

The Kinsale Times

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2025



Wednesday

8:00pm Service of Wholeness and Healing
Ballymartle

Maundy Thursday

8:00pm Holy Communion, Templetrine

Good Friday

10:00am Walk of Witness, a Kinsale Ecumenical
starting at the Carmelite Friary, Methodist Church,
St Multose and ending at St John's Parish with 10
minutes prayer at each church
3:00pm An hour by the Cross, St Multose

Easter Day

All Services of Holy Communion

8:30am St Multose
10:00am Ballymartle
11:30am St Multose



KINSALE UNION
OF PARISHES



Lay Assistants at the Eucharist

On Sunday 30 March, I was delighted to welcome two new Lay Assistants at the Eucharist. Pauline and Lynn (pictured) will join our existing team members Ernest, Mary, Christy, Lorna, June, John and David. Thank you God!



I never thought my voice would be heard in a place like this. You see, I am just a donkey. No majestic mane like a stallion, no noble lineage, no claim to greatness. Just a humble beast of burden. But let me tell you about a day that changed everything — not just for me, but for the world.

It was a morning like any other in the little village of Bethphage. I was tied up, minding my business, when two men came and began untying me. I brayed in protest. Then they said something strange: "The Lord needs it."

The Lord? Me?

Before I knew it, I was being led to a man—kind eyes, dusty feet, calm like the sea after a storm. They called Him Jesus.

They placed cloaks on my back to make a saddle, and then He climbed on. I carried Him, the weight of Heaven itself, though He was light as mercy.

As we entered Jerusalem, something incredible happened. Crowds swarmed. They laid down more cloaks, waved palm branches, and shouted, "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" And there I was, in the middle of it all, carrying a King. Not a king with chariots and armies, but a King of peace. A King who chose *me*.

People didn't cheer for me. That's okay. They cheered for the One I carried. My job wasn't to be seen—but to lift up the One who saves.

That day taught me something I want you to remember: you don't have to be powerful, polished, or perfect to carry Christ. You just have to be willing. He chooses the humble. He uses the ordinary. He turns donkeys into royal transport.

So if you ever feel unworthy, too small, too broken—remember me. The donkey who bore the King. And ask yourself: Who might I be carrying today?

Amen to that! Rev Eugene

EASTER VESTRY 2025

Dear friends,
our annual Easter Vestry will take place as part of a Service of Morning Prayer in St Multose Church, Kinsale on Sunday 4 May at 11.30am.

This is our annual meeting as a parish to review the past year, make plans for the future and give thanks to God. Everyone is welcome to 'come and see' and if the spirit takes you, to take part in the running of the parish.



Sea Sunday 2025

On Sunday 6 April we held our Ecumenical Sea Sunday Service in St Multose. As always, we were joined by the clergy and parishioners from our sister churches throughout Kinsale. This year, we also welcomed Bryan Dobson and his wife Crea to Kinsale, and were uplifted by the address which Bryan gave at the service.

Later that afternoon, we held a fundraising concert in aid of Kinsale Youth Community Centre (KYCC) and we were royally entertained by the Lydian Singers, Kinsale Men's Shed, KAOS orchestra (all conducted by Bogna Siegel-O'Keeffe) and the Kinsale Warblers.

Many, many thanks to everyone who put in so much work to make this day so memorable. An awful lot of work was done behind the scenes and without you all, the day would not have been a success. Everyone appreciates everything you have done. Rev Eugene

Cork Ecumenical Bible Week



Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.

COLOSSIANS 3:16

7.00 p.m. Sunday, 11th May 2025

Singing the Scriptures: How our hymns tell the story of God.

Rev. Eugene Griffin

Kinsale Union of Parishes

in Cork Methodist Church, Nursery Drive, Ballinlough, Cork. T12 VX20

[Access via Gus Healy Swimming Pool car park.]

7.00 p.m. Thursday, 15th May 2025.

"Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures" (Luke 24:45).

Unfolding the story of the Resurrection in Luke's Gospel.

Dr. Marian Mortell & Dr. Phil Mortell

Cork Scripture Group

in the Crypt, Church of the Descent of the Holy Spirit, Dennehy's Cross, Cork. T12 W728

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For further information: email corksripturegroup@gmail.com

Cork Ecumenical Bible Week 2025

After a pause for many years, Cork Ecumenical Bible Week will resume this year beginning Sunday 11 May through to Thursday 15 May.

This year's speakers will be: Rev Eugene Griffin, Dr. Marian Mortell and Dr. Phil Mortell.



Some dates for your diaries! Rev Eugene will preach at the Parkinson's Ireland Annual Mass of Healing and Remembrance in the Sacred Heart Church, Victoria Cross on 21 April at 7pm. He will also give a talk at the Cork Ecumenical Bible Week Service in Cork Methodist Church on 11 May at 7pm. Don't forget to book your seat on the Friendship Club annual outing to Youghal on 15 May. Upcoming concerts in St Multose include: Kinsale Voices concert 23 May next.

Out and about in the parish - photos from The Friendship Club meetings, St Patrick's Day Parade, Our Songs of Praise with Dean Jeffers, Kinsale Alpha leaders, Presentation to KYCC's Kate French, World Day of Prayer and those who lead the Irish Language Service. Whew! It was a busy couple of months! Thank you to everyone who made it possible. Rev Eugene



Confirmation Day 18 May at 3pm in St Peter's Church, Bandon

At the time of writing, our confirmands Eliana, Bill, Ava, Louie and Ida are attending confirmation classes with Joanna and I. Can you keep each of them in your prayers in the weeks to come? They are wonderful young people, a credit to their families and this parish. Rev Eugene

Strawberry Fayre on 14 June 2025 in St Multose Community Hall from 1pm-4pm

This is our major fundraising event for the Kinsale Union. If you receive raffle tickets, please sell them. If you can help in the set-up on the Thursday evening (12 June) that would be great. If you can attend, brilliant. So spread the word! Rev Eugene

Kinsale Union: Services to early June 2025

Sunday 27 April	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	Kinsale 8.30am Templetrine 10am Kinsale 11.30am
Sunday 4 May	Holy Communion Morning Prayer & Easter Vestry	Kinsale 8.30am Kinsale 11.30am
Wednesday 7 May	Lusitania Service Lusitania Remembrance Kinsale Churches together prayer meeting	Old Head 2.00pm Kinsale 6.00pm Kinsale 8.00pm
Sunday 11 May	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Shine Service	Kinsale 8.30am Templetrine 10am Kinsale 11.30am
Sunday 18 May	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion Confirmation	Kinsale 8.30am Ballymartle 10am Kinsale 11.30am Bandon 3.00pm
Sunday 25 May	Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	Templetrine 10am Kinsale 11.30am
Sunday 1 June	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Morning Prayer	Kinsale 8.30am Ballymartle 10am Kinsale 11.30am
Sunday 8 June	Holy Communion Morning Prayer Shine Service	Kinsale 8.30am Templetrine 10am Kinsale 11.30am
Sunday 15 June	Holy Communion Holy Communion Holy Communion	Kinsale 8.30am Ballymartle 10.00am Kinsale 11.30am