

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

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.

Domestic Abuse

You do not have to live with control and abuse in your home, Support is right here in your community. Visit www.safeireland.ie to find your local service or call the National Abuse Helpline 1800 341 900

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

But it is we who have changed everything. It is we who are destroying nature and it is destroying us only in return. Until we protect every little thing on earth, nature cannot protect us. (Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy, *Gardening the Soul*).

Congratulations!

Huge Congratulations to all those in Bridgetown Community College who were involved in the wonderful production of "Sister Act Jr." in the National Opera House on Wed. & Thurs of last week. The dedicated work over months of preparation, both by those on stage and many others behind the scenes, contributed to an outstanding and thoroughly enjoyable performance. Well done to all concerned!

Active Retirement

Kilmore ARA held a belated spring lunch in Mary Barry's on Wednesday afternoon last at which there was a good attendance. All enjoyed a beautiful meal and all were in praise of the management and staff for their courtesy and attention to our needs. Our next meeting will be on Thursday 2nd June at 7-30 in the AOH Hall, Bridgetown at which activity for the summer months will be planned. After the meeting, there will be a talk on security in the home by the community Garda and this talk will be open to the public, so put the date in your diary as a reminder.

Community Park

Congratulations to Wexford County Council and its councilors, and to all members of the Bridgetown Community Development Group and all members of the local Community in Bridgetown who will have their Community Park Officially opened next Friday in Bridgetown at 2pm.

Bridgetown Information & IT Centre

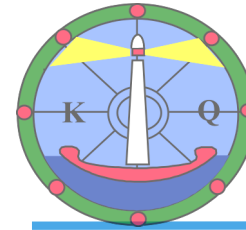
Information & Resource Office is open in the AOH Hall Mon – Wed 9am – 4pm. All office services available, printing, photocopying, scanning, laminating and emailing. All Social Welfare forms are available and assistance in completing them if needed. IT Room with 5 computers and printer available for public use. Library open Mon – Wed 2pm – 4pm. We have books for all age groups and all categories, e.g. fiction, crafts, gardening, cookery, sport, autobiographies, thrillers, and also a children's section. Library is free of charge; all we ask is a small donation towards the upkeep of the service. Why not call in have a chat and browse the services we have on offer.

Kilmore B-Friending

Kilmore B-Frienders are here to help you combat loneliness, isolation, feelings of depression or just a friendly ear to listen to your fears and worries. It can be easier for people to chat to an individual outside their family circle. You do not have to be alone to feel loneliness etc. you can be from a large family and still feel down and need someone to talk to. All the volunteers are Garda vetted and trained. It is a strictly confidential service. If you have any fears or worries please reach out for help and support, do not suffer alone. You can contact Margaret on 087 9731471, the parish office 053 9135181, Fr Pat on 086 2256794, or Sr Mary on 053 9129638 or 087 6784830.

Community Lotto

Lotto Numbers were 16-21-29-30. Two match 3 Winners to share €200. No Jackpot Winner- Next week's Prize Jackpot is €7,200.



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



Sixth Sunday of Easter May 22nd 2022

Reflection on the Gospel for the 6th Sunday of Easter



We are, as never before, a pilgrim people, on the move. We need faithful friends who travel with us. In today's gospel, Jesus alerts his disciples to his imminent departure, his ascension into heaven. He doesn't say *Adieu* but *Au revoir*. "I am going away, but I shall return." We never really say goodbye to God, for God always goes with us.

God keeps his promise to be with us always. He will always keep his side of the bargain. It is up to us to keep ours. And when we come to the end of our pilgrimage here on earth and have to say our last goodbye, it will be literally *Adieu*, "going to God."

Patron in Kilmore next Sunday

We look forward to gathering next Sunday the 29th of May to honour all those we have loved in this life by praying at their graveside and remembering their love. As we take time to remember our Loved Ones, we are asking you to think of those who have no one to remember them. We are encouraging you to have a look this week at a grave near your family grave that perhaps has not seen a flower all year, and maybe you might put a little flower on their grave this year to show they are not forgotten.

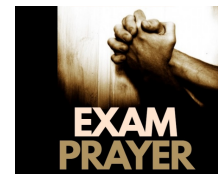
We invite all members of our parish choirs from Kilmore Quay, Mulrankin, Tomhaggard and Kilmore to be part of our Joint Choir beside the Mass Trailer on the day to raise our voices to Almighty God. We are asking all Ministers of the Eucharist who are available to please call the office so we can roster you on the day. The Normal Collection for our Cemetery will take place on this day and this collection goes to paying for the upkeep of our cemetery and keeping it beautiful as a place of sanctuary and Peace. The annual Field Day will be held after the Patron in the School, and all are Invited.



Unless you allow a very small child to do things for itself, to feed itself, to walk, to dress itself, to write, to draw, to express itself, it will never develop and become independent and be able to stand up on its own feet, and make its own decisions. You have to stand back and allow it to make mistakes and to take a long time to master what it is learning to do. You have to be very patient and wait and watch, no matter how tempted you are to do it for the child to save time. Open your eyes and realize that life is a classroom in a school, and you are learning all the time. How often do I have to stand back and very lovingly watch you fumbling and struggling with life so that you can learn a vitally important lesson, a lesson never to be forgotten once it has been learnt and mastered? I have infinite love and patience. (Eileen Caddy, *Opening Doors Within*)

Prayer to the Holy Spirit for those doing exams

Spirit of God, in a special way, be with all who are doing exams; Spirit of Wisdom, enlighten students to choose the correct questions. Focus their minds so that they will be able to answer each question clearly & concisely. Spirit of God, grant them peace of mind & calmness of soul; Holy Spirit of Peace & Wisdom, come help them during exams & always. Amen





WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR

KILMORE QUAY: Saturday: 6.00 pm.

- ✚ May 21st: We pray for all **deceased members of the RNLi**.
- ✚ May 28th: We pray for all our departed relatives and friends and all those buried in Kilmore Graveyard.

TOMHAGGARD: Saturday: 7.30pm

- ✚ May 21st. We pray for the souls of **James, Ellen, and Séamús Corcoran**, and **Kathleen Murphy** all of whose anniversaries occur.
- ✚ May 28th: We pray for **Mary Sills**, Gollough whose Months mind occurs and for **Sr. Benedict White & Sr. Gertrude White**, both formerly of Cousinstown and late of India, and for **Peter White**, Moorestown, & **Paddy and Breda Kehoe** Gentstown, all of whose Anniversaries occur. and all our departed relatives and friends and all those buried in Kilmore Cemetery.

KILMORE: Sunday: 10.00 am

- ✚ May 22nd: We pray for **Peter Rowe**, **Pauline Scallan**, Crossfarnogue and **Paddy Maguire**, Tullibards, all of whose Anniversaries occur
- ✚ May 29th: We pray for **Kathleen Jeffers**, whose Anniversaries occur at this time and all our departed relatives and friends and all those buried in Kilmore Cemetery.

MULRANKIN: Sunday 11.30am.

- ✚ May 22nd: We pray for peace all over the world and especially in Ukraine.
- ✚ May 29th: We pray for **Sinead Breen**, Harpoonstown, Bridgetown 3rd Anniversary and all our departed relatives and friends and all those buried in Kilmore Graveyard.
- ✚ 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.

Rosary : The Rosary will be recited every evening at 7pm in Kilmore and at 8pm at St. Anne's Well in Tomhaggard at 8pm each evening except Saturday, where the rosary will be recited before Mass for the month of May. All are Welcome.

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.

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

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 Shop

Shop opens every morning from Tues to Fri. 10.30am to 1.00 pm.

Reminder – All Anniversaries must be booked through the Parish office - so please call into us or phone us to make an appointment to ensure your anniversary appears in the newsletter.

Nine-Day Novena for Life

The Council for Life of the Irish Bishops' Conference has today launched a nine-day Novena of Prayer for Life which will run from Monday 23rd until Tuesday 31st May (Feast of the Visitation). The *Pray for Life Novena* and its associated website www.prayforlife.ie will give people an opportunity be an active part of this new initiative to pray for the protection of human life and to build a culture of life.

Rosary at the Grotto in Tomhaggard

There will be Rosary at the grotto for the month of May: Monday to Friday at 8pm Saturday before Mass, and Sunday at 2pm. We will be praying for our country and for peace in the world.

Ferns Diocesan Submission

The Diocese of Ferns invite you to a meeting to present the Ferns Diocesan Submission to the National and World Synodal Process as requested by Pope Francis. The venue will be the Riverside Park Hotel in Enniscorthy, and the date is Monday, May 23rd at 7.30 pm. All are welcome to attend. If you wish to read the submission in advance of the meeting, also called a Synthesis, then you can do so on the Parish Website www.kilmoreparish.com

Newsletter Notes

Please email notes for the newsletter to Mary Archer at maryokeeffearcher@gmail.com or 0878 2480288 before Friday noon please.

When we come before the tremendous mystery of God, all we can do is mutter. We know whatever just happened is beyond words, beyond proving, and beyond any kind of rational certitude. Our present notion of God is never it, because if we comprehend it, it is not God. (Richard Rohr)



“The Beacon” raised €1520 for Women’s Refuge

“Following a great run of our production of The Beacon by Nancy Harris, we decided to celebrate by having our night out in The Coal Bunker last weekend! We also presented a cheque to The Wexford Women’s Refuge, from our post festival run where we raised €1520, all proceeds going to the Refuge. We were absolutely delighted to be able to help out with raising such vital funds for a very deserving group and we wish them the best with their fundraising efforts! Thank you to everyone who supported us and the charity, we appreciate it very much. Keep an eye on our Facebook and Instagram for more Drama updates and news!”

We all depend on the survival of bees



To raise awareness of the importance of pollinators, the threats they face and their contribution to sustainable development, the UN designated 20 May as World Bee Day.

Bees and other pollinators, such as butterflies, bats and hummingbirds, are increasingly under threat from human activities.

Pollination is, however, a fundamental process for the survival of our ecosystems. Nearly 90% of the world’s wild flowering plant species depend, entirely, or at least in part,

on animal pollination, along with more than 75% of the world’s food crops and 35% of global agricultural land. Not only do pollinators contribute directly to food security, but they are key to conserving biodiversity.

The goal is to strengthen measures aimed at protecting bees and other pollinators, which would significantly contribute to solving problems related to the global food supply and eliminate hunger in developing countries.

We all depend on pollinators, and it is, therefore, crucial to monitor their decline and halt the loss of biodiversity.

This week BEE friendly to our Bees.

Concert for Ukraine next Saturday

Enniscorthy Lions Club, in association with Failte Enniscorthy, is organising an All-Wexford concert in aid of Ukraine Humanitarian Aid in St. Mary’s Church, Enniscorthy, on Saturday night, May 28th, at 8 p.m. Well-known artists from throughout the county are giving their services free of charge to perform at the concert and tickets for the event are presently on sale at €20.00 each from the following venues: The Riverside Park Hotel, Enniscorthy, telephone 053 9237800, Enniscorthy & District Chamber of Commerce, telephone 053 9232006, St. Aidan’s Cathedral Parish Office, telephone 053 9235777, St. Senan’s Parish Office, telephone 053 9261729 , St. Mary’s Church of Ireland, Enniscorthy, (between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. daily), telephone 053 9239009.

Events at the Stella Maris Centre

● Fermenting, Pickling and Dehydrating Workshop, Saturday 28th May, 1-4pm, €25 per person, to book phone 085 286 6925.

● Free Historical Fiction Writing Workshop for 8-12-year olds with author Caroline Busher, Saturday June 11th, 11-12noon. To book contact the Centre by email at manager@stellamariscentre.com or by phone 053 912 9922.

● Free children’s art and gardening workshops led by artist Jeni Roddy in the Community Garden at the rear of the Centre. Wednesday afternoons 4.15pm-5.45pm, 15th, 22nd and 29th of June, 13th, 20th and 27th of July. Open to ages 5 – 12 years. Children will learn about companion planting and explore the idea of companionship. They will sow seeds and harvest crops, grow veggies to create a soup for the older residents of Kilmore that will be shared through the Meals on Wheels programme: share their art through the network and design and create a children’s raised bed in the Community Garden. To book, contact the Centre by email at manager@stellamariscentre.com or by phone 053 912 9922; otherwise Marie on 085 848 7628. * Please note there will be 10 slots available each week, your child does not have to attend every session. We will ask parents to book their child in each week. Funded and supported by Wexford County Council as part of the ‘Creative Communities Programme’.



When: Cruinnio na nOg Saturday June 11th, 11am-12pm
Where: Stella Maris Centre, Kilmore Quay
What: These workshops are suitable for young people aged 8-12 years old.
To Book your free place: Contact the Stella Maris Centre on 053 912 9922 or email manager@stellamariscentre.com
www.creativecommunitieswex.com

Teach your children what we have taught our children, that the earth is our mother. (Chief Seattle).