

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

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/email helpline@alzheimier.ie

Your life is your message to the world. Make sure it's inspiring.

Wexford Festival Singers



BRIDGETOWN INFORMATION & IT CENTRE
OPEN MON-WED 9AM-4PM
PHONE: 053-9176523
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Office services include:
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*Social welfare forms
*Assistance & Advice
*B-friending & Outreach Program
*Donation based Library, No sign up required (Mon-Wed Open 2-4pm)
*IT ROOM (2euro per Hour)
*Hall rental (10euro per Hour)

Wexford Festival Singers will perform "*The Seven Last Words of Our Saviour on the Cross*" by Joseph Hayden in Rowe St. Church on Sunday 24th March at 7.30 pm. Tickets €20, Students €10 available from Choir members, Trax Music Shop, Wexford Arts Centre or at the door.

Community Lotto

The numbers drawn in this week's Lotto were 4. 15. 17. 21. There were eight match 3 winners each receiving €25. There was no jackpot winner and next week's jackpot stands at €5600

Birds are messengers of hope, whether it is the majesty and grace of a san on a lake; the extraordinary flight of the wild geese, organised and patterned as the birds make way for one another, waiting for a sick one to recover, and rotating the leadership of the flock; or just the homely drift of sparrows in the garden, twittering with the joy of spring. (Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy, *Gardening of the Soul*)

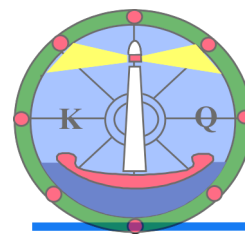
He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf: Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. (Genesis 8;10-11 in Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy's *Gardening the Soul*)



JOIN KILMORE A.C FOR OUR
EASTER CRAFT FAIR
SUNDAY 24TH MARCH
10:30AM-3PM
KILMORE COMMUNITY HALL
WEXFORD

Lots of stalls of local Crafters on display.
Easter Raffle
Lucky dip for the kids
Bunny lotto
Colouring Competition (trial in club)
Tea & Coffee
Baked goods for sale
Prizes for best kids Easter hat.

For more info please whatsapp or call
Mary 087 7564888 or Ann-Marie 087 6550499



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



24th March 2024 – Palm Sunday

Reflection on the Gospel of the Passion for Palm Sunday



The story we hear in the Gospel of the Passion today invites us to identify with those who saw Jesus with the eyes of faith and love, who recognized the light of God in the darkness of Jesus' passion and death. When we look upon the passion and death of Jesus with such eyes, we see a divine love that is stronger than sin, a divine light that shines in all our darkness's, a divine power that brings new life out of all our deaths, a divine poverty that enriches us at the deepest level of our being. We hear the story of Jesus' last journey told in the space of ten minutes. This Holy Week, the church invites us to travel that journey at a much slower pace, day by day as it were. We are invited to enter into that journey with the eyes of the anointing woman, the centurion, Joseph of Arimathea, and the group of faithful women. We look beneath the surface of what is happening, we listen deeply to all that is taking place, so as to recognize the good Shepherd who laid down his life

for us all, so that we might have life and have it to the full. There are moments in the lives of most Christians when they need desperately to cry out with Jesus: "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me", only to find, as Jesus did, that God is listening, and can reverse tragedy. It is above all a comfort to those who find it hard to bear the cross to know that it wasn't easy for God's own son, either.

Holy Week

Holy Week challenges us to step outside ourselves so as to attend to the needs of others: those who long for a sympathetic ear, those in need of comfort or help.

We should not simply remain in our own secure world, that of the ninety- nine sheep who never strayed from the fold, but we should go out, with Christ, in search of the one lost sheep, however far it may have wandered. (Pope Francis)

Times for Easter Ceremonies 2024 in our Parish

Holy Thursday: 7.30 pm Mass of the Lord's Supper followed by Adoration.

Good Friday: 3.00 pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
7.30 pm Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday: 9.00 pm Easter Vigil

Please note that all ceremonies will take place in St Mary's Church, Kilmore. All are welcome.

Easter Sunday: 10.00 am Mass in Kilmore Parish Church
11.30 am Mass in Mulrankin

In life surround yourself with those who light your path



ANNIVERSARIES

KILMORE QUAY: Mass 6pm Saturday.

† March 23rd. We pray for the souls of **Gillian O'Riordan**, Malahide, and **Sr Mairéad O'Riordan**, New Jersey, whose anniversaries occur.

† TOMHAGGARD: Mass on 127th Saturday 7.30 pm.

† March 23rd. We pray for the souls of **Peter Doyle**, Greyrobin, whose 4th anniversary occurs, and **Ann Delaney**, St Anne's Drive, whose 6th anniversary occurs.

KILMORE: Mass Sunday 10am.

† March 24th: We pray for the souls of **Paul Furlong**, Tullibards, whose 1st anniversary occurs, and **Leo and Anna Barry**, Rackardstown, and their son in law Tom Kehoe, whose anniversaries occur now.

† March 31st: We pray for the soul of **Margaret Mc Gee**, Sarshill, whose months mind occurs, for **Teresa Lonergan**, Seaview, Kilmore whose 4th anniversary occurs and for **Nicholas and Margaret O'Neill**, Roches town, Duncormick, whose anniversary also occurs.

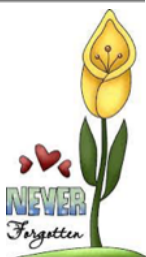
MULRANKIN: Mass Sunday 11.30 am

† March 24th: We pray for all those who are sick in mind or in body in our parish.

† March 31st: We pray for the soul of **Kitty Doyle**, Mulrankin, whose month's mind occurs

We also pray for all our loved ones who have gone before us. May they rest in peace.

When our earthly life is over, all that matters is the love you shared and the difference you made.



Reflection

I can set a little altar, in the world or in my heart. I can stop what I am doing long enough to see where I am, who I am there with, and how awesome the place is. I can flag one more gate to heaven. (Barbara Brown Taylor in *Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations*)

Prayer for Holy Week

Lord God,
We tremble to think
That it was one of Jesus' own friends who betrayed him.
One who sat by him, who broke bread with him.

Give us strength, we pray,
To walk faithfully with Jesus,
Even when the road we walk is rocky
Even when the message of the cross seems like foolishness
And even when we feel betrayed.

You, Lord, are always faithful.
We stumble, we become lost,
But you are steady and sure.

Give us the grace to endure our troubles,
And reveal to us the glory of your kingdom,
Through your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

Our Future Church Envelope Collection

A special envelope collection to help the Diocese to provide training and development for lay people took place last weekend in all our churches. It is not too late to donate to this collection. Envelopes are in all our churches, and you can simply return your envelope "OUR FUTURE CHURCH" anytime this week and place them in the envelope box at the back of all our churches or drop them into the office at your earliest conveyance during the week. Many thanks.

Telephone Numbers of Our Parish Team

V Rev Fr. Patrick Mernagh 086 2256794
Sr. Mary O' Shea (Parish Sister): maryossig@gmail.com (087) 6784830.

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.

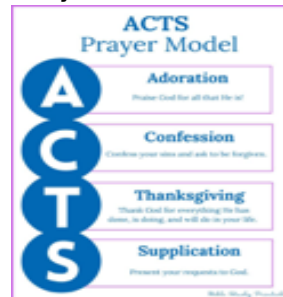
Newsletter

Deadline

Please email notes for the newsletter to Mary Archer on maryokeeffearche.r@gmail.com /087 2480288 before noon on Friday please.



Prayer and Confession



Open Awards: Best Actor - Sean Carthy. We received nominations for: Best Lighting - Nick Hayes Best Set - Murt Cloney, Ken Keena, Paddy McGuire, Gerry Mernagh, Simon Dupuy, Jerry Gardner, Terrence O'Byrne, Tony Walsh, Rory Cassidy and team. Best Presentation Open Awards Nominations: Best Supporting Actor - Shay Hannon . Best Actress - Trish Boyce. Best Actor - Fr Pat Mernagh. Due to the extremely popular demand we have experienced with 'Out of Order', we are delighted to announce that for the first time the group will take to the stage of the O'Reilly Theatre in The National Opera House on, Sunday April 14th, at 7:30pm. Tickets are available on www.nationaloperahouse.ie or by contacting the box office directly. **Tickets for this show are now extremely limited so book now to avoid disappointment**

God of the Cross

God of the Cross tottering down the street on a donkey, you are not the saviour we expect. Your power does not look like the power we want our God to have. Your wisdom makes no sense to us. We are happy to join the crowd waving branches, but not sure we want to follow you through this Holy Week: into the temple courts, into the upper room, into the garden of Gethsemane, to the high priest's house, to the assembly of the elders, to Pilate, to Herod, to the place of the Skull, to the foot of the cross. We need you to go with us on this journey. Grant us clear vision, courageous hearts, persistent steps. Even though we know what this week will bring, we sing: Hosanna, hosanna, Save us we beseech you. Amen. ((Johanna Harader)

As more and more love is released into the world, a wonderful healing is taking place. It is like balm poured into wounds, healing and making whole. Love starts within the individual. It starts in you, and it grows like a seed, bursting forth and revealing great beauty and wholeness. It is what is taking place now. Many souls feel that something is happening to them, but they are bewildered and do not realise what it is. They search without, hoping to find a clue which will show them what is taking place. Other souls feel a stirring but are afraid of what they feel, for it is new, it is strange and unknown, and they try to shut it out. Nothing will be able to stop this release of love. It is like the genie in the bottle, having been released, it cannot be put back again. It cannot be hidden or ignored. Gradually it will begin to reveal itself in everyone. It has come to stay (Eileen Caddy. *Opening Doors Within*)

