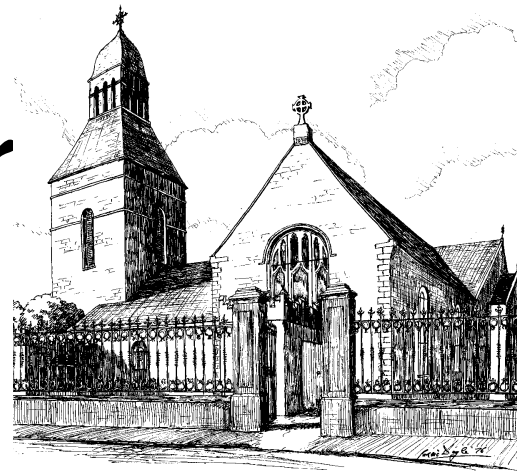


Kilmore Parish Newsletter



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Church notices

Reflection on the Gospel Reading

Today's reading is the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, which is found in Matthew's Gospel.



In this reading we see that the people whom Jesus calls "blessed" and "happy" are not people we think of as blessed or happy — the poor in spirit, the meek, the persecuted. This Gospel is one of reversals. Jesus' blueprint for happiness reflects little of what the world might call happiness. "Blessed" is sometimes translated as happy, fortunate, or favoured. In other words, Jesus is saying that divine favour is upon those who are poor, those who mourn, those who are persecuted. This news might have been welcome—and surprising—to the crowds who heard Jesus that day.

The Beatitudes can be understood as a framework for Christian living. Our vocation as Christians is not to be first in this world, but rather to be first in the eyes of God. Matthew reminds us that those who act in the manner described in the Beatitudes will find their reward with God.

Weekend Masses and Anniversaries

Saturday: 6.00pm Kilmore Quay

- ✠ January 28th. We pray for **Patrick Burke** 10th anniversary and for **James Barry**, Kilmore Quay, 10th anniversary.
- ✠ February 4th. We pray for all the sick who need our prayers.

Saturday: 7.30pm Tomhaggard

- ✠ January 28th. We pray for all musicians and artists.
Reader: **Paula Hore**.
- ✠ February 4th. We pray for our earth that we may care for and respect it.
Reader: **Mary White**.

Sunday: 10.00am Kilmore

- ✠ January 29th. We pray for **Maureen Lambert**, Ballask, whose first anniversary occurs, **Mary and Dick Pierce**, Gollough, **Annie Jeffers**, Mill Road, **Ann Murphy**, Mountpill, **Patrick Mullins and Patrick**

Griffin, Galway, and **Peg Newport** and deceased family members, all of whose anniversaries occur at this time.

- ✠ February 5th. We pray for the souls of **Lil Fortune** whose first anniversary occurs and her husband, **Pat**, Ballyhealy and for **Thomas Power**, Árdeen, Clongaddy, whose 6th anniversary occurs.

Sunday: 11.30am Mulrankin

- ✠ January 29th. We remember all volunteers in our local community.
Reader: **Mary Doyle**.
- ✠ January 29th. Funeral mass for **Joseph Anthony Murphy**, The Dirr, Bridgetown, at 1pm in Mulrankin. Deepest sympathies to all the family on his passing.
- ✠ February 5th. We pray for the souls of **Alice Kehoe**, Bridgetown, and for **Tom O'Leary**, Mill Lane, Bridgetown, both of whose Month's Minds occur at this time.
Reader: **Aiden Miskella**.

Wexford Mental Health Association

Wexford Mental Health Association has arranged a Church Gate Collection to take place this Saturday (28th) and Sunday (29th).

Feast of the Patron Saint of our



Diocese of Ferns

Next Monday, January 30th is the Feast of St Aidan, also known as Mogue, the Patron Saint of our diocese. He was born around 550, probably in Co Cavan. He studied under St David in Wales and on his return to Ireland, founded a monastery in Ferns. He became Bishop there and was renowned for his generosity and kindness. He died in 626.

Mass for the Feast of St Brigid on Wednesday, February 1st

The 10.00 am Mass on Wednesday February 1st will celebrate both the Feast of St Brigid, Patroness of Ireland, and also mark the 50th Anniversary of Scoil Realt na Mara, Kilmore, which opened on February 1st 1973. The Mass will be attended by the school children from 2nd to 6th Class. Everybody is welcome. The Mass will also be broadcast on the parish website www.kilmoreparish.com.

Celebrating Brigid

A celebration of Brigid in music, song, poetry and ritual will take place in Clonard Church at 7.00 pm on Sunday, February 5th at 7.00 pm. All are welcome.

Feast of St Brigid

Wednesday, 1 February 2023, is the Feast of Saint Brigid, Abbess and Secondary Patron of Ireland.

Saint Brigid is renowned for her hospitality, almsgiving and care of the sick.



Saint Brigid

was born in 454 and she went on to found a double monastery in Kildare with the assistance of Bishop Conleth. The Saint Brigid's Cross, in legend used by Brigid to explain the Christian faith, remains a popular sign of God's protection. The Government of Ireland has decided there will be a Bank Holiday to honour St Brigid. From 2023, there is a new annual public holiday in early February to mark St Brigid's Day. The public holiday is the first Monday in February, except where St Brigid's day (1 February) happens to fall on a Friday, in which case that Friday 1 February will be a public holiday.

Spring Clean

Wexford householders are being urged to bring their electrical and electronic waste to a free collection day to help the county meet national e-waste recycling targets for 2023. The event, hosted by WEEE Ireland in partnership with Wexford County Council, takes place on Saturday February 4th at

Room Sale with Neville Hotels

Enjoy a 20% off Bed & Breakfast rates*

*This offer is valid for stays until April 30th 2023

Neville Hotels have properties in four prime locations along Ireland's Ancient East. The Royal Marine Hotel in picturesque Dún Laoghaire along Dublin Bay, Druids Glen Hotel & Golf Resort in the stunning setting in the 'Garden of Ireland' Co. Wicklow, Kilkenny River Court in the heart of vibrant Kilkenny City and the Tower Hotel Waterford bustling centre of historic Waterford City, making them make the perfect choice for holidaying in Ireland this Winter.

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Wexford Racecourse, Bettyville, Newtown Road from 10am-4pm.

All household items with a plug or a battery will be accepted free of charge, including old washing machines, TVs, toasters and kettles, electronic tools and toys, cables, IT equipment, mobile phones, remote controls, and even watches.

Change for booking of Masses

For the booking of all anniversary masses you are requested to please call in to the office in person or phone during office hours as we cannot take bookings outside office hours. Sorry for any inconvenience but this in accordance with GDPR best practice.

Parish Office opening hours

The opening hours for the parish office are from 10.30am to 12.30pm, Tuesday to Friday each day. The parish office phone number is 053 913 5181.

Mass online and via the parish radio

To access Mass on the parish website go to www.kilmoreparish.com. The webcam goes live 15 minutes before Mass. To access Mass on the parish radio tune in to 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

ICA News

The first meeting of the new year for Kilmore Quay ICA will be held on Wednesday February 1st in Stella Maris Centre at 3pm. All members or anyone wishing to join are welcome to attend.

Ballycogley Players update

This coming Friday (February 3rd) we will take to the stage in Our Lady's Island Community Centre for our first pre-festival performance of our full length play 'The Red Iron' by Jim Nolan, which will be directed by Ellen Cloney. We are the first

amateur drama group to perform 'The Red Iron', a new play which was first staged in Waterford, in 2019. In two weeks time, February 15th-17th, we will take to the stage of the National Opera House for our final three pre-festival performances.

❑ Our Lady's Island Community Centre: Friday February 3rd at 8pm, admission is €10 on the door.

❑ National Opera House: Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th & Friday 17th of February at 8pm nightly. Tickets are €15 and can be booked online at www.nationaloperahouse.ie or from the

box office at The National Opera House.

We hope to see you there!

2023 Seafood Festival

Are you interested in being involved in the 2023 Seafood Festival? Kilmore Quay Development Association is looking for volunteers, people to help organise the festival and for brand new ideas. Are you interested in helping deliver the 36th Annual Seafood Festival? If you are, please email secretary@stellamariscentre.com with your details or telephone the Stella Maris Centre on 053 912 9922.

Community lotto draw

The numbers drawn in this week's Lotto were 3, 7, 12, and 24. There were six match-three winners who received €35 and there was no jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot stands at €6,000.

Kilmore B-Friending

Kilmore B-Frienders and Outreach Services 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 087 973 1471, the parish office 053 913 5181, Fr Pat on 086 225 6794, or Sr Mary on 053 912 9638 or 087 678 4830.



Prayer to Saint Brigid
You were a woman of peace.
You brought harmony where there was conflict.
You brought light to the darkness.
You brought hope to the downcast.
May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,
and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.
AMEN
Feast of Saint Brigid
Secondary Patron of Ireland
1 February

Wexford Walking Trails

Riverside walk this Sunday (29th) along the Enniscorthy Riverside Trail. Meet at the Riverside Hotel car park at 2pm. The walk will last approximately one hour. All are welcome. For further information see <https://wexfordwalkingtrail.ie/Trails/enniscorthy-riverside-trail/>.

Kilmore Active Retirement news

The February meeting of Kilmore ARA takes place on Thursday 2nd February in the AOH hall, Bridgetown at 2.30pm. Membership for the year 2023 should be paid at this meeting as we need to register members so that all are covered by insurance for ARA activity.

Plans for future activity will be made at this meeting so all members and intending members should try and attend and contribute to these plans.

Our bowls team were very unlucky in the league game against New Ross last Wednesday as they led by one point going into the final end, but alas New Ross got two in that final end and so won by a point, our team was Margaret Howlin, Agnes Behan, John Foley and Tom Dunne. On Wednesday 1st February the team will be at home in the league to Gorey in the Stella Maris Centre at 2.00pm. We practice every Tuesday night at 7.00pm in the SMC.

We had a lovely afternoon at Quigleys of Kilmore for a coffee afternoon and 20 questions on Thursday 26th. The quiz had a tie for top spot by the teams of Frank Lonergan and Agnes Behan and the team of Seamus Byrne and Tom Dunne, the tie breaker saw Frank and Agnes winning. Our thanks to Quigleys for the hospitality.

Bridgetown Information & IT Centre

The office in the AOH Hall is open Mon-Wed 9am-4pm. Library and IT room also available during these hours. All office services are available, printing, photocopying, laminating, emailing etc. All Social Welfare forms are available. The hall is available for hire for private functions and events. Please call in and see the facilities and services which are available for the general community. All are welcome.

