

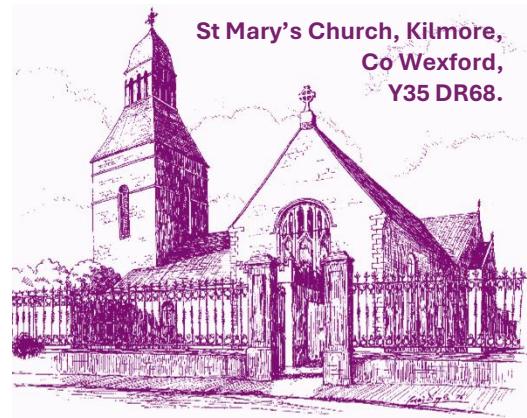
# Kilmore Parish weekly Newsletter

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**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](http://www.kilmoreparish.com) for all parish information.

Newsletter for the weekend of 7-8 February 2026.



## Parish notices

Reflection on the Gospel for the 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A



In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus uses two simple images — salt and light — to describe the mission of His followers. Salt preserves, enhances flavour, and prevents decay; light dispels darkness and guides the way.

In the same way, our lives are meant to bring out the goodness in the world and light the path toward God for others. Jesus' words remind us that faith is not meant to be hidden or kept private. Just as light loses its purpose if covered, and salt becomes useless if it loses its taste, our discipleship loses its meaning if it does not touch the lives of others.

This is not about drawing attention to us, but about letting God's love shine through our actions — in kindness, justice, and compassion. In a world that can often feel divided, cynical, or weary, even small acts of goodness can be like a spark in the dark. A listening ear, a word of encouragement, a stand for what is right — these are ways we "let our light shine" so that others may see God's presence in the everyday.

This week, the Gospel invites us to ask: Where can I bring flavour and hope into someone's life? How can I be a light in a place of darkness? When we live as salt and light, we quietly but powerfully witness to the truth that God's love is alive and active in the world.

### Weekend Masses and Anniversaries

#### Saturday: 6.00pm Kilmore Quay

† Feb 7th: We pray for the soul of **Laurence Scallan**, Crossfarnogue, whose 7th anniversary occurs at this time. We pray for the soul of **Jim Howlin**, Crossfarnogue, who died during the week. We extend our sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace.

† Feb 14th: We pray for the soul of **Fr Tony Haycock**, Kilmore Quay, whose anniversary occurs now. We also pray for the souls of **Murt and Liam McGarry**, Kilmore Quay, whose anniversaries occur now. We also pray for the soul of **Margaret Bates**, Kilmore Quay, whose 28th anniversary occurs now.

#### Saturday: 7.30pm Tomhaggard

† Feb 7th: Mass in the Pastoral Room again this Saturday evening due to the flooding. We pray for all those working on farms and on the sea, may God protect them in their daily lives.  
† Feb 14th: We pray for all those living in war torn countries, may God keep them safe and protect them.

#### Sunday: 10.00am Kilmore

† Feb 8th: We pray for the soul of **Michael Murphy**, Seaview, whose anniversary occurs now.  
† Feb 15th: We pray for the souls of **Josie Raftery**, Ballask, whose anniversary occurs now, **Abbie Troy**, Tomhaggard, 10th anniversary and we also pray for her dad **Tom** at this time. We pray for the souls of **Peg and Ollie Murphy**, Ballyseskin, **John and Nan Murphy**, Kilmore P.O., **Sr Mary (Kitty)**, and **Sr John Vianney (Maisie) Murphy**, Ballyseskin, all whose anniversaries occur now. We pray for the soul of **Tomás Power**, Ardeen, Clongaddy, whose anniversary occurs now. We also pray for the soul of **Michael Hurley**, Grange, whose 36th anniversary occurs now. We pray for the soul of **Jim Howlin**, Kilmore Quay, who was laid to rest during the week, sympathy to his family and friends. May he rest in peace. We extend our sympathies to the Bates family on the death of **Joe Bates** whose funeral Mass will take place on Monday at 12 noon in Kilmore with burial afterwards in the new Cemetery. May he rest in peace.

#### Sunday: 11.30am Mulrankin

† Feb 8th: We pray for all the sick in our Parish; may God grant them healing.  
**Reader:** Mary Kehoe.  
† Feb 15th: We pray for all those struggling mentally or physically at this time.  
**Reader:** Ina Neville.

### World Day of the Sick

The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes is next Wednesday and designated as the World Day of the Sick.



There will be no mass in Kilmore at 10am as we are moving Mass to 11am to mark this special day of prayer. During the mass you will be invited to receive a special Blessing and Anointing on this world day of the Sick. All are welcome to attend. Please note the Parish Office will be closed during this time. If you know of someone who has no

means of getting to Mass could you be the good Samaritan and perhaps make someone's day.



### Part of the Message from Pope Leo for World Day of Sick

Theme: The gift of encounter: the joy of offering closeness and presence.

We live immersed in a culture of speed, immediacy, and haste – a culture of “discard” and indifference that prevents us from pausing along the way and drawing near to acknowledge the needs and suffering that surround us. In the parable, when the Samaritan saw the wounded man, he did not “pass by.” Instead, he looked upon him with an open and attentive gaze – the very gaze of Jesus – which led him to act with human and compassionate closeness. The Samaritan “stopped,

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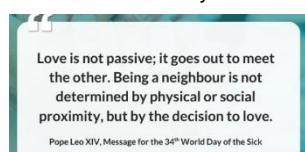
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approached the man and cared for him personally, even spending his own money to provide for his needs... [Above all] he gave him his time." [1] Jesus does not merely teach us who our neighbour



is, but rather how to become a neighbour; in other words, how we can draw close to others. [2] In this respect, we can affirm with Saint Augustine that the Lord did not intend to show us who that man's neighbour was, but rather to whom he should become a neighbour. Indeed, no one is truly a neighbour until they freely draw near to another. Thus, the one who became a neighbour was the one who showed mercy. [3]

### Check the parish website

Always remember the most up to date way to check all happening in our parish is on our website and you can access it by going to [kilmoreparish.com](http://kilmoreparish.com) anytime. You can also log onto our webcam this way also which makes it amazingly simple.

### Don't forget Valentines Day

Don't forget Valentines Day is next weekend! This is a wonderful day in the diary which is about pausing to express love and gratitude to those who matter most. Whether it's your spouse, children or even your closest friends, this day invites us to step away from the busyness of life and focus on our relationships. Surprise someone next weekend in a wonderful way. Show they really matter.

### Enrolment Mass for Communion

The enrolment Mass for the children receiving their First Communion this year will be on this Sunday 8th February at 10am in Kilmore Parish Church. All families are asked to attend.



### International Day of Prayer and Awareness of Human Trafficking

"Peace begins with Dignity. A Global Call to End Human Trafficking" is the theme of the 12th International Day of Prayer and Awareness against Human Trafficking, established by Pope Francis and celebrated each year on 8 February, on the occasion of the Feast of Saint Josephine Bakhita a Sudanese woman and religious sister, enslaved from the age of seven, Saint Bakhita has become over time a universal symbol of the Church's commitment against human trafficking. According to the United Nations, an estimated 27 million people worldwide are victims of human trafficking, predominantly women, children, migrants, and people forced to flee their homes and which, while remaining largely hidden and underreported, is increasingly finding new forms of exploitation online. Each year on 8 February, thousands of people around the world join the International Day of Prayer and Awareness through prayer and awareness-raising initiatives in communities and parishes.

### Access The Way

The Way is a digital multimedia platform set up by the Irish Bishops' Conference to help people discover, live, and pass on the Catholic faith. It aims to assist both seekers and followers in understanding the faith and sharing it with

others. The platform features a logo that symbolizes the Way, representing Jesus Christ, Son of God, and Saviour, and incorporates the Cross and the light of the Easter Dawn. It is designed to be a resource for those looking to learn more about the Catholic Church and its teaching. To access The Way, simply visit the website at [www.theway.ie](http://www.theway.ie).

You are invited to attend the  
**St Patrick's College Maynooth**

### ANNUAL TRÓCAIRE LECTURE

"Care for Creation  
Amidst the Cries of War  
- Working for Peace in the Earth Community"

"A true ecological approach always becomes a social approach ... so as to hear both the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor."

Laudato Si', 49

Our keynote speaker is **Dr Hugo Slim**, Director of the Las Casas Institute for Social Justice at Blackfriars Hall, University of Oxford. Moderator for the evening is **Seán Farrell**, CEO, Trócaire. Dr Hugo Slim



The event will take place in person in Renehan Hall, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, followed by refreshments. The event will also be live-streamed.

Tuesday, 3 March 2026 at 7 p.m. GMT  
Registration for this event is required.

For information please email:  
[maria.murphy@trocraire.org](mailto:maria.murphy@trocraire.org)



### Adoration times in Our Parish

- Kilmore**, St Mary's: Thursday from after 10am Mass to 8pm.
- Kilmore Quay**, St Peter's: Saturday, 2pm-6pm.
- Mulrankin**, St David's: Tuesday, 6pm-7pm.
- Tomhaggard**, St Anne & St James: Monday 10am-7pm.

### Parish Newsletter

Our newsletter is available on the parish website each week at [www.kilmoreparish.com](http://www.kilmoreparish.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](http://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

### ICA Chair Yoga classes

The ICA Chair Yoga classes with Jodi begin again on Wednesday next February 11th at 1pm in Stella Maris Centre. The classes are open to everyone in the community who would like to take part. The cost is €20 per four weeks.

### Grasta marriage courses

Preparing for marriage? Weekend residential courses available, 6-8 March 2026 and 13-15 November 2026. For details see [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org) or email [info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org). Also, weekend residential courses for married couples are available, 7-8 March 2026 and 14-15 November 2026. For details see [www.grasta.org](http://www.grasta.org) or email [info@grasta.org](mailto:info@grasta.org).

### Dovida are recruiting

Make A Difference in Your Community with Dovida Wexford; we are currently recruiting experienced Caregivers for the area. Positions are part-time including evening and weekend calls. Duties include assisting clients with all aspects of day to day living. QQI qualification desirable but not essential and full training provided. Own transport required. Visit [Dovida.ie](http://Dovida.ie) or call Leah on 053 918 4042 if interested.

### Ballycogley Players Drama Group

With only a couple of days to go to our first pre-festival performance of "All My Sons" by Arthur Miller, directed by Brigid Scully, we are busy putting the final touches to the play which will be performed on Thurs 12th and Fri 13th Feb in Our Lady's Island Community Centre at 7.30pm, admission €15 (including refreshments) at the door, Sun 22nd and Mon 23rd Feb in The National Opera House, booking online [www.nationaloperahouse.ie](http://www.nationaloperahouse.ie) or by phoning the box office 053 912 2144.

### Community Lotto results

The numbers drawn in this week's Lotto were 3, 4, 11, and 27. There were five match-three winners each receiving €40. There was no jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot stands at €7400.

### Affordable printing

Affordable printing available at The AOH Hall in Bridgetown. Colour, black and white, photocopying, and laminating, A5-A3 size. Email [bi-cinfo1@gmail.com](mailto:bi-cinfo1@gmail.com) or phone 053 917 5523. The AOH Hall is open Mon-Wed, 9am-1pm and 1.30pm-4pm.



### Next news-letter

Items for publication in next weekend's 'Community notices' are very welcome and should be submitted before 12 noon on Friday to [kilmorenewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:kilmorenewsletter@gmail.com).