



Kilmacow Parish

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Weekend Masses:
Kilmacow: Sunday 11.15 a.m.

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21st December 2025

Fourth Sunday Of Advent & Christmas

Mass Times

Kilmacow

Monday 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday, Christmas Eve 6.00 p.m.
Thursday, Christmas Day 10.00 a.m.
Friday, St. Stephen's Day No Mass
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

Eileen Maher, Cloone Road, Ferrybank

Anniversaries

11.15 a.m. Helen Lacey
Bridget O'Hara
Madeleine O'Hara
Richard Phelan
Patrick Walsh
James McCarthy
Bridget Costello
Gerry Carroll
Jimmy & Bridie Carroll

Safe Guarding Witnesses

Sun 28th Anthony Young

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun 28th Anthony Young, Joan Butler,
Brid Dunphy

Readers

Sun 28th Patrick Sheehan, Pat Doyle

Feast Days For The Week

Tuesday St. John of Kanty, priest
Thursday The Nativity Of Our Lord Jesus Christ
Friday St. Stephen, first martyr
Saturday St. John, apostle and evangelist

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

This is the fourth Sunday of Advent. The white candle lit on Christmas Day represents Christ and the peace that He brings.

Welcome

First, I would like to invite and welcome each one of you to the celebration of Christmas 2025. Secondly, I want to thank you who serve and support the church of Kilmacow. Many good people enrich this parish. Thank You! Thirdly, I pray that this holy season will be a time of extraordinary blessings for you and especially the members of your family that sometimes you worry most about. Let us continue to support and help each other. Finally, I hope and pray that you will be safe this Christmas time at home and when you travel. I hope and pray you will remember the less fortunate during these difficult economic times. I hope and pray you will find forgiveness and peace in your own heart and that you will be generous to others with the same love and mercy. Again, I look forward to meeting you, not only for Christmas but also throughout the New Year too! Happy Christmas and every Blessing for 2026. **Fr. Martin**

Opportunity Knox

Opportunity Knox wish to thank all their donors and wish a joyful Christmas to all. People in the parish are exceptionally generous throughout the year. The Newsletter will be sent out in January before the next visit to Uganda. Thank you most sincerely.

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.

Annual Kilkenny Churches Christmas Crib Walk

Marking the Jubilee Year of Hope, the walk will take place on St. Stephen's Day, beginning at the Friary at 11 a.m., offering moments of prayer and reflection along the way. All welcome to attend.

Parish Pastoral Council Committee

A meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council Committee took place during the week.

St. Vincent de Paul, Kilmacow

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

Church Flowers

Sincere thanks to all who donate flowers and donate money towards them throughout the year. It is greatly appreciated.

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. Local musicians will provide music and people of all ages are asked to come along and participate in the event.

Blessing For The Christmas Crib

O God, out of your love for us you sent your dearly beloved Son to become human.

You willed that he be born in a humble stable in order to give us an example of humility.

We pray you now to bless this crib, a representation of the scene of his birth; may it draw us closer to him.

By imitating his humility may we become a worthy dwelling place for his rebirth, Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

Direct Debit Donations

These can be made using our Bank details:

IBAN: IE40 AIBK 93427585444014

BIC: AIBK IE2D

Collection

Offertory €260 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

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.

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.

Closed 26th & 30th Dec., reopens Friday, 2nd Jan.

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.

~ Reflection ~

Lord as we celebrate this Christmas,
help us to live each moment gratefully.

May we have the faith to trust
in the gifts you have given us.

May we have the hope that overcomes the dark
thoughts that sometimes cloud our vision.

May we have the love that makes
our world a better place.

We make this prayer through Christ our Lord,
born for us again in Bethlehem, amen.

*A Very Happy Christmas to all our
Parishioners & Visitors*

