



Parishes of Kilmore & Killyleagh

7th March 2026
Third Sunday of Lent

Parish Vision Statement:

Christ's love, working within us, invites us to live for him and to work to make his name known and loved.

Our Christian Community in Kilmore and Killyleagh seeks to be a place where everyone:

- Feels welcomed
- Feels safe
- Feels listened to
- Feels respected
- Experiences a sense of belonging
- Deepens their understanding of our Catholic Faith and traditions in a place of joyful and prayerful worship
- Actively walks together as brothers and sisters inspired by God's love
- Reaches out to others who are not engaged in Church life
- Supports those who may be in need including the bereaved
- Experiences God in the wonder of creation and seeks to care more proactively for it.

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Webcam: www.kilmoreandkillyleagh.com/webcams

Sunday Mass Times:

Killyleagh: Saturday 5pm Vigil

Teconnaught: Saturday 7pm Vigil

Crossgar: Sunday 10.30am

Daily Mass

Tobar Mhuire Monday-Saturday 9am

Requiem Masses:

All Requiem Masses will be held at 10am

Confessions in Tobar Mhuire:

Friday & Saturday 4-6pm

Fr Derek Kearney is also available by appointment for anyone wishing to avail of the sacrament of reconciliation.

The Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration:

All parishioners are welcome to join in our weekly Perpetual Adoration in the Parish in:

Killyleagh: Monday 10am-11am – includes Rosary and Padre Pio Novena

Crossgar: Tuesday 10am-11am – includes Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet

Teconnaught: Sunday 4pm-6pm – includes Rosary (4pm) Divine Mercy Chaplet (5pm)

Tobar Mhuire: Thursday 10am-6pm – finishes with Benediction (5.40pm)

Petition Boxes: Parishioners are invited to add their personal intention requests in the Prayer boxes provided at the back of our 3 churches. Intentions will be placed before the altar and prayed for during our Eucharistic Adoration in each church each week.

The Blessed Sacrament cannot be left unattended.

Children's Liturgy:

Saturday Vigil Mass at 7pm in Teconnaught.

2026 Baptism Times:

Baptisms at 12noon in:

- Killyleagh Sunday 15th March
- Crossgar: Sunday 19th April
- Teconnaught: Sunday 17th May

Baptisms and Weddings:

Arrangements are to be made with the Parish Office on 02844 830229 during office hours.

Requests must be made to the Parish Office via email or downloaded from the parish website. All certificates must be collected in person.

Kilmore SVP Helpline: 07523 111 543

Anyone interested in joining SVP or willing to help hold the collection boxes please contact the SVP Helpline number, or give your written name and number to any SVP member.

Parish Bereavement Ministry Team:

Helpline: 07599124207

The Parish Bereavement Ministry Team provides support for people who have experienced bereavement through the loss of a loved one. If you need our support, we are here to help you.

Kilmore and Inch Parish Food Bank:

Helpline: 07523111543

The Food Bank at Kilmore Parish Church Hall, Church Road, Kilmore opens from 11am – 1pm every Wednesday. Parishioners are asked to donate non-perishable food to help the Food Bank

Donations can be left in the basket at the back of Churches in Teconnaught and Crossgar or at the designated basket in Super Valu supermarket Crossgar. Anyone requiring help from the Food Bank, please contact the helpline above.

Parish Uganda Link NII07201:

The PUL group continues to meet on a monthly basis building on our partnership with St Kizito's Parish supporting schools and the local community in 3 main areas of activity. The Pupil Sponsorship Scheme (education), the Food Poverty Programme and the Parish Clinic. For information on the Pupil Sponsorship Scheme contact:

For information contact:

Kasia Wawrzynek 07706438258

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Anniversary Masses:

In order to take undue pressure off the sacristans, there is a gentle reminder for all anniversary masses to be booked via the parish office by email or leaving a message on the answer machine no later than 4pm on Thursday.

Stations of the Cross:

During Lent Stations of the Cross are being held each Friday at 7pm in Teconnaught and each Monday in Killyleagh at 11am after Eucharistic Adoration.

Hills to the Lough

Lenten Journey of Pilgrimage:

Parishioners are encouraged to attend as many of the masses below during Lent. The masses will be held at 7pm on:

11th March – Drumaroad

18th March – Crossgar

25th March – Teconnaught

1st April – Loughinisland

Parish Pastoral Council (PPC):

The next PPC meeting will take place at 7pm on Thursday 12th March.

Teconnaught and Killyleagh Halls:

The issue of the halls was discussed again by the Parish Finance Committee. As was mentioned before, we hope to arrange a meeting with parishioners (especially from Teconnaught) in the near future to discuss ways forward. In the meantime, we appeal for help to clear out the hall.

Teconnaught and Killyleagh Cemeteries:

At the end of this month the skips in the cemeteries will be removed. We make an appeal to everyone to bring their rubbish home. This will be a significant financial saving in the year. Money saved can be invested in the maintenance of the cemeteries. Thank you for considering this.

St Patrick's Day:

Tuesday 17th March is St Patrick's Day. Masses will be at 9am in Tobar Mhuire and 7pm in Killyleagh.

HILLS TO THE LOUGH FAMILY OF PARISHES

Kilmore & Killyleagh, Drumaroad & Clanvaraghan, Loughinisland

Priests: Fr Derek Kearney SMA, Fr Ciarán Dallat, Fr Michael Murray

Webcam: www.churchmedia.tv

In addition to our own parish information:

St Mary's of the Angels - Clanvaraghan

Sunday 10am & Monday 7:30pm

St John The Baptist - Drumaroad

Saturday & Wednesday: 7:30pm

St Macartan's - Loughinisland

Sunday: (Vigil Saturday) 6.30pm, 8.30am & 11am

Monday 7.30pm (Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

Wednesday & Thursday 7.30pm & Friday 10am

Adoration & Reconciliation (Confessions):

Saturday 5.30pm-6pm

Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday 7pm (led) and Friday 7pm (private)

Reminder - Bulletin Notices:

All bulletin notices can be emailed to the office marked "bulletin".

Notices must be in no later than Wednesday.

Catholic Men's Retreat - Standing in the Breach

A morning retreat for Catholic men will take place at Portglenone Monastery on Saturday 14th March from 9am-1pm. The theme will focus on spiritual warfare and remaining steadfast in faith during Lent, with a talk by Fr Martin Graham, along with testimonies from Catholic laity. The morning includes the Rosary, Holy Mass, and refreshments. To register or learn more, visit: <https://catholicminute.co.uk/mens-retreat/>

Collection Envelopes - Year 2026/2027

Collection envelopes for the new financial year are at the back of the churches. Parishioners who wish to obtain a box or to contribute by bank standing order please contact the Parish Office.

If you pay income tax, we would ask that you sign and return the Gift Aid card in your box (put in collection basket with your next envelope) which enables the Parish to claim back 25p in every £1 tax you have paid to the Inland Revenue.

Teconnaught GAC Charity Coffee Morning:

A coffee morning in aid of Aida Refugee Camp Bethlehem and Project Hope Nablus is at 11.30am on Sunday 15th March in Teconnaught GAC. Tickets for a hamper are available at McGrath's Shop.