



KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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CHRISTMAS COLLECTION FOR THE PRIESTS OF THE PARISH.

The Church collections on Christmas Eve and on Christmas day go towards the up-keep and support of the priests of the parish. Kilrush is blessed to have two priests resident in the parish. We ask for your support for our priests

Jesus is the reason for the season

After all is said and done, it's still Jesus. Jesus is at the very core of Christmas

Dear Parishioners

The priests of the parish, Fr Pat Larkin and Fr Michael Sheedy thank very sincerely Kilrush parishioners for their friendship and support during the year 2019 – even when great demands were made upon them. We thank most especially all who generously give of their time and talents to making sure that there is a responsive Christian presence in Kilrush. We wish all parishioners a happy and grace-filled Christmas 2019. May this season be for each parishioner a time of celebration and of happy memories – above all, may it be time when each is enraptured and enthralled by the grace of God's nearness in the presence of a little Godchild.

We extend a very warm welcome to all who have come home For Christmas, students and relatives and all our people Who have returned from abroad.

*May all who come to worship in our Church
This Christmas find peace, joy and hope.*

*We cordially invite you to join with us in
Celebrating the birth of Jesus in our Parish.*

*Fr. Pat Larkin
Fr. Michael Sheedy*

PRAYING WITH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Keep all your cards together as they arrive. Each day choose a different card. Talk or think kindly of the sender and family. As part of your night prayer pray for these people in a special way. This might be a good way to recycle the Spirit of Christmas: Keep the cards in a box or basket after Christmas and continue as above even for a month or so. This idea could be adapted to other festive occasions like Birthdays, Easter, Anniversaries, Weddings and St. Patrick's Day



CHRISTMAS IS A GIFT OF LOVE

Christmas is a gift of love that can't be bought or sold -
It's ours just for the asking, and it's worth far more than gold.
And this priceless gift of Christmas is within the reach of all -
The rich, the poor, the young and old, the greatest and the small.

So take God's Christmas gift of love -

Reach out and you receive -

And the only payment that God asks is just that you believe.

Christmas is a heavenly gift that only God can give -

It's ours just for the asking for as long as we shall live.

It can't be bought or bartered, it can't be won or sold,

It doesn't cost a penny, and it's worth far more than gold.

It isn't bright and gleaming for eager eyes to see -

It can't be wrapped in tinsel or placed beneath a tree ...

For the priceless gift of Christmas is meant for just the heart,

And we receive it only when we become a part

Of the Kingdom and the glory which is ours to freely take,

For God sent the Holy Christ Child at Christmas for our sake.

So take His priceless gift of love -

Reach out and you receive -

And the only payment that God asks

Is just that you believe.



NEW YEAR'S EVE

NEW YEARS EVE CEREMONY *New Year's Eve Pray out the Old Year ~ Pray in The New Year*

Our parish will close the year 2019 on Tuesday 31st December - New Years' Eve with a special closing ceremony. This service will commence at 11.30pm in St. Senan's Church and will end at 12.05 on New Year's morning. We invite all parishioners to attend this special service when we give thanks for the many graces and blessings which have been given to us as we travel along the road of life. We know that many will enjoy the usual festivities but if you could spare some time to come to Church for this 35 minutes it would be the best way possible to start the New Year and to give thanks to God for all the blessings he has heaped on us. And you will still have plenty of time to enjoy the celebrations.

THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year, "Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown". And he replied, "Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".