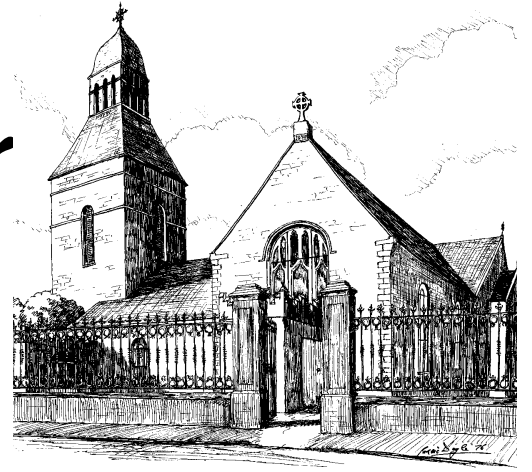


# Kilmore Parish Newsletter



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## Church notices

This Sunday: 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time and World Day of Grandparents.

### Weekend Masses and Anniversaries

#### Saturday: 6.00pm Kilmore Quay

✠ July 24th. We pray for the soul of **Marty Marshall** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

✠ July 31st. We pray for all deceased clergy and religious of the parish.

#### Saturday: 7.30pm Tomhaggard

✠ July 24th. We pray for the soul of **Eddie Kirwan**, Pludboher, whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Minister of the Word: **Cassie Norfield**.

✠ July 31st. We pray for all deceased clergy and religious of the parish.

Minister of the Word: **Paula Hore**.

#### Sunday: 10.00am Kilmore

✠ July 25th. We pray for the souls of **Tom and Kathleen Power**, Árdeen, Clongaddy, **Gerry and Peter Bates**, **Margaret and Jack Bates**, **Martin and Jess Carthy**, Rackardstown, and **Peter and Teresa Egan**, Oranmore, Co Galway, all of those whose anniversaries occur at this time. We also pray for the soul of **Paul Younger**, Gloucestershire (formerly Kilmore) who died recently. May he rest in peace.

Minister of the Word: **Frank Lonergan**.

Minister of the Eucharist: **T J Power**.

✠ August 1st. We pray for the souls of **Bridie Bates**, The Hill, **Patrick Bates**, Woodville, Kilmore, and his son **Michael**, Tullibards, and **V Rev Fr Hugh O'Byrne** all of whose anniversaries occur at this time.

Minister of the Word: **Pat Byrne**.

Minister of the Eucharist: **Marion McGlynn**.

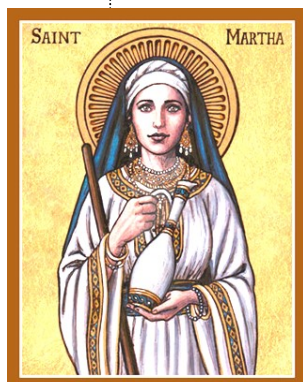
#### Sunday: 11.30am Mulrankin

✠ July 25th. We pray for the soul of **Betty Wall** whose anniversary occurs at this time. We also pray for the soul of **Carmel Giltrap**, Bridgetown who died recently. Deepest sympathy to all her family. May she rest in peace.

Minister of the Word: **Mary Doyle**.

✠ August 1st. We pray for all deceased clergy and religious of the parish.

Minister of the Word: **Aidan Miskella**.



## St Anne's Novena

The Annual Novena to St Anne continues in Tomhaggard this weekend.



Times of Masses:

☐ **Saturday** 24th at 7.30pm; Fr Pat Mernagh.

☐ **Sunday** 25th at 2.00pm; Patron Mass celebrated by Fr Michael Hore.

☐ **Monday** 26th at 7.30pm; closing Mass with Fr Pat Mernagh and Fr Michael Hore.

Please note that all the graves in the graveyard have been blessed by Fr Pat during the week. All Masses will be celebrated outdoors in the Grotto area in accordance with Covid restrictions. It will also be possible for people to remain in their cars and tune their car radio in to our short-range FM radio transmitter on 105.60

## The 2021 Olympic Games

Best of Luck to THE IRISH TEAM who are now in Tokyo, for the 2021 Olympics. We are breaking all records with the biggest ever delegation

according to the Olympic Federation of Ireland (OFI). In total there are 116-athletes on the final list to represent

Ireland. This strong team is by some distance the biggest team ever to represent Ireland. The previous high was in 1948, when 81 athletes represented Ireland in London 1948. Best of luck to them all.



## Saint of the Week: St Martha

The gospel of Luke includes what is arguably the most well-known story of Martha and her sister Mary, when they have Jesus to their home for dinner. Martha likely felt slightly flustered before his arrival, making sure everything was tidy and in order. Once he arrived, she was still

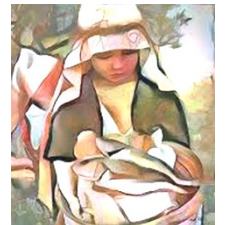
busy preparing the food. As a hostess, Martha was striving to ensure that Jesus felt welcomed and at home in her house, and was upset that Mary did nothing to help her. Such a request does not seem unreasonable, and Jesus understands that Martha's concern is legitimate. Yet he reminds her that while she is "anxious and worried about many things," Mary's desire to learn from Jesus is "the better part".

This account in Martha's life reminds us not to become anxious about the things we're facing to our spiritual detriment. Martha was so concerned with serving Jesus and those around her that she missed out on the opportunity to learn from him.

## Reflection on the Gospel

In today's Gospel Jesus performs the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. It is, of course, a symbol of the Eucharist; there are deliberate signals that this is so. This incident is memorable, but it pales in significance when compared to the wonder of the Eucharist.

The small offering of the young man fed the people. God can make much of what we offer. Our attempts to live in his love and follow him are nothing without him. We never know where our efforts to love, to help, to support others may bear fruit. The miracle Jesus performed with the loaves and fishes convinced the large crowds who were following him that he was the prophet they were seeking. His teaching, healing, and feeding of the multitude made a profound impact on them and revealed his divine presence. Jesus is present in the everyday encounters of my life. He is present in those I



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meet every day; and especially in the poor, the marginalised, and those in need of my help. When I open my heart and reach out in compassion and love to them, I am also meeting Jesus.

### First Friday calls in August

Please note the following change of date for First Friday calls in August. Fr Pat will bring Holy Communion to people in the Kilmore Quay area on Thursday August 12th and Kilmore on Friday, August 13th. Sr Mary will bring Holy Communion to people in the Mulrankin area on Thursday, August 12th and Tomhaggard on Friday August 15th.

### Christian Media Trust

The following Christian Media Trust programmes are on South East Radio 95.2-96.4fm.

- \* Simply Divine, Saturday 24th July 10.04am-10.30am. Heather Hadrill speaks with Catherine Wiley, founder of Catholic Grandparents Association about the first World Day for Grandparents and the elderly.
- \* Sounds For Sunday, 25th July 9.04am-10.00am. Sounds for Sunday is presented by Patricia McNally, with reflection from Reverend Canon Ian Cruickshank, and includes requests, hymns and sacred songs. The text line for requests is 089 270 0688 (by Wednesday beforehand please).
- \* Sunday Mass 25th, July 10.00am. St Mary's and St Michael's Church, New Ross.
- \* Sunday Reflection, 25th July 8.30pm-9pm. Betty Breen shares music and reflections for grandparents day.

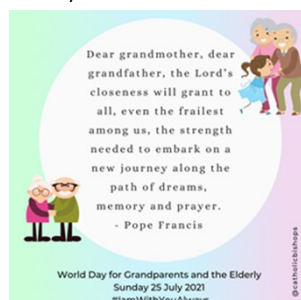


### Gluten-free hosts

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.

### Today is World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

A warm welcome for the first World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Bishop Denis Nulty, chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family has welcomed Pope Francis' World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, as a timely reminder for the whole Church to be



close to all the elderly and grandparents at this time of pandemic. Bishop Nulty said, "There have been so many unsung heroes and

## Pope Francis' Message for the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 'I am with you always'

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heroines during the pandemic – grandparents and elders, including our older priests and religious – all who are to be applauded for how they have coped with the challenges and uncertainty brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic. As a society we have learned a lot from their stoicism and pragmatism in the face of so many challenges.

"Throughout his papacy Pope Francis has reminded us to value the many gifts of grandparents and the elderly. In his theme chosen for this inaugural year, I am with you always, the Holy Father is highlighting that promise of closeness that generations share with each other. "In the text of his inaugural message Pope Francis expands on this theme and assures us that he has been close to all those who have felt isolated and alone in recent months and that, even at the darkest of moments, the Lord continues to send angels to console our loneliness and to remind us that 'He is with us always'.

Pope Francis tells us that these angels sent to console us will at times have the face of our grandchildren, while at other times, the face of family members, lifelong friends or those we have come to know during these trying times, when we have learned how important hugs and visits are for each of us."

Bishop Nulty concluded, "The World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly is being celebrated for the first time this year as part of a special Year on the Family to mark the fifth anniversary of Pope Francis' Apostolic Exhortation The Joy of Love (*Amaris Laetitia*). I would love to see parishes in every diocese across the country celebrating grandparents, elders, not forgetting our older priests and religious, who have given lives of dedicated service to their families and communities. I would also encourage parishes to ensure that



their local nursing care home is included in this annual celebration."

### Parish weekday Masses

Weekday Masses Tuesday to Friday inclusive in Kilmore church, 10.00am each morning. Rosary each morning at 9:30am.

### Welcome visitors

We welcome any visitors to our parish this weekend. We hope you enjoy your stay with us and return home refreshed, renewed and ready for the next part of life's journey.

### 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).

### 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.

## Community notices

### The Ballycogley Players are back!

The Ballycogley Players are back! We present for your enjoyment, four plays performed in outside theatre! "Where is this Malabar" directed by Fintan Murphy, "Lockdown" directed by Breda Hayes and Seán Carthy, "Give a little love" directed by Breda Hayes and "Lovers winners" directed by Breda Hayes and Annette Dupuy. Tickets are €10 each and pre-booking is essential. The dates and contact numbers for booking are: Tomhaggard 28th and 29th of July: 085 150 6791. Our Lady's Island 4th and 5th of August: 087 673 3575, and Piercestown 12th and 13th of August: 085 151 0236. We are so excited to see you in our audiences and keep your fingers crossed for good weather!

