

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@alzheimers.ie

Do not set yourself on fire in order to keep others warm

Now is the perfect time to plant daffodil bulbs. Plant them in your garden, at your school, or in other suitable community spaces. By Spring your space will be filled with beautiful yellow blooms signalling hope and joy



Scoil Réalt na Mara – Beginning of School Year Mass

Due to the inclement weather last week, our Mass to celebrate the new school year for Scoil Réalt na Mara will now take place on Tuesday, 15th September at 10.00 am in St Mary's Church, Kilmore. All are warmly welcome to join us as we pray for blessings on our pupils, staff, and families for the year ahead

Community Lotto

The numbers drawn in this week's Lotto were 9. 17. 27. 28. There were 2 match 3 winners each receiving €100. There was no jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot stands at €13,600

Kilmore Parish Journal

Preparations are underway for the publication of the 55th edition of Kilmore Parish Journal. The Journal reflects the history, traditions, culture, sporting life and achievements of the parish community. The committee is now inviting contributors to send in articles, photos old and new, and sports reports for edition no. 55. The final date for receiving material is October 2, 2026. The email address is info@kilmoreparishjournal.ie.

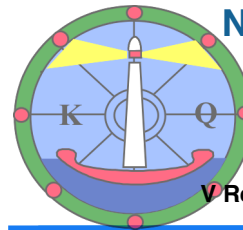


Ballyteige Burrow

A draft Biodiversity Action Plan has been compiled for the community-owned property at Ballyteige Burrow. You are invited to comment on the draft plan, and your input is very welcome. For further information go to <https://www.southwexford-coast.com/ballyteige-burrow/> or visit the reception in the Stella Maris Centre, Kilmore Quay.

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Learn to appreciate what you have before time forces you to appreciate what you had.



NEWS & REFLECTIONS

St Peter's Church Kilmore Quay Co Wexford

Rev Fr. Patrick Mernagh: 086 2256794



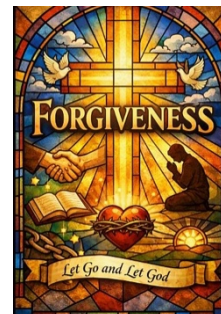
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time – September 13th 2026

As we gather in the harvest of the garden's fruitfulness we are in harmony with the universe.

For eight months we have toiled and enjoyed our garden. We've grown to love its barrenness, its emptiness, its silences. We have sown the seeds of joy, beauty, love and authenticity with hope and courage. We have watched them growing and enjoyed their blossoming. Now we enjoy the gathering in, the fruitfulness of the garden, and we see the harmony and interconnectedness of the whole garden of our life, which is part of the garden of the universe, the Creator's garden. (Sr. Stanislaus Kennedy, *Gardening the Soul*)

Gospel Reflection for the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Forgiveness is at the heart of today's readings. Sirach reminds us that anger and revenge block God's mercy: *"Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray."* Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant shows how refusing to forgive traps us in a prison of our own making. We hurt ourselves most when we cling to resentment. True forgiveness is difficult, especially when wounds run deep, but holding hatred only poisons the heart. As Sheila Cassidy notes, *"However much we have been wronged... if we cherish [hatred], it will poison us."*



Forgiveness is a choice and often a slow process, yet God's mercy is limitless. We forgive because we have first been forgiven. Letting go frees us, heals us, and opens the door to grace.

Installation of Bishop Ger Nash as the Bishop of Ossory

The Diocese of Ossory is finalising preparations for the installation of Bishop Ger Nash as the Bishop of Ossory. For some weeks now, since the

announcement on 29th July that Pope Leo had appointed Bishop Ger as the next Bishop of Ossory, many in the Diocese have been working hard to prepare for the celebrations which will take place on 13th September. Prayers will be said in all churches throughout the Diocese so that the people of the Diocese can accompany Bishop Ger in his preparations

On Sunday 13th September at 3pm nearly 1000 people will gather in St Mary's Cathedral for the Installation ceremony. The Principal celebrant will be Archbishop Dermot Farrell of Dublin who will be joined by many other bishops; the priests, people and religious of Ossory, those of Ferns and Killaloe, and Bishop Ger's home Diocese.

The ceremony will be live streamed on the St Mary's Cathedral website – www.stmaryscathedral.ie We hold Bishop Ger in our prayers.

**Forgive others
as quickly as
you expect
God to forgive you.**

Dear God,
I don't ask you to make my life easier... but I ask you to give me the strength to face all my troubles





WE REMEMBER & PRAY FOR

KILMORE QUAY: 6pm Saturday Sept 12th: We pray for the soul of **Susan Walsh**, Kilmore Quay, whose month's mind occurs now. We pray for the soul of

Jean McCartney, sister of Elma Power, Kilmore Quay, who died unexpectedly last week.

✠ **Sept 19th:** We pray for all those in our community who are finding life difficult at the moment, may God grant them healing and peace of mind.

TOMHAGGARD: Saturday 7.30 pm.

✠ **Sept 12th:** We pray for the soul of **Jimmy Walsh**, Genstown, whose 25th anniversary occurs now. We pray for the souls of **Nicholas** and **Donal Whelan**, Ballyregan, and **Helen O'Leary**, Wexford, all whose anniversaries occur now. We pray for the soul of **Marie Scallan**, Tomhaggard, whose 8th anniversary occurs now.

✠ **Sept 19th:** We pray for all the young people in our community who are experiencing college life for the first time, may God protect and guide them each day.

KILMORE: Sunday 10am

✠ **Sept 13th:** We pray for the souls of **Clare Barry**, Ballycross, whose 1st anniversary occurs now: **Jo Matthews**, Ballyhealy, on her 8th anniversary and **Nicko Colloton**, Libgate House, whose 19th anniversary occurs now. We pray for the soul of **Lar O'Leary**, Crossabeg, who died during the week, father of Marian Cousins, and we also remember **John Murphy**, Carrig on Bannow, who was buried in Kilmore Cemetery during the week, sympathy to all their families and friends. May they all Rest in Peace.

✠ **Sept 20th:** We pray for the soul of **Christy Owens**, Rackardstown and his son **Chris**, whose anniversaries occur now.

MULRANKIN: Sunday 11.30 am.

✠ **Sept 13th:** We pray for peace throughout the world; may world leaders be inspired to bring an end to all war. We pray for the soul of **John Cassidy**, Mulrankin whose funeral mass is today (Sunday) in Mulrankin Church at 1pm, burial in St Mary's cemetery, Kilmore, sympathy to all his family, relations and friends.

✠ **Sept 20th:** We pray for the souls of **Kitty Earle**, Lakelands, whose 1st anniversary occurs now, and **Andrew Hall**, Mulrankin, whose 2nd anniversary occurs now.

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.

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



Reflection

Jesus never once talked about attending church services, but he talked constantly about healing the sick and feeding the hungry. That is what it seems to mean to be a follower of Jesus. (Richard Rohr. *Daily Meditations* extract)

We hope you all enjoyed our lovely summer. As autumn/winter approaches we look forward to seeing you all again at our weekly community mornings, meet up with friends, neighbours, family, to enjoy breakfast and catch up. Thanks, and much appreciation to all our volunteers who make it all possible.

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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**

Newsletter Notes

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

Everyone feels overwhelmed at some point. It doesn't mean you are weak or a failure.

"Unexpected kindness is the most powerful, least costly, and most underrated agent of human change."
-Bob Kerry



Kilmore Mystery Tour 2026

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who travelled with us on this year's Mystery Tour. It was a joy to share the few days together — the company, the laughs, the stories, and the great spirit throughout made the trip truly special. Your support and good humour were very much appreciated.

We extend a special word of thanks to **Paul and the Bridgetown College students** for the delicious cupcakes that brightened the journey — a thoughtful treat enjoyed by all.

Our gratitude also to **Tony**, whose musical entertainment was, as always, first class and added wonderful energy to the trip.

Finally, we thank all the venues we visited along the way for their warm hospitality, which was second to none

Kilmore Community Hall

Our community breakfast restarts on Wednesday 23rd September 9am to 12 noon. We hope you all enjoyed our lovely summer. As autumn/winter approaches we look forward to seeing you all again at our weekly community mornings, meet up with friends, neighbours, family, to enjoy breakfast and catch up. Thanks, and much appreciation to all our volunteers who make it all possible.



Thank You

Daive Barbieri ACN Ireland Diocesan Officer, on behalf of Aid to the Church in Need Ireland, would like kindly thanks all the parishioners and Father Pat for their great generosity and welcome I received the weekend of 29th & 30th of August in the parish of Kilmore. Aid to the Church in Need Ireland was able to raise the total amount of €2,149.14 and Twenty pounds as well For more information in how you could help in the future with your prayers and alms giving visit : www.acnireland.org

Reminder

If you have not yet received your family offering envelope box, please contact the parish office or call into the sacristy so we can arrange one for you. Weekly envelopes and Direct Debit contributions help cover the parish's day-to-day costs, including insurance, maintenance and improvements. We are very grateful to everyone who supports the parish so generously.

A Lasting Gift to Your Parish

Including a gift to your parish in your will is a simple and deeply meaningful way to continue caring for the faith community that has cared for you. With the help of a solicitor, you can leave a bequest that strengthens parish life — helping to maintain our churches, support pastoral work, and ensure that future generations have a place of welcome, prayer, and belonging.



When you wake up every day, you have two choices. You can either be positive or negative; an optimist or a pessimist. I choose to be an optimist. It's all a matter of perspective.

Good Morning...