

**KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 5TH APRIL 2026**  
**INIS CATHAIGH PASTORAL AREA**



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Giving

**BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS 29/03/26**

**Basket:** €1,030 **Envelope:** €950 **Priest Collection:** €60 **Trocaire:** €320 **Online:** €85

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**6th April** Mary O'Mahony  
**13th April** Dolores Blunnie  
**20th April** Teresa Lyons

**WEEKDAY READERS ROTA**

**6th April** Frances  
**13th April** Peggy  
**20th April** Gearoid  
**27th April** Sr. Mary

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA**

**Sat 4th April @ 6.30pm**  
 Caroline Bolton, Stephanie Roughan  
**Sun 5th April @ 9.00am**  
 Mary Clancy, Ann Marie McGreene  
**12noon** Roisin Horgan, Emer McGrath  
**Sat 11th April @ 6.30pm**  
 Fiona Honan, Catherine Minitier  
**Sun 12th @ 9.00am**  
 Ann O'Donoghue, Paul Moroney  
**12noon** Carol Clynych, Caroline Howard



**EASTER MESSAGE**

There is no doubting that the Easter message is one of new beginnings. The trappings, of hurt and betrayal are all let go of. Maybe more to the point they are transformed by absolute love. In return for hate and hurt all Jesus breaths is peace and love.

Author Richard Rohr, in *Hope Against Darkness*, writes: *"The wonder of the resurrection stories in the Gospels is that Jesus has no punitive attitude toward the authorities or his cowardly followers; and the followers themselves never call for any kind of holy war against those who killed their leader. Something new has clearly transpired in history. This is not the common and expected story line. All Jesus does is breathe forgiveness (John 20:22)".*

May the Peace of the Risen Lord visit all our hearts and our homes this Easter Season. As Jesus breaths out peace, forgiveness and love may we breath in deeply this radically new message so that we may experience something new being resurrected in our lives, our relationships and in our faith this Easter Season. **Fr. Michael**



**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

Next Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of April we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday there will be prayers to the Divine Mercy in St. Senan's Church, Kilrush commencing at 2.45 with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 3 o'clock Prayers, Divine Mercy Chaplet, and Benediction. During this time of prayer there will be an opportunity to avail of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



**Trocaire Lenten Appeal**

This is the final week of this year's Trocaire Lenten Appeal. Your sacrifices and generosity during the weeks of Lent can be shared through the Trocaire box and returned at Easter. Your support of the Trocaire appeal is very much appreciated.



**DAWN MASS**

Will be celebrated at Kilrush Marina on Easter Sunday, gathering at 6.30am.



**EASTER PRAYER**

Lord, the resurrection of Your Son has given us new life and renewed hope. Help us to live as new people in pursuit of the Christian ideal. Grant us wisdom to know what we must do, the will to want to do it, the courage to undertake it, the perseverance to continue to do it, and the strength to complete it.

**Amen**

**EASTER PRIESTS' COLLECTION**

The Priests' Easter Collection will take place at all Masses in the Inis Cathaigh Pastoral Area during Easter Weekend. We are very conscious of the financial demands that are on people at this time, but these collections contribute to the salary of our priests. With this in mind we ask that you avail of the envelopes provided or put your donation in an envelope clearly marked Priests Collection.

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND**

In answer to Pope Leo's request a collection was held on Good Friday to support the needs of Christians in the Holy Land. This year their needs are massive and the plight of the Christians in the Holy Land is desperate. The exhortation to support the Saints in Jerusalem was first made by St. Paul in many of his letters. If you would still like to make a donation towards this call please put your donation in an envelope clearly marked Good Friday Collection.

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE**

Fully Escorted Trip to Medjugorje with Marian Pilgrimages-Led by Sharon O Leary. Direct flights from Knock to Mostar. October 21st-28th. Spiritual Director Fr Séan Sheehy and accompanied by Fr Nelson Joseph. Contact Sharon 086 0523014



**WE WISH ALL OUR PARISHIONERS AND VISITORS TO ST. SENAN'S CHURCH THIS WEEKEND A BLESSED AND JOYFUL EASTER.**

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Niamh Bell & Mary Ryan**

## REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK

**Pray for:** Maeve Kilroy nee McCarthy late of Ennis & Cappa Drive.

**May she rest in peace**

### *Easter Saturday 4th April*

10.00am Morning Prayer  
3.00pm Blessing of Polish Food  
9.00pm Easter Vigil

### *Easter Sunday 5th April*

6.30pm Dawn Mass (Kilrush Marina)  
**9.00am** Girly & Stephen O’Gorman late of Keane’s Road

**12noon** Margaret, Joseph & Ann Theresa Kelly late of Crawford Street  
James & Marie Cronin late of Limerick  
John & Tony O’Brien late of London  
TJ, Sean & Tomás Lyons late of Ballynote West  
Ray Galvin late of Henry Street & California

### **Monday 6th April –10.00am**

Noel Culligan late of Nagle’s Terrace

### **Tuesday 7th Apr– 10.00am**

Joseph McNamara late of Cosy Cottage  
Special Intention

### **Wednesday 8th April—10.00am**

Eileen & PJ O’Brien & family late of Moyadda More  
Special Intention

### **Thursday 9th April– 10.00am**

### **Friday 10th April—10.00am**

Mary Clarke nee Gilligan

### **Saturday 11th April**

**6.30pm** Helen Kelly late of Griffin Road  
Mary Scanlan late of Cappa  
Ann & John Gallagher

### **Sunday 12th April**

**9.00am** Michael Carrig late of Dysart

**12noon** Imie Buggle late of Moore Street  
John Ryan late of O’Gorman Street



### STAIN GLASS WINDOWS OF CO. CLARE

Clare Heritage Office have just launched an online archive of the Stain Glass Windows of Co. Clare. This resource has been compiled by one of our own parishioner’s John Glynn. Over the past 5 years John has been compiling an extensive archive of stained glass windows from over 140 sites across County Clare including the fabulous windows of our own church. We take this opportunity to congratulate John on this great achievement and we express our gratitude to him for this immense contribution to this amazing part of our heritage.

To see and read more click on the following link: <https://heritage.clareheritage.org/category/places/claresh-stained-glass>



## KILRUSH SHAMROCKS LOTTO DRAW

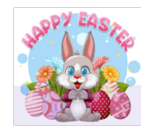
Numbers Drawn: 32, 28, 12, 01

5 Lucky Dip Winners: Sinead O’Gorman Browne, Sinead Fitzpatrick, Nigel Russell, Shay Hanlon & Maureen O’Dea

**Next Jackpot: €4,900** Draw Sunday 6th April

### EASTER IN VANDELEUR WALLED

**GARDEN & VISITOR CENTRE** The walled garden will be decorated with ribbons, eggs, and festive displays from **Wed, 1st**



**April until Mon, 6th April.** We also have two festive events taking place on **Thurs, 2nd April,** and **Sat, 4th April.** Join us as the **Easter Bunny** and the **Sneaky Fox** lead children on a fun and **interactive clue hunt** through the gardens & receive an **Easter egg** at the end of their adventure. **Face painter** will be onsite on both days. **Tickets are €10** per person, with **sessions at 11:00am and 2:30pm.** Suitable for ages over 4. Normal admission fees and Local Access Pass apply. Book online now at [bookings.vandeleurwalledgarden.ie](http://bookings.vandeleurwalledgarden.ie)

**POP UP SHOP** Miltown Malbay Community Centre on Sat April 25th from 10am to 4pm. 20 stands selling Women’s, Men’s and Children’s clothing. Cafe open throughout the day serving home baked cakes & pastries, tea and coffee - with proceeds going to the Irish Guide dogs. Please come out and support this concept which is to support sustainability by reducing, reusing and recycling.

**MONSTER BINGO** in the Armada Hotel Spanish Point on Tuesday 21st April at 8.30pm! €5,000 pro rata! All proceeds to KIB Parish Funds & KIB. Ladies Football. All are welcome!!

**KILRUSH CHORAL SOCIETY** presents “*The Sound of Music*” 7th—11th April from 8pm—



11pm at Kilrush Community School. Tickets €25 + booking fee. Concession tickets available Tues & Wed. Tickets on sale from [www.GeekTickets.ie](http://www.GeekTickets.ie) or buy in person or via phone at 18 Henry Street 065 671 5029

### MONMORE CHAPEL SEED & PLANT SWAP

Saturday 11th April 12-2pm. Seeds, Veg, Herbs, Flowers, House Plants, Cuttings, Plant Pots, Garden Tools, anything garden related. Donation €2. Tea/coffee, biscuits



*Up coming May 17th The Concert of the Altar Flowers*

### **KILRUSH COMMUNITY GAMES PARISH QUALIFERS**

Kids dust off your runners, APRIL 16th Gallery Park 6.30-8.30 Registration @ 6pm. Bring €5 entry per child and bottle of water. You do not need to be a member of an athletics club. You do need to LIVE in KILRUSH PARISH Any questions contact Niamh Whelan 0868031926 U8 U10 U12 U14 U16 Boys & Girls. Contact Niamh Whelan 0868031926

### **West Clare FRC Activities for the Over 55’s**

**Fundraiser - Bake Sale/Tea Coffee Morning** - Wed 8th April 10am - 1pm. All welcome  
**Tea Dance** - Thurs 9th April @ 2.30pm. Tel: 065 9052173