



# Kilmacow Parish

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**Weekend Masses:**  
**Kilmacow:** Sunday 11.15 a.m.

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## 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024

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### First Sunday of Advent

#### **Mass Times for the week**

##### **Kilmacow**

Monday 6.30 p.m.  
Tuesday 9.30 a.m.  
Thursday, Eucharistic Service 9.30 a.m.  
Friday 9.30 a.m.  
Sunday 11.15 a.m.

##### **Mooncoin**

Tuesday, Carrigeen 9.30 a.m.  
Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 9.30 a.m.  
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Thursday following Mass to 12 noon in the Nagle Chapel.

##### **Anniversaries**

11.15 a.m. Joan Cooke  
Michael Foskin  
James Foskin  
Dixie Tierney  
Joseph & Jenny Cleary

##### **Safe Guarding Witnesses**

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Michael Drohan

##### **Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Josephine Rockett,  
Valerie O'Callaghan, Patricia Dennehy

##### **Readers**

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Blanche, Michael Drohan

##### **Feastdays For The Coming Week**

Tuesday St. Francis Xavier, priest  
Wednesday St. John Damascene, priest  
Friday St. Nicholas, bishop  
Saturday St. Ambrose, bishop

##### **Christmas Confessions**

Monday Mass 16<sup>th</sup> December 6.30 p.m.

##### **Christmas Masses**

Christmas Eve Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> 6.00 p.m.  
Christmas Day Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> 10.00 a.m.

#### **Baptisms:**

Baptisms will be celebrated in Kilmacow on the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month at 12 noon and bookings can be made through Kilmacow Parish Office.

If a Funeral is taking place on that Sunday, Baptisms will move to 1 p.m.

#### **Funerals:**

All arrangements for Funerals to be made with Fr. Tobin. Further information is available on the Parish Website [www.kilmacowparish.com](http://www.kilmacowparish.com)  
Weekly newsletter is available on our website.

#### **Advent**

The Advent season helps us to bear in mind our ultimate destiny. It causes us to call to mind that, God willing, we will at the end of our earthly lives be in union with our Lord for eternity. God came into the world to redeem the entire human race, but he will also come again as he promised us. To think about the Second Coming as we prepare to remember his First Coming brings everything full circle. Christ came into the world so that sin would have no reign over us. And when he returns again at the end of the world, he will bring all those that follow him into heaven, where only his love reigns supreme and where the effects of sin will be non-existent. This is what the season of Advent looks forward to in the truest sense. In the first Advent, God became man. But in the second Advent, when our Lord reunites our souls with our bodies, we as men will become like God. Truly, we must always ponder these two types of 'advents', especially at this time of the year.

#### **St. Vincent de Paul, Kilmacow**

SVP envelopes are provided in the church porch for anyone wishing to contribute to our annual appeal on December 8<sup>th</sup>. These, or any envelope marked St. Vincent de Paul, can be placed in the safe deposit boxes in the Church or given to any SVP member. Thank you for your generosity and continued support.

### **Kilmacow Safeguarding Information**

In the event of concerns about the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults engaged in church activities contact the Designated Liaison Person,  
Ms. Ailish Higgins 085 8021633  
Ms. Rose Brophy 087 3314330  
Mr. Cathal Cullen 056 7762448  
email: [dlp@ossory.ie](mailto:dlp@ossory.ie) TUSLA 059/9115570  
[www.ossory.ie/safeguarding](http://www.ossory.ie/safeguarding)  
Parish Safeguarding Representatives:  
Mrs. Bernadette Moloney Mr. Leo Butler  
Ms. Geraldine Walsh

### **Advent**

The Church begins four weeks of preparation to welcome Jesus on Christmas Day. The Advent Wreath symbolises the eternity of God's love for us and reminds us of the eternal life of God in Christ. One candle is lit each week of Advent. The purple reminds us of the spirit of prayer and penance that marks this time of preparation. The red/rose candle lit on the third Sunday symbolises the joy and hope Christ has to offer us. The white candle lit on Christmas Day represents Christ and the peace that He brings.

### **Adult Faith Development Group -Advent 2024**

'Towards a Theology of Hope' - Most Reverend Niall Coll, Bishop of Ossory - an evening exploring the hope our faith brings is on Wed., 11<sup>th</sup> December, St. Kieran's College, 7p.m.

### **Autumn Collection for our Priests**

Thank you to all who have contributed to the Autumn collection for our Priests. Any outstanding contributions are welcome.

### **Christmas Carol Service Invitation**

Christmas Carol Service in Piltown Church at on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30 p.m. Those wishing to join in the choir "on-stage" on that evening please call 051 643112 for more information.

### **Carol Service for St Senan's N.S.**

Carol Service will be held in St. Senan's Church on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> December at 7 p.m. All welcome!

### **Pope Francis's December Intention**

We pray that this Jubilee Year strengthen our faith, helping us to recognize the Risen Christ in our daily lives, and that it may transform us into pilgrims of Christian hope.

### **Anam Cara**

Monthly Support Evening for bereaved parents is on Tuesday, 10<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30 p.m. in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross. We also offer an online support group meeting. Contact 01 4045378 or email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

### **Hospice Christmas Cards**

Available locally! Packet of 12 for €10.  
Contact Tomás 086 0704114.

### **Direct Debit Donations**

These can be made using our Bank details:  
IBAN: IE40 AIBK 93427585444014  
BIC: AIBK IE 2D

### **Collection**

Offertory €380 November Envelopes €1,610  
Thanks to all who contribute to the collections for the support of our parish and priests.

### **South Kilkenny Historical Society**

A Night of Reminiscing with Seamus McGrath will be held on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> December at 7.p.m. in the Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue. Cost €25 including food. To book contact Brigid Barron 087 9507295; Katherine Grant 086 1954616 or Mary Ryan, 086 3790655

### **Ossory Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2025**

Direct flights from Cork to Lourdes 19<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> May 2025. Full religious programme. Choice of 3\* & 4\* hotels €949/ €995 respectively. Book with JWT 01 2410800/[info@joewalstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalstours.ie). Assisted pilgrims contact Fr. O'Connor 087 2517766.

### **Parish Schools Enrolment 2025/2026**

Enrolments open for both Schools until 17<sup>th</sup> January.

### **St. Senan's NS Kilmacow**

Contact 051 885361 or [info@stsenansns.ie](mailto:info@stsenansns.ie)  
<https://www.stsenansns.ie>

### **St. Patrick's NS Strangsmills**

Contact 051 874474/ [schooloffice@strangsmillsns.ie](mailto:schooloffice@strangsmillsns.ie)  
<http://www.strangsmillsns.ie/pages/enrolment.php>

### **Mass Bookings**

Bookings for anniversary masses can be made through the Parish Office or at [kilmacow@ossory.ie](mailto:kilmacow@ossory.ie)

### **Parish Office**

Parish Office is open on Tuesdays 9.30 a.m. - 2p.m. and Fridays 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.  
Signed Sympathy Cards, Mass Bouquets and Christmas Mass Bouquets are available from the Parish Office. Mass bookings, items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter, can be emailed to Aoife at [kilmacow@ossory.ie](mailto:kilmacow@ossory.ie) or Parish phone 087 4796533



### **Prayer Of Blessing For The Advent Wreath**

Lord God,  
your Church joyfully awaits the coming of its  
Saviour, who enlightens our hearts and  
dispels the darkness of ignorance and sin.  
Pour forth your blessings upon us  
as we light the candles of this wreath;  
may their light reflect the splendour of Christ,  
who is Lord, for ever and ever. Amen.