

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

All things share the same breath - the beast, the tree, the man. The air shares its spirit with all the life it supports. (Chief Seattle)



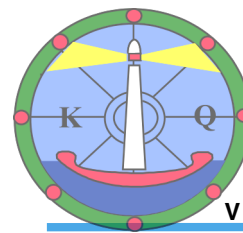
Ballycogley Players Drama Group

On Friday 26th September a night to celebrate 50 years of Ballycogley Players Drama Group took place in The Coal Bunker Bar, Drinagh, a fabulous night was had by all and a warm welcome was given by Chairman Gerry Mernagh. It was fantastic to see such a great turnout of both past & present members along with some of our friends from Bridge Drama, Kilmuckridge Drama Group, Wayside Players & Camross Drama Group. Lots of reminiscing & lovely chats of years gone by took place and we remembered those who were such a special part of our group who are gone to their eternal reward. Special thanks to Drama League of Ireland Chairperson, Mary Newman who travelled from Naas to join in the celebrations and also Rachel Hickey, Chairperson of The Leinster Branch of the Amateur Drama Council of Ireland. Chairman of The Rosslare Municipal District, Ger Carthy & Councillor Jim Codd were also in attendance and we appreciate their support. Entertainment on the night was provided by Stephen Murphy who kept us all in suitable party mode. Thanks to our resident photographer, Finola Walsh who took some super snaps on the night. Group member & chef extraordinaire, Edward Hayden baked a delicious cake to mark the celebration.

Many thanks to Larry Coleman & his staff at The Coal Bunker Bar for looking after us so well. Rehearsals for our Autumn Schedule of short extracts and one act play are underway and are going well. Performance dates are as follows: 29th & 30th Oct Wexford Arts Centre, 2nd Nov Carrig on Bannow Community Centre, 7th Nov Our Lady's Island Community Hall, 9th Nov Rathangan Hall, 14th Nov Ballycogley Hall & 16th Nov Stella Maris Centre, Kilmore Quay. Auditions have taken place for next year's full length circuit play "All My Sons" by Arthur Miller, directed by Brigid Scully with the cast to be announced very soon.

Community Centre Car Park

The Community DA is very pleased to confirm receipt from WCC of the Notification of planning permission for a car park at the Stella Maris Centre. We hope to receive the final permission shortly. This permission will allow the community to avail of funding of €30k approx from the Walking Trail grant towards this car park subject to An Bord Pleanála upholding WCC decision to award the Walking Trail Permission OR if the appeal is withdrawn as requested by the community. We will keep the community updated.



NEWS & REFLECTIONS

St Peter's Church

Kilmore Quay

Co Wexford

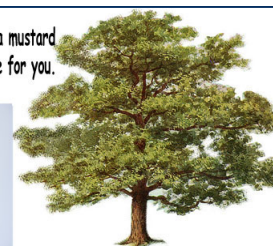
V Rev Fr. Patrick Mernagh: 086 2256794



27th Sunday in ordinary Tme – 5th October 2025

Reflection on the Gospel for the 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, nothing will be impossible for you.



In our gospel reading today, the Apostles ask Jesus to increase their faith. The faith they asked for, and the faith we, too, need, is not primarily a better knowledge of Christian doctrine or the teachings of the Church. It is something more important. It is trust and confidence in the presence of God, especially when things go wrong and God seems far away. In answer to the Apostles request for a greater faith, Jesus answers not with a promise of greater miracles, but with a vivid image of a mustard seed. Even a small seed of faith can uproot a mulberry tree and plant it

in the sea. The second theme in today's Gospel is the theme of service: the kind service that does not seek any recompense; the kind of service that is based on a relationship of unconditional trust and love. Jesus uses the example of the service of a slave, but a better example is that of Jesus himself. At his last Supper with his disciples, he said: 'I am among you as one who serves' (Mk 22:27), and, to show what he meant, he washed his disciples' feet – the action of a slave. And he commanded us, his disciples, to do likewise.

Volunteers Needed

We are looking for extra volunteers to help out with the flowers for the altar in St Mary's Kilmore on a monthly rota basis – can you give an hour or two? For more details to get involved, can you please contact the Parish

Office on 053 9135181 or call-in during office hours Tues – Fri 10.30 – 12.30 or after 10am Mass on Sunday morning.

A Prayer for Today

'Open our eyes to the needs of all. Inspire us with words and deeds to comfort those who labour and are overburdened. Keep our service of others faithful to the example and command of Christ. Let your Church be a living witness to truth and freedom, to justice and peace that all people may be lifted up by the hope of a world made new. Amen.'

Saint Padre Pio Healing Mass

Individual Blessings with the glove of Padre Pio at St. Aidan's Church, Ferns on Friday, October 17th at 7.30 pm. Confessions will be available throughout. Early attendance is advisable.

I was shown autumn leaves falling from a tree and then a tree stripped from every leaf. I heard the words:

Be not concerned, the life force is within and from that life force the new shall spring forth. Know that the old must die so that the new can be born. (Eileen Caddy, Opening Doors within).

All are invited to our
150th anniversary
Mass

St Peter's Church,
Kilmore Quay
16 October
7:30pm
With Bishop Ger Nash

Supper served after in The
Stella Maris – All are welcome



WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR

KILMORE QUAY: Saturday: 6.00 pm.

- ✠ **Oct 4th:** We pray for the soul of **Rob Whelan**, Libgate, whose 3rd anniversary occurs now. We also remember **Seamus Hagan**, brother of Diana Bates, late of Kilmore Quay who died in England recently. May he Rest in Peace.
- ✠ **Oct 11th:** We pray for the soul of **Anne Kehoe**, Ballyteigue, whose anniversary occurs now.

TOMHAGGARD: Saturday: 7.30pm.

- ✠ **Oct 4th:** We pray for all those who are finding life difficult at the moment, may the Holy Spirit descend on them and give them strength and comfort.
- ✠ **Oct 11th:** We pray for peace in the world; may God inspire all leaders to work towards reconciliation and cease all wars.

KILMORE: Sunday: 10.00 am.

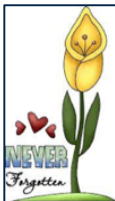
- ✠ **Oct 5th:** We pray for the souls of **Martie Raftery**, The Village and **Billy Power**, Ballyhealy whose anniversaries occur now.
- ✠ **Oct 12th:** We pray for the souls of **Clare Barry**, Ballycross, whose month's mind occurs, **Paul Turner**, The Hill, 1st anniversary, **Frances Moore**, Tullibards, 3rd anniversary, **Breda Whelan**, Rackardstown, 6th anniversary, **Frank Stafford**, Ballygrangans and his daughter in law **Lorraine**, all whose anniversaries occur now.

MULRANKIN: Sunday 11.30am

- ✠ **Oct 5th:** We pray for all those who have been bereaved in the recent months, may God support them in their grief and give them comfort.
- ✠ **Oct 12th:** We pray for the souls of **Pat Corish**, Sweetmount, and **Nick Keating**, Lakelands, whose anniversaries occur now.
- ✠ 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

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

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



Reflection

Rest in the simple house of your heart. Be still and know that I am your loving God. Today all I ask of you is simply to receive my love. Be open to all I wish to give you through simple restful living. How long have I been whispering my invitation to rest. So stop now. Put all haste aside and allow your heart to rest in all my care. Listen now, how much I love your soul. I who created life, placed all my glorious mysteries in fullness, deep within your being. I am in you whispering always, love. Believe and find rest for your soul. (Lorcan Brennan, *Soul Purpose*)

Parish Office



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 35

Upcoming Communion Calls in Our Parish

We will be visiting residents in Kilmore and Kilmore Quay on Thursday, 9 October. Visits to Mulrankin and Tomhaggard are scheduled for Friday, 10 October. If you are unavailable for a visit, please notify the Parish Office in advance.

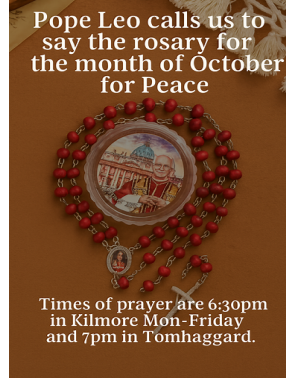
Your job is not to judge. Your job is not to figure out if someone deserves something. Your job is to lift the fallen, to restore the broken and to heal the hurting.

Newsletter Notes

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

When our eyes see our hands doing the work of our hearts, the circle of creation is completed inside us. The doors of our souls fly open and love steps forth to heal everything in sight.

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).



Pope Leo calls us to say the rosary for the month of October for Peace

Times of prayer are 6:30pm in Kilmore Mon-Friday and 7pm in Tomhaggard.



For the month of October - we are joining forces with Kilmore Scope to Lend our Support to "THE BIG PINK COFFEE MORNING in the AOH Hall, Bridgetown on the 17th of October from 10am to 1pm to help raise funds for the Irish Cancer Society We would love to see you all there. Please come along and support this great cause.

Prayers for the Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland

All Catholics are invited to pray for a special gathering that will take place in Kilkenny on 18 October, called a Pre-Synodal Assembly of the Catholic Church in Ireland. This assembly is an important juncture on the journey towards a National Synodal Assembly to be held in 2026.

Parish Coffee Morning on the 17th Of October



Bridgetown Public Drop In event – Bridgetown Canal Recreation Opportunities

Wexford County Council and the Bridgetown Steering Group are holding its first "Public Drop-In Event" on Thursday 16th October from 2.30 to 6.00pm in the AOH hall - everyone is very welcome to come along. Initial plans will be on display and the architect team will be in attendance to answer questions on potential proposals for the area focusing on water sports and recreation facilities. Your input and ideas would be very welcome at this event which is a first for Bridgetown.



Congratulations

Congratulations to the Kilmore Camogie Club who were declared the U14 Roinn 2A County Champions, the Parish is very proud of you all. Well done girls.

Tax Relief on Donations – Help Support the Parish

If you're a PAYE or self-assessed taxpayer and donate **€250 or more** in a year (via envelopes or other

means), the Church can **claim tax back from Revenue—at no extra cost to you**. This provides vital financial support for the parish.

Enduring Certificates must now be updated. Copies are available in each Church this weekend—please complete and return to the Parish Office.

New to the scheme? You're warmly invited to sign up using the same certificate or contact Fr. Pat for assistance.

This is a confidential arrangement with Revenue—your personal tax details are never shared

Community Lotto

The numbers drawn in this week's Lotto were 14. 27. 28. 29. There was 1 match 3 winner receiving €200. There was no jackpot winner and next week's jackpot stands at €4200

When Brother Bruno was at prayer one night he was disturbed by the croaking of a bullfrog. All his attempts to disregard the sound were unsuccessful so he shouted from his window, "Quiet! I'm at my prayers." Now Brother Bruno was a saint so his command was instantly obeyed. Every living creature held its voice so as to create a silence that would be favourable to prayer.

But now another sound intruded on Bruno's worship— an inner voice that said, "Maybe God is as pleased with the croaking of that frog as with the chanting of your psalms." "What can please the ears of God in the croak of a frog?" was Bruno's scornful rejoinder. But the voice refused to give up: "Why would you think God invented the sound?"

Bruno decided to find out why. He leaned out of his window and gave the order, "Sing!" The bullfrog's measured croaking filled the air to the ludicrous accompaniment of all the frogs in the vicinity. And as Bruno attended to the sound, their voices ceased to jar for he discovered that, if he stopped resisting them, they actually enriched the silence of the night. With that discovery Bruno's heart became harmonious with the universe and, for the first time in his life he understood what it means to pray. (Anthony de Mello, *Prayer of the Frog*)

