



# Kilmacow Parish

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

**Priests of the Pastoral Area:** Fr. Michael Kelly SJ  
087 3791406  
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087 2408078

**Parish Office:** 087 4796533  
**Parish Email:** [kilmacow@ossory.ie](mailto:kilmacow@ossory.ie)  
**Parish Website:** [www.kilmacowparish.com](http://www.kilmacowparish.com)

## 28<sup>th</sup> December 2025

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### *The Holy Family Of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

#### **Mass Times**

##### **Kilmacow**

Monday 6.30 p.m.  
Tuesday 9.30 a.m.  
Thursday, New Year's Day 10.00 a.m.  
Friday No Mass  
Sunday 11.15 a.m.

##### **Mooncoin**

Thursday, New Years Day 9.30 a.m.

#### **Recently Deceased**

Fr. Tom McGree, Lisdowney

#### **Anniversaries**

11.15 a.m. Jimmy Waters  
Tom Roche

Monday Nora Gahan

#### **Safe Guarding Witnesses**

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Joan Butler

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

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Josephine Rockett, Valerie O'Callaghan,  
Michelle Mullally

#### **Readers**

Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Alice Power, Joan Butler

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

Monday St. Thomas Becket, bishop  
Wednesday St. Sylvester, pope  
Thursday Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
Friday St. Basil the Great, bishop  
St. Gregory, bishop  
Saturday St. Munchin, bishop

#### **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)

#### **Thank You – Fr. Martin & Fr. Kelly**

Sincere thanks to all who helped in the parish throughout the year. Thank you also to those who are involved in any way assisting at Mass, our Choir, our Readers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristan and Safeguarding Representatives and all who are involved in the Committees and all who give financial support. Thanks to our CE workers who help in so many ways and the Teachers, Boards of Management, Secretaries and Volunteers. May the Lord bless you abundantly.

#### **Prayer In The Home**

For generations, Irish families have put a light in the window to invite Jesus, Mary, and Joseph into their homes for Christmas. I invite everybody to bring Christ into their home with family prayer. Light a candle near your crib and gather around it for a moment of prayer. Somebody could read a piece of scripture, sing a carol or simply say the Hail Mary together, asking God's blessing on everyone in the house and gathered around the dinner table this Christmas and New Year and to remember those, who feel isolated and vulnerable, in a special way.

#### **Parish Dates for 2026**

**Confirmation** Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2026 11 a.m.  
**First Holy Communion** Saturday, 16<sup>th</sup> May, 11 a.m.  
**Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes** 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> May



### **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**

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

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

### **Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025**

The closing celebration of the Jubilee Year of Hope 2025 will take place in each Diocese on Sunday, 4th January 2026. Bishop Niall will celebrate the closing Mass in Ossory on Sunday, 4th January 2026 in St. Mary's Cathedral at 5.30 p.m. The Theme is Anchored in Hope. "Hope in the Lord" (Psalm 27:14) There will be an opportunity to share in some conversation and light refreshments afterwards in the Chapter House. All are welcome. Pope Leo XIV will celebrate the Closing Mass for the Jubilee Year in St Peter's Square on Tuesday, 6th January 2026, the Feast of the Epiphany.



### **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.

### **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.

### **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 is €20. All support welcome.

### **Direct Debit Donations**

These can be made using our Bank details:

IBAN: IE40 AIBK 93427585444014

BIC: AIBK IE2D

### **Collection**

Offertory €285

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](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)

### **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 opens at the following times -

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

### **Closed 30th Dec., reopens Friday, 2nd January.**

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.

### **New Year**

Ring out the old, ring out the new,

Ring, happy bells, across the snow;

The year is going, let him go;

Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind

For those that here we see no more;

Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease;

Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;

Ring out the thousand wars of old,

Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,

The larger heart, the kindlier hand;

Ring out the darkness of the land,

Ring in the Christ that is to be.