

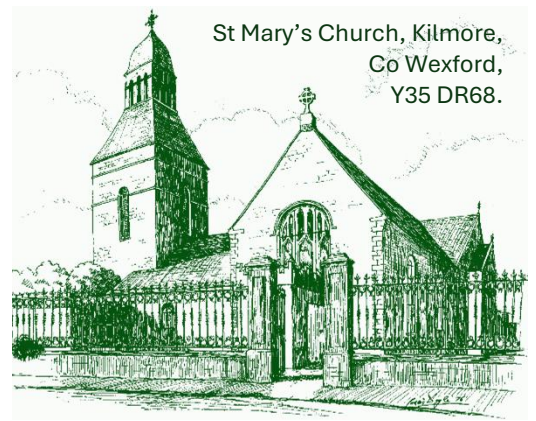
Kilmore Parish Newsletter

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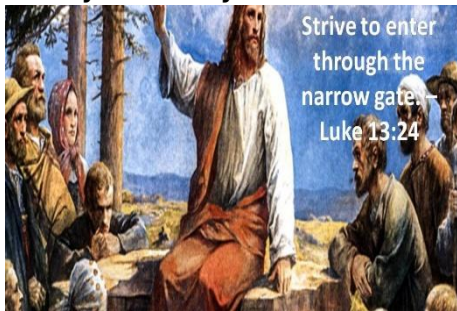
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Newsletter for the weekend of 23-24 August 2025.



Church notices

Reflection on the Gospel for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time emphasizes the importance of making a clear choice and the commitment required to follow God fully. It encourages believers to trust in Jesus even when things are hard and to stick with Him, even when it costs something.

This Sunday serves as a reminder that real faith means enduring and persevering in the face of the challenges of life. The door that Jesus invites us to enter through is himself. He extends an invitation to us to go to him, to pass through this the narrow door to a life of a full, reconciled and happy life.

He awaits each one of us, no matter what sins we have committed and offers us his forgiveness. He alone can give full meaning to our existence, giving us true joy. When we encounter the love and mercy of God, we will see a genuine change in ourselves.

Weekend Masses and Anniversaries

Saturday: 6.00pm Kilmore Quay

✠ August 23rd: We pray for all those returning to school this week, may God guide them in their studies.

✠ August 30th: We pray for all those lost at sea.

Saturday: 7.30pm Tomhaggard

✠ August 23rd: We pray for the soul of **Anna Mary Cogley**, Whitehill, whose anniversary occurs now.

✠ August 30th: We pray for the soul of **Trevor Furlong**, Tomhaggard, whose 20th anniversary occurs now.

Sunday: 10.00am Kilmore

✠ August 24th: We pray for the souls of **Mary Winters**, Mill Road, whose 4th anniversary occurs now, **Johnny Sinnott**, Lannagh, whose 11th anniversary occurs now, and all the deceased members of his family, and **Seán Keating** and **Statia Bates**, The Village, whose anniversaries also occur now.

✠ August 31st: We pray for the soul of **Jo Matthews**, Ballyhealy, **Daniel and Kathleen Fenlon**, Wexford Town, and **Tommy and Johnny Roche**, Newtown, all whose anniversaries occur now.

Sunday: 11.30am Mulrankin

✠ August 24th: We pray for the souls of **members of the Rankin families**, Sheephouse, Bridgetown, whose anniversaries occur now. We also pray for the soul of **Mary O'Brien**, (née Cullen) Wexford Town and late of Longridge, Bridgetown, who died during the week, sympathy to her family and friends. May she rest in peace.

Reader: Sharon Warburton.

✠ August 31st: We pray for all those lost at sea.

Reader: Mary O'Brien.

A prayer for Hope in a time of War

God of hope and peace, bring healing to nations ravaged by war. Restore broken cities, shattered communities, and wounded hearts.



Pour out Your mercy on those who suffer loss and trauma. Help nations rebuild with justice, love, and hope. Compassionate God, protect the innocent caught in the crossfire of war—women, children, the elderly, and the vulnerable. Shelter them from violence and provide for their needs. Give them hope amid despair and courage to endure. Let justice prevail for those who suffer injustice. Amen

The Jubilee celebration for Marian spirituality

On Sunday the 31st August, Our Lady's Island will host the Jubilee celebration for Marian spirituality. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Nash at 3pm. Guest speaker, Alice Doyle, Deputy President of the IFA. Creation Walk at 5pm: Beginning in the church, the walk will make its way around the island stopping at various points along the way, pilgrims will be invited to ponder on the gift of creation. As we ponder the gift of life we will give thanks for all that we have received. To end our day, we will conclude with adoration of the blessed sacrament at 6pm.

Last Choir Summer Workshop

The next Choir Workshop takes place on Saturday 6th September, in Kilmore Church, starting promptly at 11am. We are so proud of all our church choirs and music teams here in our parish. We have something unique, and we should celebrate it well. The next workshop will focus on more

new music and so if you are thinking of joining the choir or are curious and would like to take part in this great opportunity - simply speak to the music team or to any member of the choir. Be sure to book your place soon.

Back to school on Thursday

Scoil Realt Na Mara will reopen on Thursday 28th. We welcome back in anticipation all the pupils and staff and wish them and all their parents a great new year of learning, friendship and fun. We, also, would like to wish all our past pupils the very best in their new schools, and wish them all the best of luck especially all the first-year students in Bridgetown. We ask God's blessing on all our school communities both in Kilmore and Bridgetown.



Weekly Devotions

Please note there will be no devotions in St Mary's Church during the time of Pilgrimage in Our Lady's Island. They will resume after the 8th of September. The Rosary will be at the Grotto in Kilmore on Wednesday as usual.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL LEAVING CERT STUDENTS! ★

You've reached a huge milestone—
be proud.

**you are worth more
than any set of points**

There are endless paths ahead.
College, work, travel, creati—
whatever you choose, make it yours.
Chase what excites you, and
don't let comparison steal your joy.

**BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.
DREAM BOLDLY.
THE FUTURE IS YOURS TO SHAPE.** ★

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island

The Parish Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Island for the combined areas of Kilmore and Piercestown will



take place on Friday 5th September with Mass at 3pm. We would like to invite all choir members who are available to please come along on the day. We are happy to announce that we are also running a minibus on the day leaving Kil-

more at 1pm. Anyone who wishes to avail of this service, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible as seats are limited.

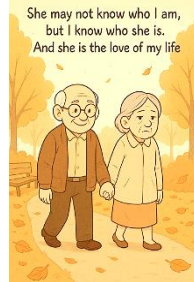
Communion Calls for August

- Wednesday 27th August: Kilmore Quay and Mulrankin.
- Thursday 28th August: Kilmore and Tomhaggard.

If there is anyone in the Parish, who would like to be added to our communion calls list, please let the Parish Office know, we would be delighted to accommodate you. Phone 053 913 5181.

A story where actions speak louder than words

He is 85 and insists on taking his wife's hand everywhere they go. When I asked him why his wife kept looking away, he responded, "because she has Alzheimer's". I then proceeded to ask him, "will your wife worry if you let her go?" He then replied, "she doesn't remember anything, she doesn't know who I am anymore, she hasn't recognized me for years."



Surprised, I said, "and you have continued to guide her every single day even though she doesn't recognize you?" The elderly man smiled and looked into my eyes and said, "she may not know who I am, but I know who she is, and she is the love of my life".

Pope Leo's Intention for August

Pope Leo's prayer intention for August is a prayer for an end to the splintering of humanity over ethnic, political, religious or ideological differences. This is a simple prayer for something that all people need desperately. Countless millions of people have suffered beyond imagining because of these things. Pope Leo is asking us to pray for an end to this mob cruelty based on senseless resentments and hatreds that come from the inevitable differences that arise among human beings who are, each and every one of us, a unique child of the living God.

Parish Newsletter

Our newsletter is available on the parish website each week at www.kilmore-parish.com. Please take home a copy home to a house-bound neighbour so that he/she feels connected to the parish.

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.

Requests for Anniversary Masses

All requests for anniversary masses must be made to the parish office. The office is open Tuesday to Friday between 10.30am and 12.30pm. We cannot accept any requests that are left on the answering machine in accordance with GDPR.

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: Paul: 087 774 5546 (Kilmore area), Pat 087 278 5156 (Tomhaggard/Mulrankin area) and John 087 914 8009 (Kilmore Quay area).

Community notices

Scout News

Congratulations to the Scout Team who achieved a Gold Standard at last week's National Scoutcraft Competition The Phoenix, in Limerick. The team of eight were marked on all activities over four days, independent of adult help, including Campcraft, Scoutcraft, Programme Challenges, Cooking and Eating, Log Books, Teamwork, Sustainability, etc. 86 teams involving almost 700 12-15 yr olds took part. After years of coming close there were huge celebrations when the team and leaders arrived back at Tomhaggard Social Centre.



The Venture team have their National Competition this weekend in Wicklow when five Kilmore members join forces with three from Blackwater to take part in the Sword Fri-Sun. They are marked on similar skills over the weekend. They won Gold Standard last year and hope to do well again this year.

Saltees Fish TODDY MOORE 10K

6TH SEPT 2025 @5:30PM

Also
Relay teams of 2, Men, Women or mixed, each person will complete 5k 1st prize in each Category



*minimum age of 14 years in relays
10k Walkers welcome, register on the day

●Prizes for first 4 Men & Women

- 1st Man & Woman in each Category- 40, 50, 60, 70
- 1st Junior Male & Female
- 1st Men's team of 4
- 1st Ladies team of 3

Refreshments & prizegiving immediately afterwards in Kilmore Hall.

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
ONLINE ON ATHLETICS IRELAND

Kilmore Parish Journal AGM

The AGM of Kilmore Parish Journal will take place next Wednesday, August 27, in AOH hall, Bridge-town at 8.00pm. New members are welcome to attend the AGM and assist with the publication of Journal No 54 in December 2025.

Scout Registration

Scout leaders are meeting next week to plan for Registration Night and resumption dates for each section. It has been a hectic few months for all sections. We badly need some new Volunteer Leaders age 18+ to help deliver the Scouting Programme due to existing leader work schedules etc. Currently we have spaces in Beaver, 6-8 Cub 9-11 and Venture 15-18 age groups. Contact Breda Hayes 087 685 8480 for details.

Ballycogley Players Drama Group

The 2025 AGM of Ballycogley Players Drama Group took place last night in Tomhaggard Social Centre and the following committee was elected for the coming year: Chairman - Gerry Mernagh, Vice Chairman - Nick Hayes, Secretary - Rory Cassidy, Assistant Secretary - Catherine Murphy, Treasurer - Jerry Gardner, PRO's - Trish Boyce and Cian Cassidy, Children's Officer - Laura Hayes, DLI rep's - Breda and Nick Hayes, Tomhaggard Social Centre reps - Annette Dupuy and Mary Doyle, Committee members - Celine Tracey, Fr Pat Mernagh, and Seán Carthy. Here's to a successful and enjoyable year in all things drama.



Remembrance Service

The annual ecumenical remembrance service for all those lost at sea at our Memorial Garden will take place on Sunday 31st August beginning at 5pm at the Garden. All are welcome.

One lucky jackpot winner

The numbers drawn in this week's Lotto were 1, 5, 17, and 21. There was one lucky winner of the jackpot receiving €10,400. Congratulations to the winner. There were eight match-three winners each receiving €25. Next week's jackpot starts at €3000.

Next newsletter

Items for publication in next weekend's 'Community notices' are very welcome and should be submitted before 12 noon on Fridays to kilmore-newsletter@gmail.com.