



# Kilmacow Parish

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

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087 2408078

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**Parish Website:** [www.kilmacowparish.com](http://www.kilmacowparish.com)

**30<sup>th</sup> November 2025**

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***First Sunday Of Advent***

### **Mass Times**

#### **Kilmacow**

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

#### **Mooncoin**

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

#### **Recently Deceased**

Peter Allen, Mullinabro, Kilmacow

#### **Anniversaries**

**11.15 a.m.** Donal Roche  
Pattie Doody  
Richard Tierney  
Joan Cooke  
Wattie & Anne Hearne  
Mossie & Kitty Flavin  
Dick Dunphy  
Kate Corcoran  
Michael Foskin  
Tom Kent  
Joe Butler

#### **Safe Guarding Witnesses**

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup>** Joan Butler

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

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup>** Nicola O'Brien Walsh, Harry Knox,  
Frank Lahiffe

#### **Readers**

**Sun 7<sup>th</sup>** Mary Sullivan, Elizabeth Blanche

### **Parish Dates for 2025/2026**

**St. Senan's Carol Service, 11<sup>th</sup> December, 7 p.m.**  
**Confirmation, Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 11 a.m.**  
**First Holy Communion, Sat., 16<sup>th</sup> May, 11 a.m.**  
**Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 25-30<sup>th</sup> May 2026**

### **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. In the event of a Funeral, there will be no 9.30 a.m. Mass. Further information is available on the Parish Website [www.kilmacowparish.com](http://www.kilmacowparish.com)

### **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 7<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.

### **Cake Sale**

Cake Sale, in aid of Waterford Hospice, will be held in the Parish Office this Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> November after Mass. Please 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:**

**Bernadette Moloney**

**Anthony Young**

### **Feast Days For The Week**

**Wednesday** St. Francis Xavier, priest

**Thursday** St. John Damascene, priest

**Saturday** St. Nicholas, bishop

### **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.

### **Pope's Monthly Intention – December**

Let us pray that Christians living in areas of war or conflict, especially in the Middle East, might be seeds of peace, reconciliation and hope.

### **First Saturday Conference in Knock**

To mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Saturday Apparition in Pontevedra, Spain, there will be a special conference in Knock on the first Saturday on December 6<sup>th</sup>. For details please visit [firstsaturdays.ie](http://firstsaturdays.ie)

### **Table Quiz**

Kilmacow Hospice Support Group will host a table quiz at 8 p.m. on Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> December in the Fox's Den. The cost per table of four is €20. All support welcome.

### **Christmas Cards**

Christmas Cards in aid of the Hospice Movement are on sale in Nearby and O'Neill's. The cost per packet of 12 cards is €10. All support welcome.

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

Carol Service will be held in St. Senan's Church on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December at 7 p.m. All welcome!

### **Family Time at your Library in December**

Christmas Bingo on 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 6.30 p.m.

Booking required – call 051 897200 or email [ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie](mailto:ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie)

Christmas Storytime every Saturday in December at 12noon – all welcome!

### **Anam Cara**

Monthly Support Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December at 7.30pm in the Brandon House Hotel, New Ross.

### **Direct Debit Donations**

These can be made using our Bank details:

IBAN: IE40 AIBK 93427585444014

BIC: AIBK IE2D

### **Collection**

Offertory €440

Thanks to all who contribute to the collections for the support of our parish and priests.

### **Schools Enrolment Applications For 2026/2027**

Enrolments are now open until Friday, 16<sup>th</sup> January 2026. Contact details:

**St. Senan's NS Kilmacow**

051 885361/email [info@stsenansns.ie](mailto:info@stsenansns.ie) or

[www.stsenansns.ie/](http://www.stsenansns.ie/)

**St. Patrick's NS Strangsmills**

051 874474/ email [schooloffice@strangsmillsns.ie](mailto:schooloffice@strangsmillsns.ie) or

[www.strangsmillsns.ie/pages/enrolment.php](http://www.strangsmillsns.ie/pages/enrolment.php)

### **South Kilkenny Historical Society**

A Night of Reminiscing with Bridie Kineavy on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> December at 7 p.m. in the Rhu Glenn Hotel, Slieverue. Cost: €30 including food. Contact Brigid 087 9507295/ Katherine 086 1954616/ Mary Ryan 086 3790655

### **The Marian Hall**

Available for hire: Community groups and clubs, keep fit, yoga & all classes, as well as meetings & social gatherings. Available to hire hourly or by the afternoon/evening/weekend. To check availability & book your date, email [mhstrangsmills@gmail.com](mailto:mhstrangsmills@gmail.com) or call 086 8921356.

### **Mass Bookings**

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

### **Parish Office**

Signed Sympathy Cards, Christmas and Mass Bouquets are available from the Parish Office.

**The Parish Office is closed this week and will reopen Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> December, usual hours.**

Mass bookings, items for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter etc. can be emailed to Aoife at [kilmacow@ossory.ie](mailto:kilmacow@ossory.ie), Parish phone 087 4796533 or dropped into the post box at the Parish Office before 12 noon on Friday.



### **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.