

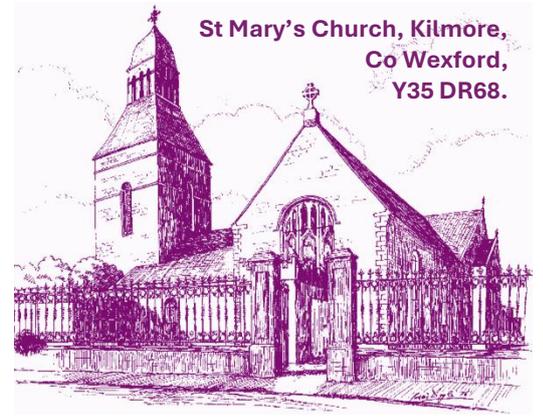
Kilmore Parish weekly Newsletter

Parish Priest: Very Rev Fr Patrick Mernagh. Mobile: 086 225 6794.

Parish Office: Opening hours of the parish office in Kilmore church are 10.30am to 12.30pm, Tuesday to Friday; phone 053 913 5181.

Parish Website: www.kilmoreparish.com for all parish information.

Newsletter for the weekend of 17-18 January 2026.



Parish notices

Reflection this weekend



In today's Gospel John the Baptist proclaims Jesus as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. His testimony highlights his understanding of his mission—not to draw attention to himself, but to point others to Christ. This humility is a powerful reminder for us to recognize our own roles as followers of Jesus.

John the Baptist exemplifies the importance of knowing one's place in relation to God and others. He acknowledges that he is not the light but rather a witness to the light. This understanding of our identity and purpose can guide us in our daily lives, encouraging us to serve others and glorify God rather than seeking personal accolades.

Weekend Masses and Anniversaries

Saturday: 6.00pm Kilmore Quay

† Jan 17th: We pray for **Celia Kehoe, Mary and Jimmy Kehoe**, and all the **deceased members of the Kehoe family**.

† Jan 24th: We pray for **Joe and Jim Monaghan**, Ballyteigue, whose anniversary occurs now. We also pray for the soul of **Jim Keating**, Newtown, whose anniversary also occurs now.

Saturday: 7.30pm Tomhaggard

† Jan 17th: We pray for all the sick in our parish; may God grant them healing.

† Jan 24th: We pray for all bereaving at the moment; may God bring them comfort.

Sunday: 10.00am Kilmore

† Jan 18th: We pray for **Kay Walshe**, Genstown, whose 2nd anniversary occurs and we also pray for **Maureen and Margaret Lambert**, Ballask, whose anniversaries occur. We also pray for the soul of **Sandy Morrissey**, formerly of the Village who has died. Reposing in Mackens funeral home tomorrow Monday from 4.30 – 6pm, funeral mass here in Kilmore Church on Tuesday at 12noon, burial in Kilmore cemetery.

† Jan 25th: We pray for the soul of **Rich Rossiter**, Grange, and all the **deceased members of the Rossiter family**. We also pray for **Kathleen, Dick and Jimmy Hayes**, Sarshill, whose anniversaries occur now.

PARISH COFFEE MORNING ON THURSDAY AT 10:30 IN QUIGLEYS

Please note
Change of Day
It is now on
Thursday
22nd of January
of this week-
C U there.
All Welcome



Sunday: 11.30am Mulrankin

† Jan 18th: We pray for the soul of **Gretta McCoy**, Bridgetown, whose 29th anniversary occurs now. We also pray for the soul of **Brendan Hamilton**, Moortown, who died last week; sympathy to his family and friends

Reader: Sharon Warburton.

† Jan 25th: We pray for the soul of **John Winters**, Mulrankin, whose 1st anniversary occurs, and **Anne Winters**, and **Peter Winters** whose anniversaries occur now. We also pray for **William Brown**, Churchlands, Mayglass, whose 1st anniversary occurs now.

Reader: Mary Doyle.

Thought for the Day

John saw Jesus coming towards him. Jesus is always coming towards us too. Why? Because he loves us. He never imposes himself on us. He doesn't burst through the door and or force us to accept him. But he does remain near, hoping we will catch a glimpse of his love and, in that instant recognise that he is everything our hearts long for.

Catholic Schools Week 2026

*"Called to
Be Stars of
Holiness"*

Catholic
Schools
Week will
take place
from Sun-
day 18th
January to
Saturday
24th Janu-
ary,

a special time each year when we celebrate the unique contribution our Catholic schools make to our parish, our families, and our wider community.

This week invites us to reflect on how our schools can shine with the joy, hope, and light of Christ. Pope Leo recently described Catholic schools as "stars in the constellation of all schools and universities"—a beautiful reminder that each school, each staff member, and each child has the capacity to shine brightly for others.

Like stars, we are called to guide, to inspire, and to bring light where it is needed. Throughout the

ADORATION



Adoration every Thursday
in St Mary's Church
from 10am – 8pm.

If you can spare an hour or less
it would be very much appreciated,
as we would like to keep this
tradition alive and vibrant.

NEVILLE HOTELS

ROOM TO ROAM

WITH NEVILLE HOTELS

ROYAL MARINE HOTEL
DRUIDS GLEN HOTEL & GOLF RESORT
RIVER COURT HOTEL
RAVENPORT RESORT
WHITES OF WEXFORD
Tower Hotel & Leisure Centre

Parish Coffee Morning after 10am Mass on Thursday

week, each day highlights a different way we are called to holiness:-

✦ **Monday** – Called to Holiness through Prayer
Children explore how prayer—quiet or joyful, formal or personal—deepens their friendship with God.

♥ **Tuesday** – Called to Holiness through Love and Friendship
Inspired by Jesus' words "Love one another as I have loved you," pupils learn how holiness grows through kindness, forgiveness, and friendship.

🏠 **Wednesday** – Called to Holiness in Family Life (Grandparents' Day)

We honour grandparents and elders who pass on faith, wisdom, and love. Pupils celebrate their family roots and express gratitude for those who guide them.

👉 **Thursday** – Called to Holiness through Service and Courage

Children discover how acts of service, bravery, and compassion reflect Christ's love. Stories of saints inspire them to stand up for what is right.

🌈 **Friday** – Called to Holiness through Joy and Mission. Holiness is joyful! Pupils are encouraged to share the Good News through their words, actions, and enthusiasm for life.

Grandparents Day

On Wednesday 21st January as part of Catholic school's week programme we celebrate Grandparents Day. We are inviting all grandparents to join with the boys and girls in our school for a special mass



for all grandparents at 10am in Kilmore Church and enjoy some activities in the school as well. All are welcome to attend.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Diocese of Ferns Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place this year 16th-21st May. We are inviting applications for Assisted Pilgrims and Helpers to join us on this wonderful pilgrimage. Assisted pilgrims' forms can be got from your parish priest. Please contact. Will Neville, President of the Hospitalité on 086 889 1899 or Tricia Murphy, Pilgrimage Secretary on 086 323 4551 for more details for helpers or assisted pilgrims.

Connect at Bridgetown College

Transition Year students at Bridgetown College, in conjunction with the Home School & Community Liaison Scheme, we warmly welcome parents, grandparents, and other senior members of our community to this fun new initiative.

- 📅 Every Friday
- 📍 Bridgetown College
- 📅 Starting Friday, 30th January 2026
- 🕒 11:45 AM – 1:00 PM

This is a wonderful opportunity to:

- 🎮 Play games and enjoy some fun
- 📱 Get help with your phone or electronic device
- ☕ Relax with a cup of tea and a chat

We look forward to welcoming you! 😊

Remember the Beauty of the Sky

Leave worries aside and you will be surprised by the beauty of the sky and the colour of flowers, of the freshness of the breeze and the generosity of the sun. You will feel you are part of creation, and life will start to make sense. The greatest wealth is to appreciate what we have and what we are.

Ferns Diocesan Ecumenical Service

Ferns Diocesan Ecumenical Service in the Church of the Annunciation, Clonard, on Sunday 18th January 2026 at 19:00. Preacher : Canon Nicola Halford. All are welcome.

Ecumenical Quiet Day

An Ecumenical Quiet Day is being held in the Ballyvaloo Centre on Thursday 26 February, 11.15am-4.00pm. The day will be led by Michael Dillon, the Centre's director. The theme is, "Embracing new beginnings and growth with ease in challenging times." Contribution: €35 including lunch and coffee on arrival. Please text or ring Fr James Murphy on 087 815 2637 if you wish to attend.

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

Saint Peter's church

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place in Saint Peter's church, Kilmore Quay, every Saturday 10:00-18:00 hours. Drop in anytime for a minute or an hour to meditate in a peaceful place. Holy Rosary, Wednesday to Friday 7.15 pm. Everyone welcome. Offering up prayers for peace and everyone's individual needs.

Community Lotto results

The numbers drawn in this week's Lotto were 9, 18, 22, and 29. There were five match-three winners each receiving €40. There was no jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot stands at €6800.

Helping Meals on Wheels in your area

We are proposing to establish a support group with at least 1 representative from each curacy to monitor and support the service. This will ensure we continue to reach people who need the service and who may be vulnerable. If you can help please

leave your contact details in the Parish Office or the Centre.

Parish Meals on Wheels

We are pleased to return our service and as you know 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 as a driver please contact the Centre and Bernie at 053 912 9922. Thank you.

Disney High School Musical on stage in Bridgetown College

High School Musical on Stage! follows the relationship of Troy, a high school basketball captain, and Gabriella, a new transfer student, as they fall for each other while singing together during a vacation.

Back at school, their budding romance and desire to audition for the school musical are met with opposition from cliques and the drama queen Sharpay. Their decision to audition together breaks down barriers, encouraging other students to defy their cliques and embrace new passions. The show goes on stage on Tuesday 27th January, Wednesday 28th, and Thursday 29th at 7.30pm in Bridgetown College Gym.

Booking for the show is online at <https://www.gr8events.ie/sales/index.php?event=2441>. Adult ticket €15 plus booking fee, student €10, and non-attendance €10. Show Director: Eileen Creevey. Choreographer: Maisie Gorman. Musical Directors: Eileen Creevey and Bronwyn Butler.

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.

