



The Kinsale Times



Looking back, facing forward

At this time of the year, it's only natural that we reminisce about the past. The days are short, the nights are long and the weather is changeable to say the least. On the one hand we know that November is a month when we remember those who have gone to their eternal reward in heaven. On the other hand we know we are also looking forward to Advent and Christmas. We live in that balance between sadness and joy.

This Christmas, along with our normal suite of services (which you can find on the back page), Joanna and I are introducing something new: A Blue Christmas Service on Monday 22 December at 7pm in St Multose. The reason for this is simple. An awful lot of people secretly dread Christmas. This can be because of past memories, living with physical or mental challenges, or grieving the loss of someone they hold dear. We chose this date as it is the night after the longest night of the year and so the days are getting shorter. We kinda like the symmetry!

It's understandable that at a time of the year when we are all meant to be super happy whether we like it or not, this can make our loss even more acute. So, the Blue Christmas Service will be a quiet, calming service just for you. There's no need to explain, there's no need to put on a happy face. All you have to do is come and be with friends who are finding Christmas difficult too.

This is a precursor to a small group Joanna and I will set up in the new year which relates to living with grief and learning to live again. But more of that in the future.

Over the last few months, the children in 4, 5, & 6 class of St Multose National School, their teacher Ms Buttimer and myself have been quietly beavering away on our World War 1 project. Each name reminds us of someone who was loved and loved in return. It is important that we remember this when we read lists of those who sacrificed their lives for us. This is just the beginning of a parish archive and as the years pass, more information will be added to it.

As with last year, I intend to issue The Kinsale Times Annual at the end of the year. A good way to remember and a good way to face into 2026.

In the meantime, God bless you and keep you and make His face to shine upon you. Rev Eugene

Bogna's Christmas Extravaganza!

Featuring: Lydian Singers, K.A.O.S Orchestra, Kinsale Men's Shed Choir and You!

Audience participation is guaranteed.

St Multose, Kinsale
13 December at 7pm
Proceeds to KYCC



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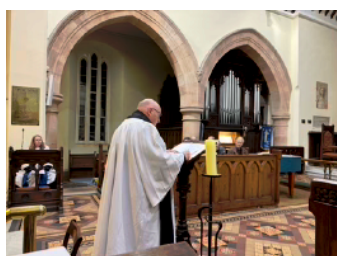
Our annual celebration of all the women who make parish life so vibrant and colourful.

St Multose Church, 4 January 2026 at 11.30am

Kinsale Union making a difference in our community



Culture Night 2025: Many thanks to everyone who came out to be entertained by Antoinette Baker on the organ, The St John's Parish Choir (with Frank Buckley), The Kinsale Warblers, and our guests from KCS Anthony Byrne and Kristian Bourke.



Irish Language Service: We had a great Irish Language Service on 31 October last. Everyone who attended experienced a touch of the divine on this special night. Thank you to everyone who attended and took part.



Our revamped Parish Room in the Community Hall:

Over the summer, much work has gone into revamping the Parish Room. As you can see, it has all been worth it!

Not only has it been painted, but new curtains have been made, the ceiling replaced and new lighting has been fitted. Many thanks to the Hall Committee and to all who have supported this work.

Diocesan Roadshow in Carrigaline:

Thank you to our representatives at this event. The purpose of the night was to focus our thoughts on our future as a parish and a diocese. It was a good evening with plenty of food for thought.



To all our volunteers: At our Volunteer Sunday Service, we gave thanks to Adeline, Denise, Ruth, Fred, Paul, Christie and Jonathan who stood down from Select Vestry duties this year. You are all amazing and we appreciate all that you have done.

2 Coat Appeal: Thank you to everyone who donated a coat. They have all been boxed up and gone to those who need them very much.

Ecumenical Carol Service

Kinsale Churches Together will hold it's Carol Service on Sunday 21 December in The Friary, Kinsale.
Time tbc closer to the date.

Parish Safeguarding Panel

Panel members are Jennifer McElroy, David Peare and Rev Eugene Griffin. If you have any concerns, please contact them. Details are on the Panel notices in each church.



Alone is the national organisation that enables older people to age at home. They are looking for people to help them provide various supports to the elderly: by telephone, befriending and visiting in person.

If you or an Older Person you know is in need of support call 0818 222 024, seven days a week 8 am to 8 pm or see [ALONE.ie/Volunteer](https://www.alone.ie/Volunteer) for more info.

St Multose National School

It's all change in the school! Ms Jill Horan is on maternity leave and in her absence, Ms Carolyn Buttimer is Acting Principal. Best wishes to Jill, Wesley, Bonnie and Clara as they await the new arrival.

I was delighted to welcome some of the children from the school to St Multose Church and gave them a guided tour of what makes this place so special. They had wonderful and very engaging questions. Well done!



Eco Congregation Ireland

In September we were delighted to welcome the Eco Congregation Ireland Candle to St Multose. This is the start of a journey for us as a congregation to see how we can celebrate the gift of God's creation, recognise the inter-dependence of all creation and care for it in our life, mission and through our personal lifestyles.

Art on our walls

On the right, is some artwork from St Multose National School.

On the left, it's just a picture that I like.



2 Thessalonians 2:1-5,13-17

Living tradition

One of Paul's reasons for writing to the Thessalonians was to quash a rumour that Jesus had already returned. He explains that they must hold fast to what they have been taught and stand firm when other persuasive voices are heard. In the Gospel, Jesus challenges the beliefs of the Sadducees (who don't believe in the resurrection). Together we explore whether the traditions we hold point us to the living God.

Read this week's passage:



EXPLORE

Research different traditions from other parts of the world, either to do with Remembrance, Christmas or winter. Are there any which you would like to start with your friends, family and church?

Pray



Choose a candle to use as an Advent candle. You could buy a decorated one or use a plain one, which you could then decorate yourself using modelling clay. Light this every day and pray, 'Jesus, Light of the World, come into our darkness'. Think about the people who give you light, and about how you can bring light to others.

ACT

With your family or group of friends, agree on one new tradition that you will start this month or next. Agree to commit to it for at least 6-12 months, while being flexible to adapt or change it as you go along.

Find more free Roots resources to reflect on this week's theme:



Living Scripture

'Stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.'

2 Thessalonians 2:14b



Fake news can spread quickly. Misinformation can confuse and unsettle us. Or we might have experienced someone we trusted in the faith, shattering our certainty through their actions. For some, as we grow in faith, the ways we once understood things no longer fit like they used to. It can feel like an earthquake: the foundations of our beliefs or community crumbling. Who can we trust? What bedrock are we building on?

Paul writes to the Thessalonians who were worried and confused by false teaching (that Jesus had already returned to judge the earth). Paul reminds them of the truth about Jesus they learned from him. He encourages them to 'stand firm and hold fast'. It takes real effort not to be swayed by confusion and fear, a choice to hold on to something secure – a tradition faithfully passed down. And in verse 16, Paul says we will receive comfort, hope and strength from God. It is not easy, but we can hold on to Christ, our firm foundation. When you feel shaken, what truth and traditions ground you? What strength and comfort can God provide?

You could say the words of the Apostles' Creed, said by Christians for around 1400 years. Hear it set to music by scanning the QR code above.

First impressions

- What traditions do you think are important and should be passed down to the next generation(s)?
- What Christian teachings and traditions do you hold fast to?
- What comfort and hope might you ask God for in the coming week?



Pray

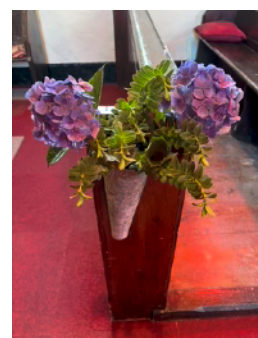
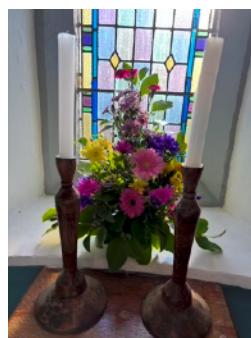
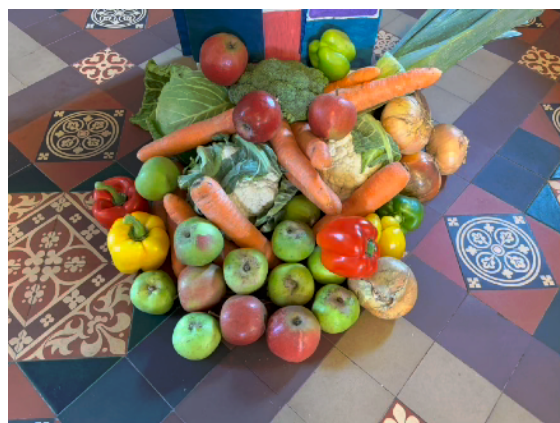
Jesus was born in Bethlehem: pass it on.
 Jesus was an amazing teacher: pass it on.
 Jesus did many miracles: pass it on.
 Jesus died for our sins: pass it on.
 Jesus rose again: pass it on.
 Jesus is Lord: pass it on.
 Jesus loves you: pass it on.
 Alleluia! Amen.



Discuss

As a family, think of as many family traditions that you have and do. If you're struggling to get started, think about whether there's something you do every Christmas. If you're fortunate to see grandparents or aunts or uncles on a regular basis, ask them what traditions they used to do when they were your age. Then ask the question, 'Why?'

Harvest in our churches 2025.
Thank you to everyone who
made it so special.



Kinsale Union: Services November and December 2025

November 9	Remembrance Sunday	
	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Service of Remembrance
	11.30am	Service of Remembrance
November 16	Second Sunday before Advent	
	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Morning Prayer
November 23	Kingship of Christ	
	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Holy Communion
November 30	First Sunday of Advent - United Service	
	11.30am	Holy Communion
December 7	Second Sunday of Advent	
	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Carols for Advent
December 14	Third Sunday of Advent	
	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Holy Communion
December 21	Fourth Sunday of Advent	
	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Carols for Christmas
December 22	A Blue Christmas Service	
	7.00pm	For those missing someone this Christmas
December 24	Christmas Eve	
	7.00pm	Holy Communion
December 25	Christmas Day	
	8.30am	Holy Communion
	10.00am	Holy Communion
	11.30am	Holy Communion
December 28	First Sunday of Christmas	
	11.30am	Holy Communion

Milestones

Our condolences go out to several of our parishioners who have suffered a recent loss. Violet Coppithorne on the death of her brother Tom. Ann Boyd on the death of her husband David. Kevin Gregg on the death of his wife Kathleen (Patsy) and Sue Jacob on the death of her brother Rob. May they and all of our loved ones rest in peace and rise in glory. Rev Eugene