



Kilmacow Parish

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Weekend Masses:
Kilmacow: Sunday 11.15 a.m.

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14th December 2025

Third Sunday Of Advent–Gaudete Sunday

Mass Times

Kilmacow

Monday Mass with Confessions 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

Billy Phelan, Miltown Road.

Anniversaries

11.15 a.m. Andrew Phelan
Kevin Williams
Maurice Hennessy
Eilís Kirwan
Jimmy, Johnny & Eddie Long

Monday Mary Kelly

Tuesday Eilís Kirwan

Safe Guarding Witnesses

Sun 21st Anne O’Keeffe

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun 21st Anne O’Keeffe, Ann Kearns,
Ann Marie O’Mara

Readers

Sun 21st Frank Lahiffe, Joe O’Mahony

Feast Days For The Week

Thursday St. Flannan, bishop

Saturday St. Fachanan, bishop

Christmas Confessions

Monday Mass 15th December 6.30 p.m.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th 6.00 p.m.

Christmas Day Thursday 25th 10.00 a.m.

St. Stephen’s Day No Mass

Baptisms:

Baptisms will be celebrated in Kilmacow on the 4th 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

Advent - 3rd Sunday

The third Sunday of Advent is traditionally called Gaudete Sunday i.e. “Be ye joyful!” or “Be ye glad!” from the first word of the Mass Entrance Antiphon. . The red/rose candle lit on the third Sunday symbolises the joy and hope Christ has to offer us. We are invited to rejoice because the feast of the Lord’s coming is now near, spiritually and also literally (in fact, December 25 is on the horizon). In this context of joyful anticipation, today’s Word of God urges us to meditate on a fundamental aspect of faith in God and in Jesus, “the one who is to come”, with our gaze still fixed on St. John the Baptist, the “forerunner”. It is about constancy in faith in the midst of life’s trials and difficulties. This is the Christian and missionary virtue so necessary for every disciple-missionary of Christ in today’s world.

A Family Prayer for Advent

Loving God, as your light grows in the dark of winter, bring its strength and its hope to all people who suffer through war and conflict, poverty and injustice. Just as you sent the star of Bethlehem to lead the way to your Son, guide all people - leaders and citizens – to follow your ways of peace and justice. As we remember the difficult journey of Mary and Joseph, may the Holy Family be a source of courage for each of us, helping us to reach out in friendship to all in need in this world and in our community. Help us to see in the Christ-child we welcome this Christmas, the one who came to bring an end to all divisions and injustice. May the Lord bless us, keep us safe, and fill us with hope this Advent day and always. Amen.

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 TUSLA 059/9115570
www.ossory.ie/safeguarding

Parish Safeguarding Representatives:
Bernadette Moloney
Anthony Young

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.

Christmas Offerings

Offerings are now due for the support of our priest's income. Kindly use the envelope in your box or alternatively use your own marked 'Christmas Offerings'. Thank you for your continued support.

St. Vincent de Paul, Kilmacow

SVP envelopes are provided in the church porch for anyone wishing to contribute to our annual appeal. 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.

Outside Lights

There is a major underground problem affecting the outside lights which we are currently trying to resolve. In the meantime, people are asked to observe great care, especially on the footpath to and from the old post office. Thank you.

Table Quiz

Table Quiz in aid of the Parent's Association of St. Senan's N.S. will take place in Foxes Dens on Monday, 12th January at 8 p.m. Table of 4 €20. All support welcome.

South Kilkenny Historical Society - Wren Day

On Friday, December 26th (St. Stephen's Day) in Mullinavat Parish Hall and Church Car Park at 11 a.m. Lá an Dreoilín, in Ireland, centers around the tradition of capturing a wren, which is said to bring luck. People march dressed in garbs made of straw, including headwear that is woven into a bell shape, playing drums and traditional music, and singing. At 11 a.m. a new 'King Wren Boy' will be crowned who will, weather permitting, lead the parade from the hall to Main Street and return to the hall for some music. Local musicians will provide music and people of all ages are asked to come along and participate in the event.

Parish Dates for 2025/2026

Confirmation, Thursday, 19th March 2026 11 a.m.
First Holy Communion, Sat., 16th May, 11 a.m.
Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes, 25-30th May 2026

Direct Debit Donations

These can be made using our Bank details:
IBAN: IE40 AIBK 93427585444014
BIC: AIBK IE2D

Collection

Offertory €415 November Envelopes €2,310
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, 16th January 2026. Contact details:

St. Senan's NS Kilmacow

051 885361/email info@stsenansns.ie or
www.stsenansns.ie/

St. Patrick's NS Strangsmills

051 874474/ email schooloffice@strangsmillsns.ie or
www.strangsmillsns.ie/pages/enrolment.php

For Attention Of Parents Of Children

Attending/Yet To Start Primary School

The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. See - gov.ie/primaryschoolsurvey

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 or call 086 8921356.

Mass Bookings

Bookings for Anniversary Masses can be made through the Parish Office or at kilmacow@ossory.ie

Parish Office

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

The Parish Office opens at the following times -

- Tuesday 9.30 a.m. to 2.00 p.m.
- Friday 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

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

