

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

For support or advice or to report any concerns you may have regarding child protection matters, please contact the following parish representatives: Kilmore Quay; **John Stafford:** 087 914 8009; Kilmore: Tomhaggard

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 is free to call our Bereavement Support line 1800 80 7077 Monday to Friday 10am to 1pm.

Pieta

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/email helpline@alzheimer.ie



Notice the people who are happy for your happiness, and sad for your sadness. They're the ones who deserve special places in your heart.

Ballycogley Players Drama Group

Our 2026 AGM took place on Friday 19th June in Tomhaggard Social Centre, it was great to see so many in attendance including some new members which is fantastic. The following committee were elected for the coming year. Chairperson - Rory Cassidy, Vice-Chairperson - Nick Hayes, Secretary - Catherine Murphy, Assistant Secretary - Edward Hayden, Treasurer - Jerry Gardner, PRO - Trish Boyce, Children's Officer - Laura Hayes, DLI representatives - Breda & Nick Hayes, Social Centre committee representatives - Annette Dupuy & Angela Byrne. Transport Officer - Fr Pat Mernagh, Committee members - Sean Carthy, Celine Tracey, Amy Cassidy & Mary Doyle. Prior to your AGM, we were delighted to present 2 cheques for €500 each to Pieta House & St. Damien's Ward, Beaumont Hospital (Trish, Catherine & Celine's abseil challenge). 2 very worthy causes, both whom very much appreciated our support & generosity. Best wishes & good luck to everyone for the new drama season. New members are always welcome to join our drama family, if you are interested please contact any of the committee or send us a message through our Facebook page. **"Together, everyone achieves more"**.

Coffee Morning/Abseil Challenge

A little reminder...On Friday 10th July, Trish Boyce, Celine Treacy & Catherine Murphy (The Five Kidneys) will take on an exciting challenge in aid of St. Damiens Ward, Beaumont Hospital. The 3 ladies will abseil 100 feet off the iconic Hogan Stand in Croke Park down to pitch side. In support of this challenge & to raise some worthy funds for St. Damiens Ward, a coffee morning will take place on Sunday 5th July in The Bank, Community Hub & Enterprise Hub, Rosslare Harbour at 11am. For any banking donations, please contact Richard Gleeson 087 1369830. Should you wish to support the ladies with their challenge and cannot attend the coffee morning, donations can be made online <https://idonate.ie/team/the-five-kidneys>. Special thanks to those who have donated so far, it is really very much appreciated.

Tomhaggard Womens' Shed Community Art, Photography & Heritage Weekend

12:30 pm 2-5 pm 3 pm Saturday 4th July & Sunday 5th July Tomhaggard Community Centre, Y35 D527

Historical Walks: Discover the rich history of Tomhaggard with local historian Fidelis Power.

Art Exhibition: Featuring artwork created by members of the Tomhaggard Women's Shed.

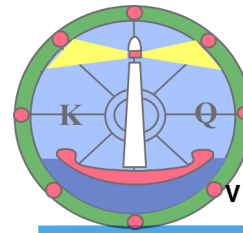
Refreshments served at 2 pm.

Freshly made pizzas from our traditional clay oven. First come, first served. Free event!!!

Join us for a wonderful weekend celebrating local art, history, friendship, and good food!

Contact Grainne Dullard at 089 428 1260 for more information.

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NEWS & REFLECTIONS

St Peter's Church Kilmore Quay Co Wexford

V Rev Fr. Patrick Mernagh: 086 2256794



13th Sunday in Ordinary Time – June 28 2026

Falling apple blossom reveals the burgeoning fruit

At this time of year, we hope for good, sunny weather so that it will be warm enough to sit in the garden and really enjoy it. We need these lazy afternoons in the sunshine; we need to treat ourselves, to love ourselves, to give ourselves a rest. Because unless we start loving ourselves and realising our own preciousness, we are wasting our lives. It is as serious as that. (Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy, *Gardening the Soul*),

Reflection on the Gospel for the 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This Sunday's Gospel is a bold and energising call to wholehearted discipleship. Jesus challenges us to place Him above every other attachment — not to diminish our love for family and friends, but to elevate it. When Christ is first, every other love in our life becomes stronger, purer, and more life-giving. Following Him isn't just about the big, dramatic moments; it's about the daily choice to say "yes" — to carry our cross with courage, to serve with joy, and to love without holding back. Even the smallest act, like offering a cup of cold water in His name, becomes a powerful witness that can ripple far beyond what we see. This is our moment to live with



purpose. To let our faith shape our priorities. To walk forward knowing that every sacrifice, every act of kindness, every step taken in love is building something eternal. Today, let's rise to the challenge: Put Christ at the centre of every decision. See every encounter as an opportunity to reflect His love. Carry our crosses with hope, knowing He walks beside us. The path of discipleship is not always easy — but it is always worth it. And with Christ leading the way, we can live a life that truly changes the world

Blessing of the Boats

The blessing will begin at 5.00pm on the west pier. This time has been chosen to allow the local angling fleet— many of whom will have been at sea during the day—to return and take part in this special tradition.

The Kilmore Community Choir will be in attendance, adding to the ceremony with their uplifting presence.

Following prayers for the safety of all mariners, Fr Pat Mernagh will board a small boat and travel around the harbour to bless the vessels.

The Blessing of the Boats is a cherished tradition in our community. It offers a meaningful opportunity to gather in faith, pray for the safety of those at sea, and celebrate our strong maritime heritage. All are very welcome to attend.

BLESSING OF THE BOATS

Kilmore Quay, West Pier





**WE REMEMBER
& PRAY FOR
KILMORE QUAY:
6pm Saturday**

† June 27th: We pray for all those who are

making their living by the sea, may God protect them in their work.

† July 4th: We pray for peace throughout the world.

TOMHAGGARD: Saturday 7.30 pm.

† June 27th: We pray for all those who are making their living by the land, may God protect them in their work.

† July 4th: We pray for the souls of Mai, Nick & Sean McGrath, Tenacre, whose anniversaries occur now

KILMORE: Sunday 10am

† June 28th: We pray for the souls of **Johnny and Trish Sinnott**, Grange and **James and Elizabeth Sheil**, Ballygrangans, all whose anniversaries occur now.

† July 5th: We pray for the soul of **Tony Bates**, Tullibards, whose month's mind occurs now, we pray for **Des Quigley**, Kilmore, whose 3rd anniversary occurs now; **Pat Doyle**, Libgate, and **Marie Biere (Nee Pierce)**, Gollough and Germany, all whose anniversaries occur now.

MULRANKIN: Sunday 11.30 am.

† June 28th: We pray for all those travelling during the summer months, may God keep them safe and protect them.

† July 5th: We pray for all the sick in our community at this time, may they feel the presence of God with them at this time.

There is no death, only a change of worlds. (Chief Seattle)

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

Be gentle with each other today. You have no idea how much we all hurt.

We can never judge the lives of others because each person knows only their own pain and renunciation.

Reflection

May we always appreciate what we have and never take for granted all the good people who support us in the joys and sorrows of life.

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. **053 919 1830**

Mass online and via Parish Radio

To access Mass on the parish website go to www.kilmoreparish.com. The webcam will go live 15 minutes before Mass. To access Mass on the Parish Radio tune into 103.90FM

Diary Dates

- Blessing of the boats Sunday 28th @ 5pm
- 3rd July – Bannow & Rathangan Show.
- Seafood Festival '26: July 9th to 12th

Charity Concert

A variety concert in aid of Parkinson's Ireland, Wexford Branch will take place on Friday 3rd July at 7.30pm in The National Opera House. Bookings online at www.nationaloperahouse.ie. A great night of entertainment in store, looking forward to seeing you there. The concert is kindly sponsored by The National Opera House as part of their social programme

It is okay to feel you are on the right path, but it is NOT okay to think that yours is the only path.

Newsletter Notes

Please email notes for the newsletter to Mary before Friday noon at maryokeeffearcher@gmail.com

I was shown a jigsaw puzzle scattered all over a huge table. I watched as the puzzle was being put together and I saw how each piece fitted into its rightful place perfectly. I heard the words:

When you are in your rightful place doing your own specific part, there can be no conflict and my plan can unfold in true perfection. (Eileen Caddy, Opening Doors Within)



Our 75th Show is on 9th July 2026

We wish the Bannow and Rathangan show every success on their 75th Anniversary as they celebrate this special year on the 9th of July in Killag. Please note the Parish office will be closed on this date. Mass will be at 10am as normal on the Day

Bannow & Rathangan Show

Bannow & Rathangan Show are celebrating 75 years this year. To celebrate this wonderful milestone, a History Book will be launched in Rathangan Bar on Friday 3rd July. It promises to be a book full of interesting snippets and wonderful photos commemorating 75 years of the Show. Refreshments served. Please join us on this special night.

The 75th Show takes place in Killag on Thursday 9th July. It's a family day out. Come along and make a day of it. See the showing classes, Show jumping, Dog Show and Sheep Dog Trials, Cookery competitions, crafts, flowers, photography and Farm produce. See our Sustainability and Biodiversity Village. Over 300 Trade Stands with something to suit everyone. There is free entertainment for children on site. Fashion Show with fashions from Wallace's of Wellingtonbridge. Live Music and a dance floor. Ample free parking. For more information, check out our website www.ban-nowrathanganshow.com

Parish Update: Upcoming Essential Works to Our Church and Grounds in Kilmore.

As many parishioners will know, our church is a place of prayer, welcome, and community, and it has stood proudly at the heart of Kilmore for generations. Following recent assessments, it has become clear that several **major works** will need to be carried out in the months ahead to protect and preserve our church for the future.

One of the most urgent areas is the **church tower**, which now requires attention, especially the four huge windows that frame the tower. Time, weather, and natural wear have taken their toll, and specialist restoration work will be needed to ensure its long-term safety and stability. Alongside this, the **church bell**—which has marked our celebrations, our gatherings, and our moments of remembrance—also needs to be addressed. Repairs and safety checks are essential so that it can continue to ring out safely for years to come.

There are also further maintenance needs both inside the church and around the exterior grounds. These works are necessary to keep our church safe, accessible, and welcoming for all who visit. We also need to look at our sound system, which needs upgrading and we need to carry out some repairs on the parochial house with new windows and insulation.

In the coming months, we will begin a series of **fundraising efforts** to help meet the considerable costs involved. We know that times are challenging for many, but every contribution—large or small—will make a real difference. Your generosity, your prayers, your ideas and your support have always sustained this parish.

We will update parishioners as soon as we have proposed budgets and costings, and we will keep you fully informed as the project progresses.

Kilmore Mystery Tour 2026

We are delighted to tell you that Kilmore Scope has again obtained funding through the HSE National Lottery fund; therefore, we are able to organise another mystery tour this year, which will be leaving Kilmore on Tuesday 8th September at 8.30 am sharp in the morning and will be back in Kilmore on Wednesday night 9th at midnight approx. Looking forward to another lovely trip with you all. **Please note the coach is now full**

Community Lotto

The numbers drawn in this week's Lotto were 2. 9. 16. 30. There were 5 match 3 winners each receiving €40. There was no jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot stands at €11,400

Kilmore Active Retirement Association

Kilmore Active Retirement Association - Our July meeting takes place at the slightly earlier time of 7-00 pm on Thursday, 2nd July, in the AOH hall, Bridgetown. Due to a talk by Michelle Hollevoet, an advisor from Wexford Alzheimer's Society after our meeting at approx. 7-30 we are just facilitating this most important talk which every member should attend or indeed anybody interested or affected by this illness are all invited to attend.

It's a funny thing about life; if you refuse to settle for anything less than the best, that's what it will give you (W Somerset Maugham)