



# 9:15am Mass (Monmore)

## Parish Survey Results

Number of partly or completely filled questionnaires received:	47	
Number of completely blank questionnaires received:	7	
Number of completely illegible questionnaires received:	0	
Number of people who stated that they were from Kilrush parish:	32	(68%)
Number of people who believed this a useful exercise:	---	

**A very small number of replies carried material which could be considered as being offensive and/or racist, had no relevance to parish or our religion, and consequently had no bearing on the aims of the survey. In these very few instances, the Parish Pastoral Council considered it prudent to ignore and bin the offending comments.**

*N.B. All percentage (%) figures are based on the total number of questionnaires which were either partly or completely filled in. Also, percentage figures have been rounded up or down to the nearest whole number. As such, the percentage totals will sometimes add up to 99% or 101%.*

**Our priests should be allowed to concentrate explicitly on pastoral duties, such as liturgies, visitations and administering the Sacraments:**

Disagree	5	11%
Partly Agree	12	26%
Completely Agree	30	64%
Don't know/Blank	0	0%

**The laity should come forward to help with non-pastoral duties such as finances, boards of management, parish buildings etc:**

Disagree	4	9%
Partly Agree	8	17%
Completely Agree	35	74%
Don't know/Blank	0	0%

**Faith formation is important, and people need an opportunity to nurture a mature, Christian faith. We need parish programmes aimed at those who are committed, those who are still searching and those who may be looking to come back to the Church:**

Disagree	2	4%
Partly Agree	10	21%
Completely Agree	32	68%
Don't know/Blank	3	6%

**We need to review the Diocesan Pastoral Plan of 2004 and implement those recommendations which are realistic and workable within our own parish:**

Disagree	1	2%
Partly Agree	7	15%
Completely Agree	31	66%
Don't know/Blank	8	17%

**We need to be more inclusive to non-national communities eg: Polish, Latvians etc. One Sunday a month, we could celebrate an International Mass where the common prayers of the Church could be recited in Latin:**

Disagree	6	13%
Partly Agree	14	30%
Completely Agree	23	49%
Don't know/Blank	4	9%

**We need to closely look at all the sacraments and ask ourselves if we are preparing for them and ministering them in the best way possible:**

Disagree	3	6%
Partly Agree	9	19%
Completely Agree	30	64%
Don't know/Blank	5	11%

## What is *the* most important thing that we must do in our parish over the next 5 years?

27 people responded	57%
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- Pray for guidance.
- Get more laity involved in Church especially young parents who in turn will bring their children to Mass.
- Try and get teenagers back to Mass.
- Get more people coming to Mass.
- Laity should help out, where possible.
- Keep the Church looking good.
- Encourage young people to attend Mass.
- Care for sick and elderly.
- Help out anyway we can.
- Nuns to say Mass.
- Go to Church.
- Get more young people to go to Church.
- Bigger attendance at Mass.
- Accept changes will happen.
- Get more young people to go to Church.
- Attend Mass.
- Include everyone.
- Encourage youth to be more involved.
- Celebration of Mass keep it meaningful and prayerful.
- To help genuine poor.
- Organise more family Mass.
- Work on young people – get Mission into Parish to liven up things.
- Review and involvement of Community.
- Faith formation.
- Encourage family prayer.
- Accept Jesus as Lord in our lives and live by the Gospel values.

## What would you like to see continued in the parish, and why?

19 people responded	40%
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- Mass.
- Sunday Masses.
- More prayer services.
- Ceremonies presently being celebrated.
- Choir.
- Folk choir as they make Mass more enjoyable.
- Fr Collins singing to encourage response from congregation, while in smaller area of Community Centre.
- Monmore Mass kept on.
- Mass celebrated with joy.
- More Mass in Monmore.
- More youth going to Mass.
- Regular Mass.
- Role of Mass Servers.
- 8 am Mass to facilitate Mass goers from West Clare District.
- New Year's Eve prayer service – it's great.
- Door collections for everyone.
- Good service for the dead.
- Pray and play for Children.

## What would you like to see changed in the parish, and why?

14 people responded	30%
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- Attitudes especially negative ones.
- Community Centre – upstairs.
- Invite more visitor Priests to celebrate Mass.
- More people going to Mass.
- More Masses in Monmore – different times.
- More people to get involved in Parish activities.
- Offertory gifts brought up at Mass. There is no need for pre arrangements, give everyone a chance for impromptu participation.
- Prayer of faithful also impromptu.
- Sign of peace stopped as not all people have a good hygiene standard.
- More people to get involved in Parish activities.
- More singing of younger songs and hymns, decorate Church for parties – 21<sup>st</sup> parties.
- Could have Mass to start off birthday party of any age.
- Same people getting involved.
- Don't know.
- Priests visits to houses.

**What new things would you like to see happening in the parish, and how could they be brought about?**

15 people responded	32%
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- More prayer services please - Ones held to date have been deeply spiritual and helped bring community together.
- Perhaps Taize.
- General forgiveness for penitential rites if possible.
- More involvement by the people.
- Encourage people who are not attending Mass to return.
- Nothing.
- House visitations.
- Financial Accounts – a report at end of every month and audited report at end of every year, and include Community Centre and Youth Centre in audit.
- Daily evening Mass is a great loss.
- Monthly solidarity.
- Bible studies – maybe people would understand the Bible more if they got to talk about it.
- Something like Oliver to get young people involved.
- More attention to put toward elderly activities. Parishioners should get involved in more events. Also the prospect of a priest as a career should be highlighted to the young community.
- Sunday readings – lexia.

**Is there anything happening in the parish which should be stopped, or phased out, and why?**

10 people responded	21%
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- Disorganisation.
- Lack of communication as it slows everything down.
- Get rid of Holy Communion Dresses and fuss about clothes for the Sacraments and money.
- Sell Youth Centre to release Parish debt.
- Sunday collections at Church gate stopped - find some other way to fund charities. It is hard on families to have extra cash on hand.
- No.
- Nothing to be phased out.
- No.
- No.
- Maybe to stop and reflect on what is happening to the Church, fewer people are getting involved in Parish activities, going to Mass and this puts huge pressure on community spirit to stay alive.