

Kilmore Parish

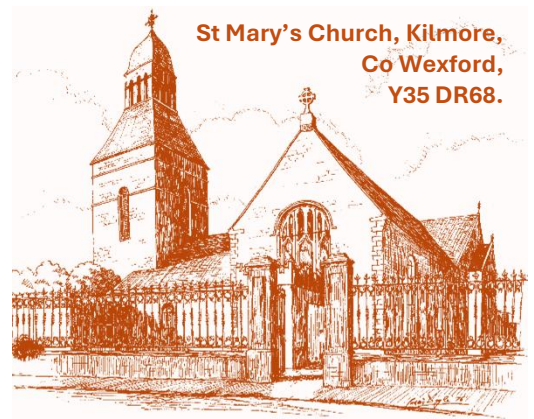
weekly Newsletter

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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.

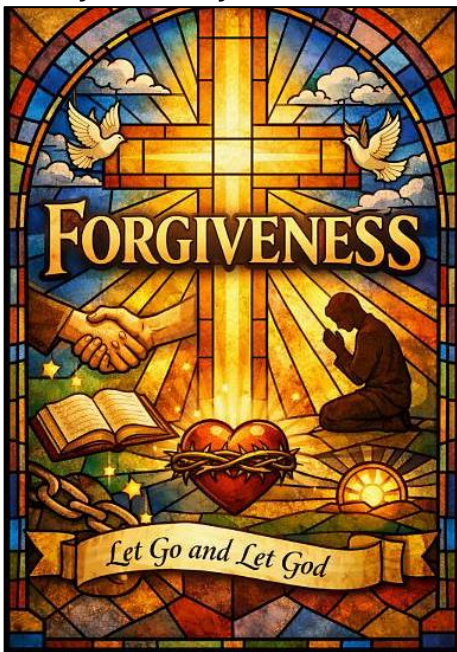
Parish Website: www.kilmoreparish.com for all parish information.

Newsletter for the weekend of 12-13 September 2026.



Parish notices

Reflection on the Gospel 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.

Weekend Masses and Anniversaries

Saturday: 6.00pm Kilmore Quay

✠ 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.

Saturday: 7.30pm Tomhaggard

✠ 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.

Sunday: 10.00am Kilmore

✠ 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.

Sunday: 11.30am Mulrankin

✠ 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.

Reader: Mary Doyle.

✠ 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.

Reader: Mary Kehoe.

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

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

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.

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.

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

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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.stmaryscathedra.ie. We hold Bishop Ger in our prayers.

Thank you

Davide 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 and 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.

A bequest is a powerful act of generosity. It allows your kindness to live on and may also reduce the taxable value of your estate under Irish inheritance tax rules. Most of all, it is a way of saying: this parish mattered to me, and I want it to flourish long after I'm gone.

Parish Newsletter

Our newsletter is available on the parish website each week at 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. 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 the following parish safe-guarding officers: Paul: 087 774 5546 (Kilmore area), Pat 087 278 5156 (Tomhaggard / Mulrarkin area) and John 087 914 8009 (Kilmore Quay area).

Community notices

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.

Community Lotto

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

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.

Centre Community Café

Don't forget to book your table for breakfast or lunch at the Stella Maris Centre and contact

Bernie at 053 912 9922. Great menu. Take away meals and platters of sandwiches available for all your occasions.

Table Quiz night



Chitty Bang Bang! Everyone welcome.

Join Kilmore Variety Group for a fun night of trivia, music, laughs and spot prizes in Quigley's Pub on Friday, September 18th at 8pm. €10 per person. Bring your team, have some fun and support your local variety group as we get ready for the production of Chitty

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.

Ballycogley Players Youth Theatre

Starting Soon... Calling all Secondary School Students - Did you ever think about Performing on Stage, wonder how the Lighting, Sound and Backstage Technicals are included in a Show, what it would be like to create some Drama and Magic, Explore Creativity. Now is your chance to experience some or all of these areas. Sign up at the following link <https://forms.gle/hpD2a1qLEqhWkPPA8>. Ballycogley Players would love to welcome you into our drama family.



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.

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...