

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@alzheimier.ie

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

Songs of Love & Folk

The Hammonds are a musical family from Bray spanning three generations. They are individual musicians in their own right, but always come back to their roots to sing harmonies together and to the songs they grew up listening to. The Hammonds are delighted to be back playing in the Stella Maris. Expect a cosy evening as they weave their haunting harmonies through Leonard Cohen's varied songbook, Irish folk songs and some festive surprises! Delighted to have support from Ru O'Shea a multi-instrumentalist and singer of folk and traditional music.



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.

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.

- Christmas Cookery, Monday 8th December 11:30am – 1:30pm.
- Festive Wreath Making, Monday 15th December 11:30am – 1:30pm.

Classes will take place in the school and light refreshments will be served.

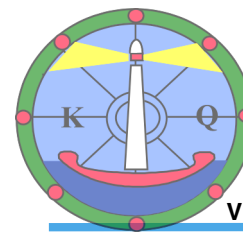
Dates for your diary

- Monday, 8th December – Mass in Kilmore at 6:00pm for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day. This celebration is for everyone in our parish community. All are warmly welcome
- Friday 19th December – Christmas Carol Concert with the Kilmore Community Choir in St Mary's Church. Not to be missed.

Watch this week

On the parish website 'Leo from Chicago' a new documentary about the life of Pope Leo XIV - truly fascinating.

Through Mary's example, God invites us to take the risk of love—even though it undoubtedly opens us up to the possibility of getting hurt, being scared, and feeling disappointed. (Rachel .Held Evans in *Richard Rohr's Daily Meditations* extract).



NEWS & REFLECTIONS

St Peter's Church

Kilmore Quay

Co Wexford

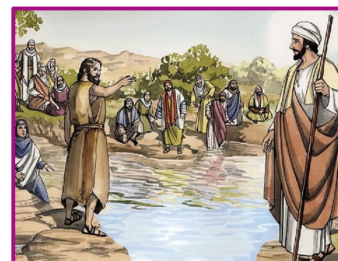
V Rev Fr. Patrick Mernagh: 086 2256794



7th December 2025 – Second Sunday of Advent

Remembering beautiful things has immense healing power: enjoying the red berries of the holly, we forget the thorns. (Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy, *Gardening the Soul*)

Reflection on the Gospel for the Second Sunday of Advent



God chooses all kinds of unexpected people to be his messengers and prophets. He chose John the Baptist – a 'wild man' and rebel, homeless and anti-social, and gruff. He also had a message for his followers, and it was 'repent...'. However, for John, 'repent' meant far more than simply 'saying sorry' and moving on. John did not do grey; for him things were either black or white, take it or leave it. So, when he said to them "Repent" he was telling them that they could not have the Kingdom of God without repentance. However, rather than a God of 'wrath' and 'fire' who would destroy one's enemies, the God Jesus revealed to us was a God of love. The Kingdom revealed by Jesus did not come in power and glory. The Kingdom of God revealed by Jesus was for everyone, without exception. It was for the poor and sick, the persecuted and those treated unjustly, the gentle and meek, the suffering and sinners.

Prayer for the Second Sunday in Advent

Heavenly Father, on this Second Sunday of Advent, we pause in the midst of our busy days to seek Your peace. As we light the second candle, may its gentle flame remind us of the calm and stillness that comes from trusting in You. Prepare our hearts, Lord, to welcome Your Son with joy and humility. Quiet our worries, soften our impatience, and help us to walk in kindness toward others. Let Your peace flow through us into our homes, our communities, and our world. We wait with hope, we live in faith, and we rest in the promise of Your unfailing love. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.



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AND SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER

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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.



WE REMEMBER AND PRAY FOR

**KILMORE QUAY: Saturday:
6.00 pm.**

† **Dec 6th:** We pray for the soul of **John Moore**, The Quay, whose 9th anniversary occurs now and **Margaret White**, Kilmore Quay, whose anniversary occurs now.

† **Dec 13th:** We pray for the soul of **Rose Culleton Keating**, Bray and Kilmore Quay, whose month's mind occurs now.

TOMHAGGARD: Saturday: 7.30pm.

† **Dec 6th:** We pray for the souls of **Joan and Paddy Murphy**, Tenacre, and deceased family members whose anniversaries occur now.

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

KILMORE: Sunday: 10am.

† **Dec 7th:** We pray for the souls of **Tommy Cousins**, Ballask, whose 8th anniversary occurs and we also remember his parents, **Jack and Joanna Cousins**, Ballyharty, at this time.

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

MULRANKIN: Sunday 11.30am

† **Dec 7th:** We pray for the souls of **Mary Murphy and Joseph Murphy, Jr.**, The Dirr, whose 3rd anniversary occurs, **John & Rose Miskella**, Mulrankin, their daughter **Eileen** and son **Tom** and recently deceased **Bridie**. We also remember **Pat Hogan**, Ballylibernagh whose 24th anniversary occurs now.

† **Dec 14th:** We pray for the soul of **Anne Sinnott**, Mulrankin, whose 5th anniversary occurs 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.

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



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

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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to the families of **Saoirse Dorothy Curran, Matilda Faye Grant, Aubrey Willa Grant, Fiadh Miskella, Avry Jacqueline Elizabeth Moore, Teegan Skye Clarke, Kaia Lia Clarke, Riadh Elizabeth Keane, Rua Samantha Kenny and Remy George**, all who were baptised in our Parish over the past four months. May they grow up to be strong in faith and love.

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.

People don't always need advice. Sometimes all they really need is a hand to hold, an ear to listen, and a heart to understand them.



Thought for the day

Living all around us at this moment there are people chosen by God as his messengers and prophets. They probably won't dress or speak in the way we'd like, and they may well say things we don't want to hear or agree with. But they are there, just as John the Baptist was there when he was needed.

Nursing Home Christmas Visits

Plans are in place to visit members from our parish who are in nursing homes this Christmas, if anyone would like a member of their family, a neighbour or friend to be visited, please let the Parish Office know within the next week.

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

Community Lotto

The numbers drawn in this week's Lotto were 1. 15. 17. 30. There were 3 match 3 winners each receiving €70. There was no jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot stands at €6000.

A cobbler came to Rabbi Isaac of Ger and said. "Tell me what to do about my morning prayer. My customers are poor men who have only one pair of shoes. I pick up their shoes late in the evening and work on them most of the night; at dawn there is still work to be done if the men are to have their shoes ready before they go to work. Now my question is: What should I do about my morning prayer?" "What have you been doing till now?" the Rabbi asked. "Sometimes I rush through the prayer quickly and get back to my work—but then I feel bad about it. At other times I let the hour of prayer go by. Then too I feel a sense of loss and every now and then, as I raise my hammer from the shoes, I can almost hear my heart sigh. "What an unlucky man I am that I am not able to make my morning prayer." Said the Rabbi. "If I were God I would value that more than the prayer." (Anthony de Mello, *Prayer of the Frog*).



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Coffee Morning**

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