



Kilmacow Parish

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Weekend Masses:
Kilmacow: Sunday 11.15 a.m.

Priests of the Pastoral Area: Fr. Michael Kelly SJ
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22nd February 2026

First Sunday Of Lent

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.

Recently Deceased

Joan Oakes, Johnstown, Navan, Co. Meath

Anniversaries

11.15 a.m. Andrew Phelan
John, Michael, Mary Murphy
Percy Gaule
Harry Matthews
Edward Fogarty
Charlie Forristal
Paddy Walsh, Newtown

Safe Guarding Witnesses

Sun 1st Michael Drohan

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun 1st Marian Aylward, Betty Walsh,
Julie McNamara

Readers

Sun 1st Peggy Holden, Michael Drohan

Feast Days For The Week

Monday St. Polycarp, bishop
Friday St. Gregory of Narek, abbot

Parish Dates for 2026

Service Of Light Thursday, 12th March, 7 p.m.
Confirmation Thursday, 19th March 2026 11 a.m.
First Holy Communion Saturday, 16th May, 11 a.m.
Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 25th-30th May

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

As We Begin Lent - Lenten Reflection

Prayer, Fasting and Abstinence are the three tools we use as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of Easter the Passion Death and Resurrection of our Lord. Fasting is one way in which we deepen our awareness of God. By denying ourselves food or a luxury what else do we do except say 'I do not depend on these things'. It enables us to step back from the usual habits and distractions and give particular attention to God. An outward restraint can be a sign and symbol of an inner attention, and a help towards it. This is also the Prayer which lies at the heart of Lent. Reminding ourselves to give time to God, so that God may speak to us in the silence of our heart.

Lenten Prayer

Today Lord, I choose life. I choose your love and the challenge to live it and share it.

I choose hope, even in moments of darkness.

I choose faith, accepting you as Lord and God.

I choose to let go of some part of my burdens, day by day handing them over to you.

I choose to take hold of your strength and power ever more deeply in my life.

May this truly be for me a time of new life, of change, challenge and growth.

May I come to Easter with a heart open to dying with you and rising to your new life, day by day. Amen.

Lenten Alms

Lenten Alms are due around this time. Thank you for your generosity and 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,
Mr. Fintan Fanning 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

Trócaire

Our Trócaire donations are greatly needed to alleviate suffering in our world and to improve the quality of life for people in under developed countries. Trócaire boxes can be collected from the Church.

Lent Tweets

Follow @OssoryDiocese for a simple thought each day during this Lenten journey. Have your timeline prompt you to pause each day to be reminded of our Lenten journey.

Pope's Monthly Intention - February

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

First Penance

First Penance will take place this Wednesday for St. Senan's and St. Patrick's N.S. This is a very important step in the faith journey of our children as they encounter God's love and mercy in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We keep them and their families in our prayers. Lent is a special time for all of us to rediscover the healing grace of Confession. The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers each of us forgiveness, peace and a fresh beginning.

Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes - May 25th - May 30th

Early booking is advisable as space is limited. All bookings should be made through Joe Walsh Tours by www.joewalshstours.ie/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/or calling 01-2410800. Pilgrims who would like to travel with the Special Assisted Section accommodated at the Accueil, should apply to Anna Colleton at a.colleton@cbskilkenny.ie

Trip To Medjugorje 3rd – 10th June 2026

Full religious programme operated by Marian Pilgrimages with direct flight from Dublin with 7 nights accommodation with breakfast and dinner. Contact Pat 085 2680396/Mary 085 2697779

Help Support Families Affected By MND

Annual Tea Party - Coffee Morning with a Raffle at Tramore Golf Club on this Tuesday, 24th February at 10.30 a.m. All Welcome.

Marfans Research Foundation Quiz Night

Monday, 2nd March at 8 p.m. in The Lounge, Foxes Den. Cash prize for winners and raffle on the night! All support welcome.

Direct Debit Donations

These can be made using our Bank details:
Kilmacow Parochial Current Account
IBAN: IE40 AIBK 93427585444014
BIC: AIBK IE2D

Collection

Offertory €340

Parish Collections

Sincere thanks to those who contribute to the Parish Clergy Fund which pays the priests salaries, and the Parish Church Fund which is used for the upkeep of parish property, diocesan expenses, the insurance and energy costs, as well as the support of retired priests. These regular payments maintain the service in the parish. We are very grateful to those who give to the monthly envelope collection and the offertory collection which are used to fund the parish, as well as those who give to the six income collections for the priest. Recently a number of families and individuals made their annual contribution - these are most gratefully received. The Parish benefited from the Charitable Tax Refund Scheme, totalling €16,455.79 in 2025. Please remember if your combined contribution to the church and priest amounts to a minimum of €250 in one year, it enables the parish to claim the tax paid at the agreed rate of 31% for both Self-employed and PAYE Taxpayers.

Totus Tuus 2026 Annual Fatima Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage to Fatima, 28th August- 4th September costs €915 - includes, flights, half board accommodation, airport transfers, day trip to Balasar, trip to Valinhos and Adjustrel, trip to the Irish Dominican Sisters' Convent. Places available to fly from Cork & Dublin Airports Contact Damien 087 2049048

Next Senior Shed Meet Up – Thursday, 26th Feb.

Our next Senior Shed meet-up will take place in the Rosedale Day Centre from 10 a.m. – 12 noon on Thursday, 26th February. Everyone is welcome to come along for a chat, cuppa, and some light activities.

Camogie & LGFA Club Gaelic 4 Mothers

Held in the Sports Complex, Kilmacow, on Thursdays from 8-9 p.m. Open to all women aged 25+ and no experience needed. Contact Brid on 086 1712145.

Mass Bookings

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

Parish Office

Signed Sympathy Cards 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.