nash will be ordained as the 81st Bishop of Ferns at a ceremony at St Aidan's Cathedral, Enniscorthy. He will succeed Bishop Denis Brennan who retires after fifteen years of service. The ordination of the new Bishop of Ferns Mgr. Ger Nash will be broadcast live on South East Radio on Sunday (5th September) from 2.30pm. The ceremony which will commence at 3pm will also be broadcast on the Cathedral webcam. Parishioners are invited to participate through the broadcast on air or online.

The new bishop's emblem and motto translates, "In the Peace and Companionship of Jesus". In these days, we ask God to grant that our new bishop will, with all the diocesan family, live in the peace and companionship of Jesus. We wish Bishop Denis Brennan every blessing as he retires as the Bishop of the Diocese.



Did you Know?

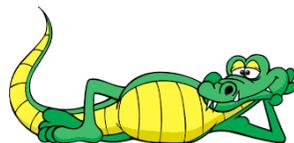
The population has increased by 34 thousand over the last year, bringing the total to more than 5 million. It's the first time it's passed that mark since the 1851 census, just after the Famine. New CSO figures show more births than deaths in the year to April – The number of Irish nationals returning over the last year is the highest since 2007.

The theme of this year's 'Season of Creation' is 'Restoring our Common Home'. This is fitting and appropriate for it suggests that our 'Common

Home' needs healing and restoration. How true! This summer alone we have seen wildfires in California and around Europe. Record temperatures were recorded in Sicily. Severe flooding in Germany and in China with loss of life and mass destruction. In Greenland recently, it rained for the first time ever. This is not good news for it indicates that ice caps are beginning to melt which will significantly increase sea levels. In Madagascar, a terrible famine is unfolding that is caused by a severe drought that in turn is caused by climate change. People are starving and are reduced to eating locusts. For Pope Francis, "Our relationship with the environment can never be isolated from our relationship with others and with God... Everything is interconnected" (*Laudato Si*, 119, 138). And so, the celebration of the 'Season of Creation' this year is a call to restore our common home. This week let's look at ways we can do that.

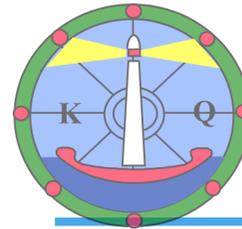
Taking a break

There will be no Kilmore Quay newsletter for the next three weeks. The next newsletter will be dated October 3rd



Newsletter Notes

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



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



23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time: September 5th 2021

Gospel: (Mk. 7: 31 – 37) The Handicaps of the Normal

The Gospel concerns the cure of a handicapped man. For that reason, we might dismiss it as having no relevance for us. But in truth, all of us have got our handicaps. The fact that ours are not visible as those of the man in the Gospel doesn't make them any less real. In one way or another, we are all wounded. Some people carry deep wounds from bad childhood experiences. Others are wounded by sickness, or by the death of a loved one, or by non-acceptance of themselves. People are wounded by the inability to forgive, and by rejection which makes them in turn reject. In some people the inner wounds have led to drink and/or depression. In others the same wounds have led to a compelling need to prove themselves to be successful, to win, to dominate, to be well-known, even to save others.

The first steps in the road to healing is to recognise our wounds. Then counselling may be called for to help unravel the origins of some of these wounds.

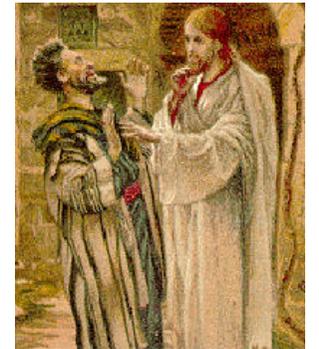
Here is the paradox: people who are limited physically or intellectually due to mental handicaps, are often more gifted than others when it comes to things of the heart and relationships.



It is above all the heart that has to be healed. If only the heart was right we could give so much more. But alas, the heart is often empty, often cold and unwelcoming, often weighed down with worry, often lonely, often wounded, and sometimes broken. We have to heal the wounds of the heart in order to be able to bear the fruits of love, joy and peace. In touching the ears and tongue of the handicapped man, Jesus also touched his wounded heart. It was above all that made him new. That was the real miracle. (Flor McCarthy)

Reflection on the 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time.

We all suffer from spiritual deafness at one time or another. It is not necessarily that we can't hear. Sometimes we don't want to hear. Just as we don't want to listen to a person who has a different opinion on some subject, we also don't want to listen to God. But Jesus does all things well. He can heal us just as surely as he healed the deaf man. We need to give him the time and the opportunity though. That could mean spending more time in prayer. And possibly spending that prayer time listening, instead of just asking for our needs. One thing is sure. Jesus will heal us of our spiritual deafness if we humbly ask him to.



I was shown a deep, dark well and on top was a bucket with a rope attached to it. I saw the bucket being lowered into the well and when it was drawn up out of the darkness, it was filled to the brim with pure, clear, water. I heard the words.

Deep within every soul is purity of Spirit. Take time to seek for it until you find it and then draw it forth. (Eileen Caddy, *Opening Doors Within*)

Learn to appreciate what you have before time forces you to appreciate what you had.



WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR

KILMORE QUAY:

Saturday: 6.00 pm

† Sept. 4th: **Elaine Mc Gee** whose Anniversary occurs.

† Sept. 11th : For all members of the RNLI

TOMHAGGARD: Saturday: 7.30pm.

† Sept. 4th: **Nora & Mary Mullins**, Galway, whose Anniversaries occur.

† Sept. 11th: For all in Hospital at this time

KILMORE: Sunday: 10.00 am

† Sept. 5th: **Dan & Kathleen Fenlon**, Wexford, whose Anniversaries occur.

† Sept. 12th: **Aideen Mc Donald**, 1st.Anniversary ; **Nico Culleon** ,Libgate, **Anne Bates**, **Betty Owens**, Rackardstown, and **Jo Matthews**, whose 3rd Anniversary occurs..

MULRANKIN: Sunday 11.30am

† Sept. 5th: **People of Afghanistan and Peace in the Middle East**

† Sept. 12th: **Paddy Kehoe** whose Anniversary occurs and for deceased members of the **Sinnott & Kehoe** Families.

† 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

Mass online and via Parish Radio

To access Mass on the parish website go to www.kilmoreparish.com.

The webcam will go live 15 minutes before Mass. To access Mass on the Parish Radio tune into 103.90FM

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 (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.

Envelope Collection

Our Envelopes for the year are now coming to an end. This means your new envelopes will be available soon and we will give you further details shortly. A Huge thank you to all who contribute so generously throughout the year.

Dates for First Holy Communion and Confirmation

Following the loosening of Government restrictions announced on Tuesday last, the date for the celebration of First Holy Communion has been confirmed for Saturday, September 18th at 11.00 am.

The date for the Celebration of The Sacrament of Confirmation will be Saturday October 2nd at 11.00 am

Prayer of commitment to care for the earth (by Canon Michael Fitzsimmons)

Lord, allow my ears to listen to the cry of the earth, the voices of my sisters and brothers, those who face the harsh reality of climate change. **Lord, I come to do your will**

Lord, allow my eyes to see the beauty of creation, in flowers, creatures, forests and cities alike. **Lord, I come to do your will**

Lord, allow my voice to speak out for justice and ensure people living in poverty are heard. **Lord, I come to do your will**

Lord, allow my hands to care for the earth, to toil, to reap, to celebrate. **Lord, I come to do your will**

Lord, allow my feet to take the path less trod, to walk the extra mile, to take your message out to the world. **Lord, I come to do your will.**



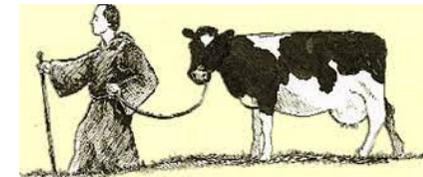
A Word of Thanks

A big Thank You to all the volunteers who helped in the celebration and organisation of the Outdoor mass Celebrated by Fr Jim Doyle in Mulrankin last Sunday. Thanks to all the committee members who gave of their time, their service and all who contributed to his presentation to mark Fr Jim's departure from Mulrankin and Tomhaggard and the Parish of Kilmore. Reminder: Our new boxes of Church Envelopes have arrived for all who contribute to our envelope system and are available for collection from Tomhaggard, Mulrankin and the Quay. Many

thanks to all our faithful parishioners for your continued generosity to our Parish which is so vital at this time.

Saint of the Week: St. Ciaran

Feast day: September 9th St. Ciaran was born in Roscommon around 512. His father was a carpenter and chariot maker. As a boy, Ciarán worked as a cattle herder. He was a student of Finian's at Clonard and in time became a teacher, himself. He came to Clonmacnoise in January 545 where he founded a monastery which was to become one of the most renowned in Europe. He died at the age of thirty-three while the monastery was still being built. He is also patron of the diocese of Ossory.



Ireland takes over presidency of UN Security Council

According to the UNHCR, the UN refugee agency, there are 2.5 million registered refugees from Afghanistan, comprising the largest protracted refugee population in Asia, and the second-largest refugee population in the world. In recent weeks, thousands have been attempting to flee the country, especially at Kabul airport through the airlifts underway for foreigners and Afghans. Surrounding countries are worried about an exodus across their borders given the current tensions. This week let us Pray for the People of Afghanistan and for the people who have no place to call home.

Kilmore Active Retirement

Kilmore Active Retirement members met for the first time in eighteen months on Thursday last in the AOH hall, Bridgetown for an informal meeting to discuss the road forward due to the pandemic. At the outset the chairman Tom Dunne extended sympathy and paid tributes to our Secretary Des Behan and Joe Barry who passed away earlier this year. He also wished a speedy recovery to good health to Joe Bulmer. The meeting was to gather information from members on how the road forward could be addressed and also to fill the vacancy of hon. secretary. After much debate it was decided to contact ARA headquarters to ask some relevant questions on issues discussed and to meet again on Thursday 9th September at 8-00pm in the AOH, Bridgetown hall and plan the road forward. All members or intending members are invited to attend this meeting.

Bridgetown Information & IT Centre

Our office located in the AOH Hall, Bridgetown is reopening on Monday 6th September at 9 o'clock. The premises will be open Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday from 9am to 4pm each day. All our usual services are available, typing, photocopying, scanning, laminating, emailing, supply of forms and assistance in completing the forms if needed. Our IT room is also open for anyone wishing to use the facility. We are looking forward to welcoming you all back.

Important News.

We are opening a library in the centre from 6th September also, the library will be open to the public Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons from 2 to 4pm. You are welcome to come in, take a book home or just sit and have a read on the premises. All books will be logged by the office if they are being taken out of the library.

The B-friending service is still in the process of set up; we will have it up and running for October. Training is the last stage to be carried out which we hope to complete in September. If there is anyone out there you know who could avail of this service which is a 'phone call weekly to someone feeling lonely, isolated or just needs a bit of companionship, please do not hesitate to contact Margaret on 087 973 147

Write by the Sea Kilmore Quay

This year's WBTS festival takes place from September 22nd to 26th. festival@writebythesea.ie writebythesea.ie