

# Kilmore Parish

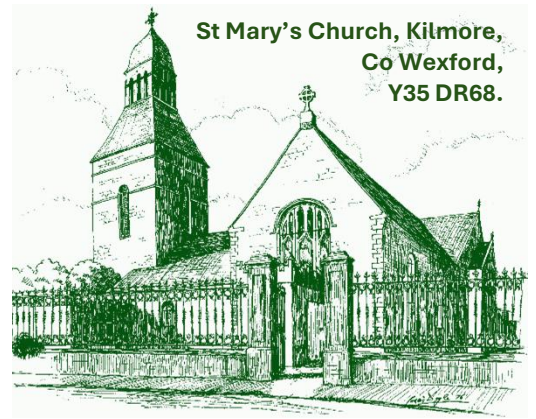
## weekly Newsletter

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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 053 919 1830.

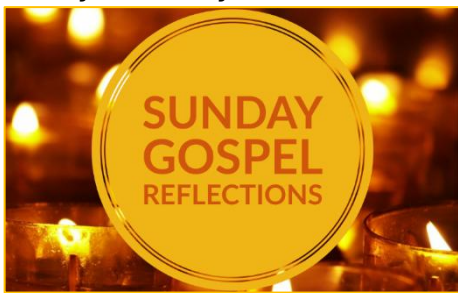
**Parish Website:** [www.kilmoreparish.com](http://www.kilmoreparish.com) for all parish information.

*Newsletter for the weekend of 27-28 June 2026.*



### Parish notices

#### 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.

#### Weekend Masses and Anniversaries

##### Saturday: 6.00pm Kilmore Quay

✠ 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.

##### Saturday: 7.30pm Tomhaggard

✠ 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 and Seán McGrath**, Tenacre, whose anniversaries occur now.

##### Sunday: 10.00am Kilmore

✠ 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** (née Pierce), Gollough and Germany, all whose anniversaries occur now.

##### Sunday: 11.30am Mulrankin

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

**Reader:** Aidan Miskella.

✠ 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.

#### 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.



#### 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.

#### 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 8.30am 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.

#### 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

An advertisement for Neville Hotels. At the top, there is a logo for 'NEVILLE HOTELS' with a stylized 'N'. Below the logo, the text 'Find YOURSELF 20% OFF' is written in a large, elegant font. The background of the advertisement shows a family—a woman and two children—walking on a grassy beach towards the ocean. At the bottom of the advertisement, there is a list of hotels: 'ROYAL MARINE HOTEL', 'DRUIDS GLEN HOTEL &amp; GOLF RESORT', 'RIVER COURT HOTEL', 'RAVENPORT RESORT', 'WHITES OF WEXFORD', and 'Tower hotel &amp; leisure centre'.

# BLESSING OF THE BOATS

Kilmore Quay, West Pier



5 P.M  
SUNDAY  
28<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2026

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.

## Parish Newsletter

Our newsletter is available on the parish website each week at [www.kilmore-parish.com](http://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](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 any of the following parish safe-guarding officers: Paul: 087 774 5546 (Kilmore area), Pat 087 278 5156 (Tomhaggard/Mulranks area) and John 087 914 8009 (Kilmore Quay area).

## Community notices

### Important Alzheimer's disease talk

The July meeting of the Kilmore Active Retirement Association 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 in or affected by this illness are all invited to attend.

## 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](http://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.

## Community Lotto results

The numbers drawn in this week's Lotto were 2, 9, 16, and 30. There were five match-three winners each receiving €40. There was no jackpot winner. Next week's jackpot

stands at €11,400.

## Field Day in Tomhaggard

**Wanted:** all items for the Field Day in Tomhaggard

during the Novena, we require items for the bric a brac, the bottle stall, and the wheel of fortune. You can leave them in the parish office or in the sacristy after mass in Tomhaggard.

## Coffee Morning/Abseil Challenge

A little reminder....On Friday 10th July, Trish Boyce, Celine Treacy and Catherine Murphy (The Five Kidneys) will take on an exciting challenge in aid of St Damien's Ward, Beaumont Hospital. The ladies will abseil 100 feet off the iconic Hogan Stand in Croke Park down to pitch side. In support of this challenge and to raise some worthy funds for St Damien's Ward, a coffee morning will take place on Sunday 5th July in The Bank, Community

Hub and Enterprise Hub, Rosslare Harbour, at 11am. For any banking donations, please contact Richard Gleeson 087 136 9830. 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.

## 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 at 8pm. 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.bannowrathanganshow.com](http://www.bannowrathanganshow.com).

## 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](mailto:kilmore-newsletter@gmail.com).

## Tomhaggard Women's Shed

# Community Art, Photography & Heritage Weekend

Saturday 4th July & Sunday 5th July  
Tomhaggard Community Centre, Y35 D527

### Schedule of Events

Time	Event	Location
12:30 pm 	<b>Historical Walks:</b> Discover the rich history of Tomhaggard with local historian Fidelis Power.	St. Anne & St. James Church in Tomhaggard, Y35 YY00.
2-5 pm 	<b>Art Exhibition:</b> Featuring artwork created by members of the Tomhaggard Women's Shed. Refreshments served at 2 pm.	Tomhaggard Community Centre, Y35 D527
3 pm 	<b>Freshly made pizzas</b> from our traditional clay oven. First come, first served.	Tomhaggard Community Centre, Y35 D527

**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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