



Kilmacow Parish

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Weekend Masses:
Kilmacow: Sunday 11.15 a.m.

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26th April 2026

**Fourth Sunday Of Easter
Vocation Sunday**

Mass Times

Kilmacow

Monday 6.30 p.m.
Tuesday 9.30 a.m.
Thursday Eucharistic Service
Friday No Mass
Sunday 11.15a.m.

Mooncoin

Wednesday – Friday 9.30 a.m.

Recently Deceased

Michael O'Reilly, Kildare

Anniversaries

11.15 a.m. Maureen Duggan – Month's Mind
Joseph & Mary Doyle
Mai Walsh
John Barron
Mai O'Dwyer

Safe Guarding Witnesses

Sun 3rd Joan Butler

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Sun 3rd Nicola O'Brien Walsh, Harry Knox,
Sam Murphy, Anthony Young

Readers

Sun 3rd Anne Marie O'Mara, Frank Lahiffe

Feast Days This Week

Monday St. Asicus, bishop
Tuesday St. Peter Chanel, martyr
St. Louis Marie Grignon de Montfort
Wednesday St. Catherine of Siena, Patron of Europe
Thursday St. Pius V, pope
Friday St. Joseph the Worker
Saturday St. Athanasius, bishop

Parish Dates 2026

First Holy Communion Saturday, 16th May, 11 a.m.
Ossory Pilgrimage to Lourdes 25th-30th May
Cemetery Mass Friday, 26th June, 7.30 p.m.

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

Vocation Sunday

This Sunday our parish marks the World Day of Prayer for Vocations inviting us all to reflect on the call God extends to each of us, and to pray especially for those discerning a vocation to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, and committed Christian living in the world. Pope Leo XIV's message for the day reminds us that vocation is not simply a task or duty but "the interior discovery of God's free gift that blossoms in the depths of our hearts." He encourages us to see vocation as a "path of beauty," rooted in a personal encounter with the Risen Jesus "the Good Shepherd", who knows us and calls us by name. As we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday, let us pray that Christ will guide many hearts to recognise and respond generously to God's loving call, and that our parish community continues to support and encourage one another on our journey of faith.

Prayer for Vocations

Lord Jesus Christ, source of all true service and love, root our hearts in You, that those You are calling to the priesthood may hear Your voice with courage. "Do not be afraid! Accept the invitation of the Church and of Christ the Lord!" May these words echo in the hearts of those You are choosing, guiding them to generous and faithful service. "May the Virgin Mary, whose entire life was a response to the Lord's call, always accompany us in following Jesus." Through her gentle care, may many respond with a joyful yes. Bless the Diocese of Ossory with holy and devoted priests, whose lives reflect Your compassion, Your truth, and Your saving love. 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,
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**

Vocations Sunday – Sunday, 26th April

Bishop Phonsie Cullinan, Chair of the Council for Vocations, will celebrate Mass in St. Canice's Catholic Church, Dean Street, Kilkenny, this Vocations Sunday at 11 a.m. The Mass will be broadcast live on RTÉ One and streamed online.

Bishop's Tree – Sunday, 26th April, 3 p.m.

Mass will be celebrated in Bishopswood, Cork Road, Durrow to commemorate a Bishop, who while celebrating Mass in a Mass Pit in Durrow was seized on by his persecutors, dragged into the wood, tied to a tree and left there until he died. The Durrow Pipe Band will lead the procession from the entrance to the wood to the area where the Bishop's Tree once stood.

Pope's Monthly Intention - April

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Easter Offerings

Sincere thanks to all who gave their Easter Offerings, for the support of the priests of the parish.

Vacancy, Diocese of Ossory - Diocesan Nurse

The Diocese of Ossory requires a Nurse to provide an advocacy and support service to Priests in the Diocese of Ossory. The Diocese comprises of 42 parishes in Counties, Kilkenny, Laois and Offaly. The post will be part-time, flexible and initially for a three-year period. The ideal candidate must be: A registered General Nurse (ideally with Community experience); self-motivated and have the ability to co-ordinate care planning in a community-based environment; possess excellent communication skills; competency in time management and a full clean driving licence and own transport are essential. Please email your application to admin@ossory.ie or by post to The Diocesan Secretary, Diocesan Office, James's St, Kilkenny, R95 NH60. Closing date for is Friday, 29th May 2026.

Resurfacing works in Kilmacow

Kilkenny County Council intends to resurface the L3401 from the Fox's Den in the Upper Street to the turn off for Ballinearla (L7431) in the Lower Street between Tuesday 5th May and Friday, 8th May. Diversions will be in place for the duration of the works along the R448 (old N9) and the L3403 from Murray's Cross. Local access may be restricted.

Epilepsy Ireland Annual Collection

Collection amounted to €233. Sincere thanks to all.

Direct Debit Donations

These can be made using our Bank details:

Kilmacow Parochial Current Account

IBAN: IE40 AIBK 93427585444014

BIC: AIBK IE2D

Collection

Offertory €445 March Envelopes €3,850

Standing Orders 1st Quarter €1,577.50

Mass Bookings

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

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 www.joewalshstours.ie/pilgrimages/group-diocesan-pilgrimages/ or calling 01-2410800.

Totus Tuus 2026 Annual Fatima Pilgrimage

Pilgrimage to Fatima, 28th August- 4th September costs €915. Places available to fly from Cork & Dublin Airports Contact Damien 087 2049048

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

Town Twinning

Anyone that would be interested in travelling to St. Thurien in mid July, please contact Mary this week on 087 2130457 to express their interest.

Rosedale Senior Shed

The Rosedale Senior Shed will continue on Thursday, 30th April, from 10 a.m. - 12 noon. Everyone is welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a chat, with music on the morning provided by Alan Browne.

LGFA Nursery Programme (Girls 4–6 years)

LGFA nursery training has now commenced and the club welcome any girls aged 4–6 who would like to give it a go. Training takes place every Thursday evening from 6.30–7.15 p.m. in the Complex and focuses on fun, games and making new friends. New players are very welcome to come along.

Ferrybank Library Bealtaine

Celebrating creativity, arts & aging. Workshop: Learn how to use straw, grass & strong string to make a coiled basket on Friday, 1st May from 2 p.m.-5 p.m. Booking essential. Limited spaces. Email ferrybank@kilkennylibrary.ie/ring 051 897200

Parish Office

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

The Parish Office opens at the following times -

- Tuesday 9.30 a.m. to 2 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.