



Kinsale Times



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A Review of 2024

Kinsale Union: Services to early February 2025

Sunday 5 January	St Multose Kinsale Ballymartle St Multose Kinsale	8.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Morning Prayer 11.30am Celebration of Nollaig na mBan
Sunday 12 January	St Multose Kinsale Templetrine St Multose Kinsale	8.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion 11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 19 January	St Multose Kinsale Ballymartle St Multose Kinsale	8.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Holy Communion 11.30am Holy Communion
Sunday 26 January	St Multose Kinsale Templetrine St Multose Kinsale	8.30am Holy Communion 10.00am Morning Prayer 11.30am Morning Prayer
Sunday 2 February	St Multose Kinsale Ballymartle St Multose Kinsale	NO 8.30am Service 10.00am Morning Prayer 11.30am Morning Prayer

Thank you all for the memories we have made together during 2024. Over the last twelve months, many people have given of their time and talents to make our parish life vibrant, colourful, welcoming and friendly. We are all indebted to you.

**I can't wait to see what 2025 brings! Happy New Year to you all.
Rev Eugene and Joanna**

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When Great Trees Fall by Maya Angelou

When great trees fall,
rocks on distant hills shudder,
lions hunker down
in tall grasses,
and even elephants
lumber after safety.

When great trees fall
in forests,
small things recoil into silence,
their senses eroded beyond fear.

When great souls die,
the air around us becomes
light, rare, sterile.
We breathe, briefly.
Our eyes, briefly,
see with
a hurtful clarity.
Our memory, suddenly sharpened,
examines,
gnaws on kind words unsaid,
promised walks never taken.

Great souls die and
our reality, bound to
them, takes leave of us.
Our souls,
dependent upon their
nurture,
now shrink, wizened.
Our minds, formed
and informed by their
radiance, fall away.
We are not so much maddened
as reduced to the unutterable ignorance of
dark, cold caves.

And when great souls die,
after a period peace blooms,
slowly and always
irregularly. Spaces fill
with a kind of
soothing electric vibration.
Our senses, restored, never
to be the same, whisper to us.
They existed. They existed.
We can be. Be and be
better. For they existed.

This poem is dedicated to all who have suffered a grief or loss this year. Our God is with you. Rev Eugene



Photos: Sea Sunday above, Strawberry Fayre below



A great day out at the Belgooly Show with the RNLI



During the year, several new types of services were held. Our aim is to add variety and enrich our worship life in the Union. Services of Wholeness and Healing and Sung Evensongs.

There was also a guided tour of St Multose to mark Heritage Week 2024.

In addition, I recorded a video on prayer as our contribution to the West Cork Pioneer Hub Octave of Prayer. This can be viewed on our Facebook page.

The Miltose Singers our ad hoc choir, are now a part of our musical fabric. So far, they have sung at the Harvest Service and Ecumenical Service of Nine Lessons and Carols.

I am so proud of them. An enormous 'thank you' to everyone who has joined and to Joanna for being the music director and making rehearsals fun.

Friendship Club Lunch

Trident Hotel on 9 January

To book your place, please contact a member of the committee

Monthly Whist drive

Second Friday of every month in the Community Hall at 8pm. Proceeds go to various charities.



During 2024, several projects in our churches came to fruition:

Painting the interiors of Ballymartle and Templetrine churches and stripping back and painting the church doors of St Miltose. We also installed a 'tap and go' electronic payment device, a welcome pop-up banner and a new visitor's book.

Many thanks to everyone who made it possible.



A very happy year for Zena Skuse who celebrated her 100th birthday and Joanna who was awarded her theology certificate in TCD.



Confirmations 2025

Dear all, if you or a member of your family would like to be confirmed in 2025, please contact me at my email address rectorkinsaleunion@gmail.com I must have all the paperwork completed for the Diocese for all intending to be confirmed by 24 January 2025 to pass on to Bishop Paul who will hold his annual confirmation morning on 8 March in Ashton College, Cork



A year of celebration:

Congratulations to our 2024 Confirmation Class, Joanna Griffin on her licensing as a Diocesan Reader, Adrienne and Sonny on their marriage and to those who were baptised, Leila, Christian, Leah & Oliver, Clara Rose, James and Lila & Louie. God's richest blessings to each of you. Rev Eugene



Did you know that we held 11 concerts in St Multose Kinsale during 2024?

Many thanks to: The Kinsale Voices (twice), Barry Tierney (twice), Lydian Singers/KAOS Orchestra and Kinsale Men's Shed (twice), Eimear Quinn, St Nicholas Brass Band, Cantabello from San Francisco and Amanda Neri.

Here's to making lots more music and memories in 2025!



Some of the Charities supported in 2024 by the Kinsale Union:

St Vincent de Paul, Irish Red Cross, Crumlin Children's Hospital, Cork Simon, KYSS, KYCC, Samaritans, Protestant Aid and Bishops Fund.

Thank you!



Several of the concerts held in our church this year held retiring collections in aid of charities such as Cystic Fibrosis, Lisheen House, Blood Bike South and KYCC. Thank you!

Memories are made of this - 2024



Photos from top L-R of a year with two coats appeal, pet service, Fred Treacy being conferred with Fellowship of Lions Club, Bishop Paul's visit to St Multose National School, Leila Musgrave looking cute at her baptism, ecumenical Walk of Witness on Good Friday, Parkinson's Service in St Multose and some flowers from Harvest. Whew!