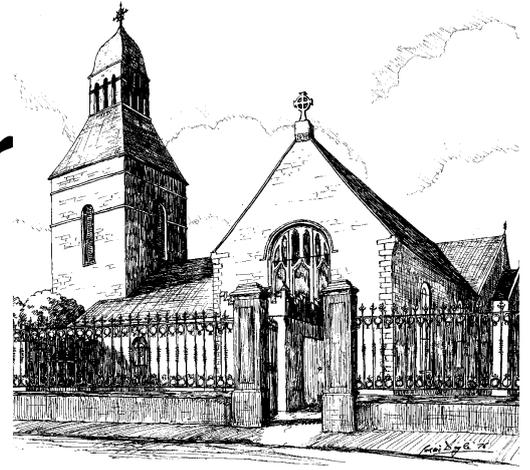


# Kilmore Parish Newsletter



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## Church notices

### Weekend Masses and Anniversaries

First Sunday in Advent 2021.



#### Saturday: 6.00pm Kilmore Quay

✠ November 27th. We pray for the soul of **Paddy Barry**, Grange, whose anniversary occurs.

✠ December 4th. We pray for the souls of **Bill Roche**, Neamstown, whose month's mind occurs at this time, **Peg Benson**, Newtown, Kilmore Quay, whose first anniversary occurs, and **John Moore** and **Margaret White**, Kilmore Quay, **Thomas Howlin**, Maynooth and Kilmore Quay, and **Vincent Mathers**, Dublin, all of whose anniversaries occur.

#### Saturday: 7.30pm Tomhaggard

✠ November 27th. We pray for all our departed loved ones.

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

✠ December 4th. We pray for the souls of **Joan and Paddy Murphy**, Tenacre, and deceased family members whose anniversaries occur.

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

#### Sunday: 10.00am Kilmore

✠ November 28th. We pray for the soul of **Jimmy Cousins**, The Hill whose anniversary occurs.

Minister of the Word: **Máire Fortune**.

Minister of the Eucharist: **Teresa McDonnell**.

✠ December 5th. We pray for **Tommy Cousins**, Ballask, his parents **Jack and Johanna Cousins**, Ballyharty, and **Nigel Hoddell**, The Hill, all of whose anniversaries occur. We also pray for the soul of **Tom Power**, Drinagh, and late of Kilmore, who was buried in Piercestown on Friday last, and for the soul of **Tony Power** late principal of Bridgetown College who died on Friday. Deepest sympathies to all his family at this time.

Minister of the Word: **Joe Maddock**.

Minister of the Eucharist: **Margaret Byrne**.

#### Sunday: 11.30am Mulrankin

✠ November 28th. We pray for the souls of **John and Rosie Miskella**, and their

daughter, **Eileen**, whose anniversaries occur. We also pray for the soul of their son, **Tim**, whose ashes will be buried later today.

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

✠ December 5th. We pray for the soul of **Kay Sinnott**, Harpoonstown, whose month's mind occurs, and **Pat Hogan**, Ballylibernagh, whose anniversary occurs.

Minister of the Word: **Sharon Warburton**.

### 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

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:

a) 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.

- b) 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?"
- c) 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.

### First Friday Communion Calls

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

### Farewell Gift for 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.

### Visit of Bishop Ger Nash

We warmly welcome Bishop Ger to Kilmore Parish next weekend, December 4th & 5th for his first pastoral visit. He will visit our four churches, Kilmore, Kilmore Quay, Mulrankin and Tomhaggard.

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### The Parish Shop is open each day

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 Tuesday to Friday from 10.30am to 1.00pm.

### Lotto results

This week's winning Lotto numbers were 4, 5, 12 and 13. There was only one match-three winner. Next week's 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.

### Pope Francis' intention for December



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.

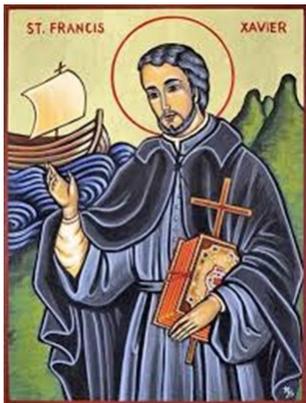
### Wexford Carer of the Year Award

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.

### Saint of the Week: St Francis Xavier

Feast: December 3rd. 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 December 3rd, 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.

### Parish weekday Masses

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

"The earth will not continue to offer its harvest, except with faithful stewardship. We cannot say we love the land and then take steps to destroy it for use by future generations."

-John Paul II



### 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 will go live 15 minutes before Mass. To access Mass on the Parish Radio tune into 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).

## Community notices

### Tomhaggard Pastoral Committee

There will be a meeting of Tomhaggard Pastoral Committee on Thursday 2nd December at 7pm.

### Lifeboat shop is open

The lifeboat shop in Kilmore Quay is open every fine Saturday and Sunday for the sale of Christmas cards, calendars and presents. Cards are also in some local shops and can be got from Johnny Moore 087 752 3611 or Anne McMorris 087 293 8135. Also, there is a RNLI Christmas Raffle. Tickets are on sale for lots of prizes and cost €2 each, or three for €5. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

### Kilmore Active Retirement AGM

Kilmore Active Retirement Association will hold its annual general meeting on Thursday 2nd 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 prospective members who will be made welcome at the meeting.

### Tomhaggard 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.

### 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 087 973 1471 or the Kilmore Parish Office, Fr Pat or Sr Mary.

### Kilmore Camogie Club notes

Our Junior A Kilross Gaels women are in a semi final on Sunday 5th of December. They will be playing the Rapparees in Bellfield at 3:00. All support would be greatly appreciated.

Please check our social media pages for further updates on fixtures and club news.

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Items for publication in the 'Community notices' section of this newsletter are welcome and should be submitted before 12 noon on Friday. Requests to receive the newsletter by email are also welcome. 'Phone Jim at 086 163 7199 or email him at [kilmorenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:kilmorenewsletter@gmail.com).