

*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](http://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@alzheimier.ie](mailto:helpline@alzheimier.ie)

*If you care too much what other people think, you will always be their prisoner.*

# GARDEN PARTY & PLANT SALE

Saturday May 30th 2pm - 6pm

entertainment & garden games

refreshments & homemade bakes

Raffle on the day



WHERE? Ballyburn, Y35 W672 - Parking Opposite Venue

### RNLI Garden Party and Plant Sale

Join us on Saturday 30th May 2.00pm-6.00pm in Ballyburn (Y35 W672 - 2km from Kilmore Quay) at the RNLI Garden Party & Plant sale. Refreshments, entertainment, raffle, garden games and an afternoon of fun for all the family!

### Community Lotto

The numbers drawn in this week's Lotto were 14 19. 25. 28. There were 2 match 3 winners each receiving €100. There was no jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot stands €10,200.

### Letting Go

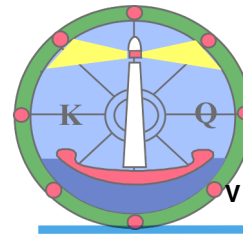
Johnny asked his grandmother how old she was. Granny answered 'Forty-nine and holding.' Johnny thought for a moment and asked 'And how old would you be if you let go?' Perhaps we are shy about our age but no matter what our age, we are all guilty of holding. We hold on to possessions, clutter, mistakes made, bad memories and much more. Wouldn't it be great if we could let a lot of these go? Why hold on to them? The more we hold on to the harder it is to move forward in our lives. Today I will think about things in my life that I am holding onto and should let go of. (*A Year in Reflection* by James McSweeney)

*I was shown a big luxury heavy door which was very hard to open because the hinges were stiff. Then I watched a dew drops of oil being gently placed on the hinges and the door bring gently eased until it could be opened with just the slightest touch of a finger. I heard the words "Use the oil of love more and more, for it is love that eases."*

It is love that will always find a way. Open your heart and let the love flow freely. (Eileen Caddy, *Opening Doors Within*).

### Newsletter Notes

Please email notes for the newsletter to Mary Archer before Friday noon at [maryokeeffearcher@gmail.com](mailto:maryokeeffearcher@gmail.com)



## NEWS & REFLECTIONS

St Peter's Church  
Kilmore Quay  
Co Wexford

V Rev Fr. Patrick Mernagh: 086 2256794



Feast of the Ascension – May 17<sup>th</sup> 2026

*The seeds of beauty, goodness and truth lie within us. Though often unacknowledged, they are the seeds from which we grow to be strong, beautiful people. (Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy, Gardening the Soul)*



### Reflection on the Gospel for the Feast of the Ascension

The Feast of the Ascension is a moment of both farewell and promise. It marks the completion of Jesus' earthly mission and His return to the Father, yet it is not an ending—it is a new beginning for His followers. In today's Gospel account, the Ascension is not about Jesus leaving us behind, but about Him opening the way for us to share in His life with God. His rising to heaven is a sign that our true home is with the Father, and that our journey here is meant to prepare us for that eternal communion. The disciples, at first, might have felt loss or uncertainty. But Jesus' final words were filled with reassurance: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses." The Ascension reminds us that faith is not passive—it sends us out into the

world to live and share the Good News, trusting that Christ is still with us through the Spirit. The Ascension calls us to live with purpose, courage, and joy knowing that Christ's mission is now in our hands is now in our hands—and that He has not abandoned us, but walks with us in a new and deeper way

### Cemetery Sunday 2026

We warmly invite everyone to join us for our **Annual Patron on Sunday, 31st May at 2.00pm**. This is a cherished moment in our parish year as we gather in prayer to remember our loved ones and honour all who rest in our cemetery.

### Blessing of Graves

All graves will be blessed during the week before the Patron, as there is not enough time to do this on the day itself.

Thank you for your continued generosity. If you can support the upkeep of the cemetery this year, donations may be made using the special envelopes in our churches or online at [kilmoreparish.com](http://kilmoreparish.com) (click **DONATE** and scroll to *St Mary's Cemetery*).

### A Community Gathering

After the Patron, all are welcome to support the **Field Day at the school** for a chat, a cuppa, and to catch up with those you haven't seen in a while. We look forward to coming together as a parish family to honour our loved ones with reverence and gratitude.





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

† **May 16<sup>th</sup>**: We pray

for all the children who received the Sacrament of Communion in our Parish this weekend. May they continue to build on their faith in the years ahead.

† **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**: We pray for the soul of **Pauline Scallan**, Kilmore Quay, whose anniversary occurs now.

### TOMHAGGARD: Saturday 7.30 pm.

† **May 16<sup>th</sup>**: We pray for the soul of **Peter Sills**, Gollough, and we also pray for **Mikie Codd**, Gollough, whose 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary occur now. We pray for **Seamus, James and Ellen Corcoran**, Genstown, all whose anniversaries occur now.

† **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**: We pray for the souls of **Paddy & Breda Kehoe**, Genstown, whose anniversaries occur now

### KILMORE: Sunday 10am.

† **May 17<sup>th</sup>**: We pray for the souls of **Richard Winters**, Chapel, Mill Road, whose month's mind occurs now, **Billy Winters**, The Beake, whose 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary occurs now and **Peter Rowe**, Tullibards, whose 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary occurs now. We pray for **Biddy and Mick Reville**, Ballyhealy and **Frank Fitzgerald**, Mayo, all whose anniversaries occur now.

† **May 24<sup>th</sup>**: We pray for the souls of **Peter Sills**, Gollough, whose month's mind occurs now and Joe Nolan, Sarshill, whose 2<sup>nd</sup> anniversary occurs now.

### MULRANKIN: Sunday 11.30 am.

† **May 17<sup>th</sup>**: We pray for the soul of **Margaret Sinnott**, Mulrankin, whose 21<sup>st</sup> anniversary occurs now.

† **May 24<sup>th</sup>**: We pray for the soul of **Sinéad Breen**, Mulrankin, whose 7<sup>th</sup> anniversary occurs now

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*

## Reflection

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

### 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**

### Diary Dates

- Thursday 21st May, 1-8pm. Free Volunteer and Community Services Expo in the Talbot Hotel. Contact [info@volunteerwexford.ie](mailto:info@volunteerwexford.ie) or 053 900 6639.
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2pm-6pm fundraising event in the Kilmore Quay RNLI calendar, the garden party in Ballyburn.
- Sunday May 31<sup>st</sup>: Patron Sunday in Kilmore at 2pm The New Cemetery, Kilmore. Field Day afterwards in the school. All Are Welcome. All members of our Parish Choirs are invited to Sing on the Day to honour all our loved ones and pray for them on this day.
- Saturday 6th June. The 41st All-Ireland Rosary Rally at Knock Shrine. Bus arranged. Phone Eileen: 087 933 1809, Mark 087 684 6908 or Annmarie 086 394 6734.
- Tuesday 9th June at 7.30pm. Kilmore Community Choir, Michael Londra, Ames Chamber Artists, and special guests in concert at the National Opera House. Tickets €25 plus booking fee from <https://www.nationaloperahouse.ie/whats-on/michael-londra-and-very-special-guests>.
- Saturday 13th June. Kilmore Camogie Club Clothes Collection. Drop off at Kilmore GAA Club, 9.30am-12noon. Contact Marion on 086 194 6616
- Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June @ 7.30 – Patron Grange Cemetery
- Seafood Festival '26: July 9th to 12<sup>th</sup> Why not get involved? Contact reception at 053 9129922.

### Changing Gears

Age & Opportunity are delighted to offer Changing Gears in Wexford this May and June 2026. Go to the Parish Website for more details.

### Wexford Volunteer and Community Expo 2026

The Wexford Volunteer and Community Expo 2026 The Wexford Volunteer and Community Expo 2026 is on Thursday, 21st May 2026, from 1pm to 8pm at the Talbot Hotel Wexford. This free, drop-in event connects the public with over 50 local organizations, launches a new Volunteer Rewards Card, and opens nominations for the 2026 Volunteer Awards.



### Congratulations

We congratulate all the children and their families who will celebrate making their First Holy Communion this weekend in our Parish. May God strengthen their faith in the years ahead.

### May Procession

May procession in Honour of our Lady on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> of May in the Friary, Wexford after 11 am Mass – All Holy Communion Children are especially welcome to come on this day, and refreshments will be served in the Friary Hall afterwards

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

## Kilmore Parents Association

# Field Day

## Sunday 31 May

Venue: KILMORE NATIONAL SCHOOL

### Activities

- 🎯 **Outdoor Activities**
- ☕ **Tea, Coffee and Hot chocolate**
- 🍖 **BBQ**
- 🎨 **Face Painting**
- 🛒 **Stalls from multiple businesses selling a variety of items**

## Gratitude for Our Volunteers

Sincere thanks to the **Cemetery Committee** and all wonderful volunteers who care for our cemetery throughout the year. We are grateful to everyone who has tended family graves in recent weeks. Please take home any debris from your own plots so our sacred place of remembrance remains beautiful for all who visit.

### Congratulations

Congratulations to **Lac Bates** who celebrated his 101<sup>st</sup> Birthday recently and also our very best wishes to **Ena Doyle** who celebrated her 98<sup>th</sup> Birthday recently. We wish them both God's blessing with good health and happiness at this special time.



### Ballycogley Players Drama Group

The RTE All-Ireland Drama Awards took place on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May in The Raddison Hotel in Athlone & a fantastic night was had by all. The "All My Sons" team were delighted to be nominated in 5 categories - Sean Carthy Best Actor, Edward Hayden Best Supporting Actor, Ciara Spellman Best Supporting Actress, Celine Tracey Best Stage Management & Simon Dupuy & Nick Hayes Best Stage Setting. Jay



Swinburne was awarded best young performer. We were placed 5<sup>th</sup> overall. Well done to Kilmeen Drama Group who were crowned All-Ireland Champions, Bridge Drama who came 2<sup>nd</sup> & Dalkey Players who were awarded 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done to Tomhaggard's Pat Sinnott who was awarded Best Supporting Actor with Wexford Drama Group. The director, cast & crew of "All My Sons" have had a fantastic journey with the Arthur Miller penned play & very much appreciate the support of everyone who helped to get the show & keep the show on the road. We are very grateful to our main sponsor Richard Kavanagh Flooring and all our sponsors, Raymond Doyle for the use of his van to transport our set, our fantastic audiences and last but not least our families and friends for their special support with this journey. Our AGM will take place on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June at 8pm in Tomhaggard Social Centre, all are welcome.

### Stella Maris Centre Community Café

Don't forget to book your table for breakfast or lunch at the Centre and contact Bernie at 053 9129922. Take away meals and platters of sandwiches available for all your occasions.

### Biodiversity Week events

The Kilmore Quay Conservation Group invites you to the following events to celebrate Biodiversity Week:-

- May 15th–22nd: Information display in the Stella Maris Centre regarding the Ballyteige Burrow Signage Proposal. This display aims to raise awareness about our conservation efforts and is available to view all week. (Note: Members will be available to answer any questions in person on Friday, 22nd May from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm.)
- May 15th–22nd: Exhibition in the Stella Maris Centre of the Kilmore NS Children's Drawing Competition entries. Students from 3rd, 4th, and 6th classes at Kilmore NS have been learning about coastal erosion and have submitted wonderful work.
- May 23rd (Saturday): Walk and talk with Jim Hurley focusing on coastal erosion. Meet at 1pm in Kilmore Quay on the pier by the Harbour Master's office. Free event and all are welcome.
- Monday 18th May, May Dusk Chorus Walk at Tacumshin Lake at 7.30pm organised by the Tomhaggard Clean Coasts Group. Meet at Sigginstown Castle. Refreshments afterwards. **CANCELLED** due to poor weather forecast; rescheduled for Thursday 21st at 7.30pm.

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).