

Kilmore Parish weekly Newsletter

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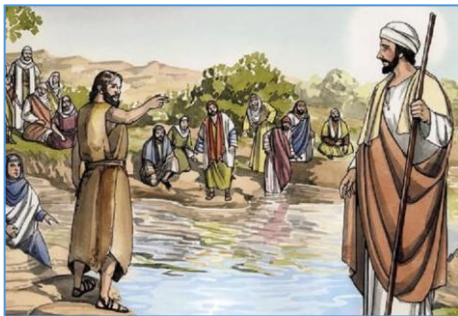
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Newsletter for the weekend of 6-7 December 2025.



Parish notices

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.

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.

SVP
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL
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.

Weekend Masses and Anniversaries

Saturday: 6.00pm Kilmore Quay

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

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

Saturday: 7.30pm Tomhaggard

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

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

Sunday: 10.00am Kilmore

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

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

Sunday: 11.30am Mulrankin

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

Reader: Mary Doyle.

✠ December 14th: We pray for the soul of **Anne Sinnott**, Mulrankin, whose 5th anniversary occurs now.

Reader: Mary Kehoe.

Prayer for the Second Sunday of 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.



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 of 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.

NEVILLE HOTELS

**ROOM
TO ROAM**
WITH NEVILLE HOTELS

ROYAL MARINE HOTEL
RAVENPORT RESORT
DRUIDS GLEN HOTEL & GOLF RESORT
WHITES OF WEXFORD
SILVERDALE RIVER COURT HOTEL
Tower hotel & leisure centre

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



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.

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 remarkable 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 college 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 college and light refreshments will be served.

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.

Christmas Mass Times 2025

✦ **Christmas Eve**: Kilmore: 5pm, Tomhaggard: 6pm, Kilmore Quay: 7pm, and Kilmore: 9pm.

✦ **Christmas Day**: Mass Rock: 8am, Mulrankin: 11.30am.

✦ **St Stephen's Day** Friday 26th: Kilmore: 11am. Normal Mass times resumes for the weekend after Christmas Day.

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

Coffee Morning this Sunday

Members of the Kilmore National School Parents' Association are hosting a Coffee Morning in aid of the school this Sunday (7th December) from 10am to 12 noon in Kilmore Community Hall.

SVP annual Christmas Collection

The annual Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Christmas Collection takes place outside all churches next weekend (13-14 December). Local SVP members thank you for your support in the past and request your generous support once again to help struggling families and individuals who are concerned about how they will provide for Christmas this year.



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.

Helena Murray fundraiser for CAS

"In September I cycled from Mizan Head in Cork to Malin Head in Donegal to raise funds and awareness for Cycle Against Suicide (CAS). CAS works to break the stigma of mental illness and suicide by encouraging open conversations and raising awareness. I raised almost €6000 for the charity, and I would sincerely like to thank everyone in the parish who contributed so generously to the fundraiser. The funds raised will enable CAS to continue its partnership with UCD's Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Department and continue their primary and secondary schools programmes. Most importantly their message is 'It's ok not to feel ok and it's absolutely ok to ask for help. Together we can break the cycle'. I am truly humbled by your incredible support and extend my heartfelt gratitude." Helena Murray.



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Community Lotto results

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

Mulrankin church Memory Tree

It's that time of year again when we remember our loved ones in the parish who have passed on. Every year we support a charity and this year's charity is the Meals on Wheels. So, from the 1st of December we will be placing the names of our loved ones on the tree. There will be a bucket in the porch of Mulrankin church for anyone who would like to donate to this charity. Just write the names of your loved one on the paper provided

and they will be laminated and placed on the tree. And on Christmas morning all those names will be prayed for by Father Mernagh. Thank you in advance for any support.

Parish Meals on Wheels

The service demands are growing with more people joining and we continue to look for your support so if you can spare an hour or two during the week to help your neighbour please contact the Centre and Bernie at 053 912 9922. Thank you.

Music from the vinyl years

For our upcoming gathering at 8pm in the AOH Hall, Bridgetown, on Wednesday, 10th December, the theme will be Crooners and Christmas Tunes of Yesteryear. We hope to create a nostalgic and festive atmosphere with classic tunes from the 60s, 70s, and 80s. Some trivia and conversation topics added to liven up the event. We would love to see even more people in attendance, so please spread the word and invite your friends. The more, the merrier! It is free after all.



Songs of Love and Folk

The Hammonds, a musical family from Bray spanning three generations, are delighted to be back playing in the Stella Maris on Saturday 13 December. 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. Tickets via QR code, or <https://buytickets.at/solidaritysessions/1947974>.



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.



Next newsletter

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