KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER-SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2025 INIS CATHAIGH PASTORAL AREA



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EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

1st Dec Mary O'Mahony 8th Dec Dolores Blunnie 15th Dec Teresa Lyons 22nd Dec Ann Vaughan 29th Dec Maisie Flynn/ Roisin Horgan

WEEKDAY READERS ROTA

1st Dec Gearoid 8th Dec Sr. Mary 15th Dec Frances 22nd Dec Peggy

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Are now on sale from the Church shop and from the parish office. Just €4 and all proceeds go to the Church Fund.



REMEMBRANCE TREE SERVICE

Takes place this Wednesday evening, 3rd December with Carol singing @ 7pm.

Followed directly by the lighting of the tree. The remembrance Tree will remain lit until Sunday 4th January 2026. The names of all those who are remembered on the lights will be read out during the carol service.

Everyone is welcome

BASKET & ENVELOPE 23/11/25

Basket: €895 **Envelope:** €895 **Priest Coll:** €40 **Online** €75 *Thank you for your continued support*

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA Sat 29th Nov @ 6.30pm

Stephanie Roughan, Susanne O'Shea
Sun 30th Nov @ 9am Anne O'Donoghue
12noon Emer McGrath, Dolores Blunnie
Sat 6th Dec @ 6.30pm
Catherine Miniter, Ann Moody

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Sun 7th Dec @ 9am Paul Moroney
12noon Caroline Howard

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CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETION

If you're aged between 4-12 years of age pick up a copy of our Nativity scene and get colouring!
Entries must be returned to the church by 10th Dec. 4 lucky winners will be revealed on 14th December.

CONGRATULATIONS TO GEARÓID WILLIAM

This weekend Bishop Fintan Monahan presided at the investiture of Gearóid Williams as a Knight of the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St.Gregory the Great. We extend our congratulations to Gearóid and his family as Pope Leo acknowledges his work for the church and the broader society by investing him as a Knight of the Pontifical Equestrian Order of St. Gregory the Great.

BLESSING OF THE CRIB AND TURNING ON OF THE LIGHTS!

All are welcome to Vandeleur Walled

Garden in Kilrush on Friday,

5th December, at 6pm for the launch of their Christmas festivities. Join them & Fr. Michael for the Blessing of the Crib, turning on of their new

Christmas Glow in the Garden lights and some carol singing with the Le Cheile



CHRISTMAS EVE FAMILY MASS

Will be at 6pm in St. Senan's Church. To help prepare for this occasion there will be a practice on **Mon 15th of Dec** at 6pm for any child or family that would like to get involved.

Bring along your music instruments and we will supply the rest.



ADVENT REFLECTION

This week in our liturgies we will light the first purple candle of our Advent Wreath. And as we light this candle, we will say this prayer.

As we light our first Advent candle, may we open our hearts to the light of Christ. May He come into the din of our inner confusion, into the rush of our continual hurry, into the pressure of our endless activity. May he come and come quickly,

Maybe this week in our own homes or in our place of work we could light a candle and repeat this same prayer as a reminder that in life, we can spend so much time running after the things we think we want or feel we need, while missing out on an encounter with a God who comes to meet us exactly where we are, so that he can journey with us this Advent enabling us into new and life giving spaces filled with peace.



CHRISTMAS CRIB & CONCERT AT MONMORE CHAPEL Sunday December 14th

2-4pm Entertainment with local schools, musicians, poetry and song "Festive Fun for all the Family" with Raffle in aid of the upkeep of this treasured local landmark. Tea, Coffee, Biscuits and Buns... contributions welcome courtesy of the Friends of Monmore.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

As we prepare for Christmas, Advent provides a time for us to reflect on the coming of Jesus this Christmas. This year the Advent Reconciliation Service will take place on **Monday the 15**th of **December** at 19.30 in St. Senan's Church, Kilrush. This Reconciliation Service will be led by the Priests and Lay Pastoral Minister of the Inis Cathaight & Cois Fharraige Pastoral Areas.

Look to Jesus this Christmas. Receive the reconciliation that Jesus brings. Don't put it on the shelf unopened this Christmas

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Niamh Bell & Mary Ryan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK

Pray for: Brian Smyth late of O'Gorman Street & Julianstown Meath. *May he rest in peace*



1st Anniversary Mass

Maureen Quinn late of Pella Road Mass Sunday 7th December @ 12noon

Saturday 29th November – Family Mass

6.30pm Patrick & Susan Hehir late of Connolly

Michael McNamara late of Monvana Paddy & Bridie Boyle late of Pella Road Tommy & Vera O'Dea late of Leadmore

Rose, John, Geremiah & Laurence Oliver Naughton

Rio Chalker late of Leadmore East

Sunday 30th November

9.00am Mass for November Offerings

12noon Vera & Teddy Kelly late of St. Senan's Terrace

John Hart & family

Kathleen & Billy O'Halloran, Ennis & Kilrush Deceased members of the Durack Family George & Claire Glynn late of Leadmore

Monday 1st December -10.00am

Michael Sullivan late of St. Senan's Terrace

Tuesday 2nd December – 10.00am

Wednesday 3rd December—10.00am

Tom Clarke

7pm Remembrance Tree Service

Thursday 4th December —Lay Led Liturgy

Friday 5th December—10.00am

Michael Linnane late of Hector Street Patsy Linnane late of Griffin Road

Paddy & Kay McGreene & infant John late of Griffin Road

Saturday 6th December

6.30pm Geraldine Williams

Gerarld Griffin late of Cappa

Mary Mescall late of Vandeleur Street Pat Mulqueen late of Ballynote East Thomas Lucas late of Kilcarroll Michael Lucas late of Ennis Road

Sunday 7th December

9.00am James & TJ Crowley late of Gowerhass

12noon Maureen & Jo Jo Quinn late of Pella Road

Mary & Mai McMahon late of Vandeleur Street Patrick & Willie McMahon, Kilmurry McMahon

Inis Cathaigh CCE Christmas Social on Sat 6th Dec at Teach Ceol Kilrush at 9pm. A night of set dancing and country and western dancing. Music by Frank ,Pat & Christy. Admission €10. Refreshments served. **KILRUSH SHAMROCKS DRAW Numbers Draw:** 32, 15, 07, 30

5 Lucky Dip winners: Francis Buggle, nch, Declan O'shea, Eoin Daly & Carmel Miniter

Paddy Lynch, Declan O'shea, Eoin Daly & Carmel Miniter Next draw Sun 30th November Jackpot: €3,100

WEST CLARE FRC ACTIVITIES FOR THE OVER 55'S

Please note all the activities below take place in Kilrush Community Centre, unless otherwise specified.

Information Talk - Fire Safety in the Home with Gerard Fallon Assistant Chief Fire Officer. Wed 10th Dec @ 2pm Tea Dance - Thurs 11th Dec @ 2.30pm. Music by Larry McEvoy

GRAND CHRISTMAS FAIR -Mission Charity

Shop This Saturday 29th Nov from 11am to 3pm. Lots of Christmas Cards, Christmas Decorations, Gifts etc. There will also be a Christmas Raffle for a large hamper & other prizes.

KILRUSH ART GROUP will be part taking in the late night shopping events on Dec 4th, 11th & 18th. They are delighted to be showcasing their work at the Jellyfish restaurant from 6pm-



8.30pm each night. New works to be seen, ideal gifts for Christmas. Come & Support Local!

KILRUSH FARMERS MARKET - CHRISTMAS MARKET

Sat 6th Dec Kilrush Community Centre 12pm – 6pm. A special visit from Santa & Mrs Claus, Performances from two school choirs. Over 30 local prize, two major spot prizes proudly sponsored by Kilrush Credit Union — This year, we are raising funds for Happy Feet Happy Minds, a local mental health charity raffle tickets are €5 per strip and can be purchased: Online through our iDonate link https://www.idonate.ie/raffle/KFMHappyFeetHappyMinds

SOCCER NEWS Kilrush Ranger V Tulla Utd this Sunday 30th Nov @ 10.30am. Match sponsor Rico Menswear & Match ball sponsor Joseph Kelly Painting contractor.

KILKEE CIVIC TRUST Brontë enthusiasts are looking forward to meeting, (on a monthly basis), on the second Wednesday of each month, from 10th December 2025 onwards. The venue: Cultúrlann Sweeney, O'Connell Street, Kilkee, Co. Clare V15 P960. When: On second Wednesday of each month at 6:45 pm for one hour. Attendance is Free of Charge. All Brontë enthusiasts are welcome

HAVE YOUR SAY ON THE FUTURE OF KILRUSH

You are invited to take part in shaping the future of our town through the Kilrush Town Centre First Plan. A draft plan is now on display in Kilrush Library and on a number of shop windows. Information evening at Kilrush Town Hall on Thurs 4th Dec 4pm to 8pm or online at: https://yoursay.clarecoco.ie.

WORD OF THANKS

A big word of thanks to members of our Volunteer Maintenance Group who have done trogon work this week around St. Senan's Church. They spent a day freeing the down pipes around the church. This should help greatly with our dampness problem. They also gave a day touching up around the reredos behind the main altar in preparation for Christmas. We are currently in consultation with engineers exploring solutions to the dampness on the western wall so we will keep you posted on progress.