

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

New Child Protection Services Update: We wish to thank Seamus for his dedicated and faithful service as our Representative in Kilmore for many years and we now welcome Paul to this new Role which he begins this week. 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: Paul: 087 7745546 (Kilmore area), Pat 087 278 5156 (Tomhaggard/Mulrankin area) and John 087 914 8009 (Kilmore Quay area).

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's 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



Your religion was written on tablets of stone, ours on our hearts. We are part of the earth and the earth is part of us. ~ Chief Seattle



www.nationaloperahouse.ie or by phoning the box office 053 9122144 - the ideal Christmas gift. Our members Christmas party took place last Friday evening, December 12th in Mary Barrys, Kilmore & a great night was had by all. The committee & members of Ballycogley Players would like to wish everyone a very happy & peaceful Christmas & a happy & healthy new year. Thank you for your ongoing support to our group, in particular this year as we celebrated our 50th anniversary. Here's to many more great years of drama & togetherness with Ballycogley Players.

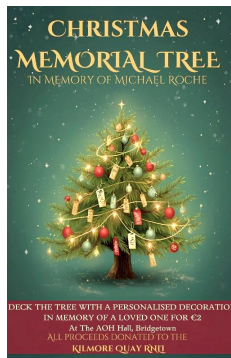
Songs of Love & Folk

We've had to cancel the Hammonds gig due to ill health and hoping to reschedule for February.

Bridgetown College Free Classes

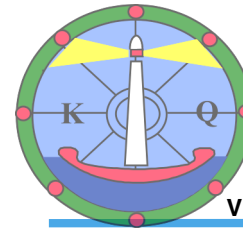
Bridgetown College Home School Community Liaison is delighted to be offering two separate classes for parents/guardians this December. The classes last year were a great success and filled up early so please book without delay to avoid disappointment. The classes are free of charge and all supplies and equipment are provided. The places are limited and must be booked in advance. You can book your place by contacting the school office on 053-913 5257. Festive Wreath Making, Monday 15th December 11:30am – 1:30pm. Classes will take place in the school and light refreshments will be served

Michael Roche memorial evening



Kilmore Scope warmly invites you all to attend a Christmas Social Evening in memory of Michael Roche on Thursday December 18th, 6pm-8.30pm at The AOH Hall in Bridgetown. There will be a Memorial Tree where members of the public can purchase a decoration, personalise it and place it on the tree for €2, plenty of tea, coffee and festive treats to be had, and our Christmas Raffle will be drawn on the night. We've had some fantastic prizes donated already from a number of kind businesses in the parish. All proceeds raised will be donated to the Kilmore Quay RNLI where Michael served for a number of

years. Tickets for the raffle are available to buy from Monday Dec 1st at the AOH Hall, €2 each or three for €5. Decorations for the Memorial Tree will be available to buy from Monday Dec 15th



NEWS & REFLECTIONS

St Peter's Church

Kilmore Quay

Co Wexford

V Rev Fr. Patrick Mernagh: 086 2256794



14th December 2025 – Third Sunday of Advent

We discover summer in winter when we take the time to develop our capacity and readiness to do so

Reflection on the Gospel – 3rd Sunday of Advent (Year A)

The Third Sunday of Advent, often called Gaudete Sunday, invites us to pause in the midst of our Advent



waiting and rejoice. In the Gospel, John the Baptist is in prison and sends his disciples to ask Jesus, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus responds not with a direct "yes" or "no," but by pointing to the signs of the Kingdom: the blind see, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor receive good news. His answer reminds us that God's presence is revealed in actions of healing, restoration, and hope — not just in words. John's question reflects our human experience of uncertainty. Sometimes, like John, we may feel imprisoned by doubt, hardship, or waiting. Yet Jesus' reply invites us to look for God's work in the world around us — in acts of compassion, in moments of reconciliation, in the quiet persistence of hope. Gaudete Sunday's rose-coloured candle and symbolize joy rooted in the assurance that God is always at work in the world. May this week's Gospel encourage us to open our eyes to the signs of God's Kingdom in our daily lives, and to become those signs for others through kindness, justice, and love.



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CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

Christmas is a time of wonder – but for some, it is a time of worry.

CHURCH GATE COLLECTIONS:
SATURDAY 13TH DECEMBER
AND SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Please donate to SVP today and make this Christmas one they'll never forget:

Kilmore Parish

Christmas Mass Times 2025

Christmas Eve

5.00 PM: Mass in Kilmore
6:00 PM: Tomhaggard
7:00 PM: Kilmore Quay
9.00 PM: Kilmore

Christmas Day.

8.00 AM: Mass Rock,
11.30 AM: Mulrankin

St Stephens Day

11 AM Kilmore Church.

Normal Mass times apply for the weekend after Christmas Day.

Wishing all our parishioners a very happy and holy Christmas.



WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR

KILMORE QUAY: Saturday: 6.00 pm.

† **Dec 13th:** We pray for the soul of **Rose Culleton Keating**, Bray and Kilmore Quay, whose month's mind occurs now. We offer our Sympathies to the Bates family also at this sad time as we remember **Dec Bates** in our prayers today. May he rest in Peace.

† **Dec 20th:** We pray for the soul of **Robert Moore**, The Beake, whose anniversary occurs now. We pray for the **deceased members of the RNLI** and **Vinny Sinnott**, Kilmore Quay at this time.

TOMHAGGARD: Saturday: 7.30pm.

† **Dec 13th:** We pray that this season of Advent will bring people closer to God and renew their faith.

† **Dec 20th:** We pray for the soul of **Phil Kirwan**, Randalstown, whose month's mind occurs now.

KILMORE: Sunday: 10am.

† **Dec 14th:** We pray for the soul of **Peter Caulfield**, Ballyhealy, whose 3rd anniversary occurs now, **Nellie & John Murphy**, Moortown, whose anniversaries occur now and the **deceased members of the Murphy and Roche families** and **Billy Lambert**, Rackardstown, whose anniversary occurs now.

† **Dec 21st:** We pray for **Mick and Statia Purcell**, Duncormick, **Willie Whelan**, Saltmills and **Joe Sinnott**, Seaview at this time. We also pray for the soul of **Phyllis Bates**, The Hill, whose anniversary occurs now.

MULRANKIN: Sunday 11.30am

† **Dec 14th:** We pray for the soul of **Anne Sinnott**, Mulrankin, whose 5th anniversary occurs now. We pray for the soul of **Mary Cassidy**, Bridgetown, whose funeral mass takes place here in Mulrankin at 1pm Mass on Sunday 14th followed by burial in Kilmore cemetery.

† **Dec 21st:** We pray for people living on their own this Christmas and may be spending Christmas day alone, may God be with them and bring them peace and contentment.

† 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.

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

Sometimes the strongest women are the ones who love beyond all faults, cry behind closed doors, and fight battles that nobody knows about.

Reflection

Let Advent be a call to our inner child to recapture the spontaneity, trust and truthfulness that are the gift of the Child Jesus.

Parish Office

**Kilmore Community Choir
Proudly Presents**

**A Little Bit of
Pear-Tree Partridge**

**A concert to warm
your hearts this Christmas!**

**Friday 19th Dec, 7pm
St Mary's Church, Kilmore**

Proceeds to Kilmore Quay RNLI
& Kilmore First Responders

The Parish office is open Tuesday to Friday after 10am Mass to 1pm for booking anniversary masses, baptisms etc. Mass cards, various greeting cards, baptismal candles and other religious objects on sale. Tel: 053 91 35181.

**Click to see
More on our
website**

The photos of the memorable occasion held in St Peter's Church, Kilmore Quay recently to mark the 150th anniversary of the Church are now available to view on the Kilmore Parish Website – go to www.kilmoreparish.com, click on right hand side at top, and then click on 150 years photos KQ.

Dates for the Diary this Week.

Blessing of the Christmas Tree in AOH Hall, Bridgetown at 6 pm on Thursday 18th December.
Kilmore Parish Community Choir Concert in St Mary's Church, Kilmore on Friday 19th December at 7pm.

Christmas Communion Calls

We will visit people in Kilmore Quay and Mulrankin on Wednesday, December 17th and people in Kilmore and Tomhaggard on Thursday, December 18th. If you know anyone who would like to be added to our list for Communion Calls, please ring my mobile at 086 2256794 as the parish phone is still out of order.

Newsletter Notes

Please email notes for the newsletter to Mary Archer at maryokeeffearcher@gmail.com or phone 087 2480288 before Friday noon. Thank you.

"I believe that when death closes our eyes, we shall awaken to a light of which our sunlight is but the shadow." (Schopenhauer).

Your job is not to judge. Your job is not to figure out if someone deserves something. Your job is to lift the fallen, to restore the broken and to heal the hurting.



Happy Birthday Joe

Joe Bates – We Congratulate Joe Bates who reached the Age of 99 Years on Thursday last. A Great party was held in Knockeen Nursing home with all his family to mark the occasion and we wish to add our greetings and blessings at this time also. Congrats Joe.

Tomhaggard Women's Shed

Following their recent coffee morning, we wish to thank everyone for their support. We are delighted to be able to donate €500 to our local Meals on Wheels service.

Kilmore Parish Journal On Sale

The 54th. Edition of Kilmore Parish Journal is now on sale. The Journal was launched on Friday evening, December 5, 2025, by folklorist and artist Mr. Michael Fortune in the Stella Maris Centre, Kilmore Quay. Kilmore Parish Journal records the history, traditions, life and sporting achievements of the Kilmore Parish community. The Journal is now on sale in most shops in the community and in bookshops in Wexford town. Enjoy reading it.

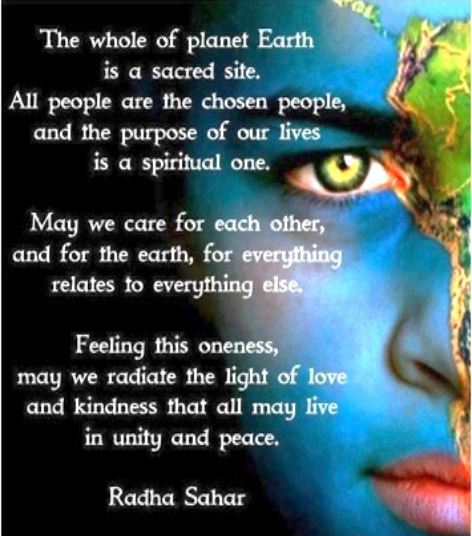
Wedding Bells

Congratulations to David Moore and Rebecca Crosbie who were married in Kilmore on Friday. Best wishes to them and their family at this time.

Community Lotto

The numbers drawn in this week's Lotto were 4. 6. 15. 24. There were 5 match 3 winners each receiving €50. There was no jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot stands €6200

It is when I work in and through open and willing channels that amazing happenings can come about. All those souls who see them come about can see my hand in them and realise that of themselves they would be incapable of doing them. They know that I am indeed working in and through them, and in the way they come to know me and to love me. Therefore, never fail to give thanks for everything that is taking place in your life. Keep your heart open and your mind uncluttered by negative thoughts so that no time need be wasted clearing away old thought forms which can hold up the progress of the new. Always remember that simplicity is my hallmark. Therefore, when life becomes too complicated for you, you may be sure you are off beam and need to get back on it as quickly as possible. Be like a little child, simple and uncomplicated and enjoy life to the full. (Eileen Caddy, *Opening Doors Within*).




The whole of planet Earth
is a sacred site.
All people are the chosen people,
and the purpose of our lives
is a spiritual one.

May we care for each other,
and for the earth, for everything
relates to everything else.

Feeling this oneness,
may we radiate the light of love
and kindness that all may live
in unity and peace.

Radha Sahar



**Kilmore Parish Christmas
Coffee Morning**

**Tues 16th Dec
Stella Maris
Centre 10.30
following
Mass 10am in
Kilmore Quay**

