



# KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## The Serenity Prayer

God, grant me  
the **Serenity** to accept  
the things I cannot change,  
the **Courage** to change  
the things I can,  
and the **Wisdom**  
to know the difference.

### FIRST FRIDAY OF MAY

This Friday 1st May, the Feast of St. Joseph the worker. Please note that the Priests of the parish will not be visiting sick or housebound parishioners this month.

### MILE BUIOCHAS

We wish to acknowledge the contributions that we received from parishioners during the week for church funds, priests' collections & Trócaire.

Thank you for your continued support & care in these difficult times. Contributions can be dropped into the sacristy after 10 a.m. mass any morning or after 10 a.m. or 12 noon mass on Sunday (via back door of Church) only if people wish to make them.

**May God bless you all & keep each one safe in body and mind.**

### EXAM STUDENTS

Our thoughts and prayers are with the students among us, who are preparing for examinations at this time. Firstly we wish all who are sitting third level examinations at present, or who will do so in the next few weeks, may the work you have put into your studies during the course of the year, pay dividends now.

Our prayers and thoughts are with our Leaving Certificate students too at this time. It is a very difficult time for you all amid all the uncertainty of when & how the examinations will take place. There is nothing you can do about that, but you can focus on the subject matter and on your own ability to succeed in exams. It is up to others whose work it is, to sort out the logistics of the exams, and know they will. Forget the uncertainty, focus on the certainty, the exams will happen, a different way this year, yes, but they will happen. You focus on that reality and your ability to do very well and you will. In the journey, know we are with you, in our prayers, thoughts and support. God bless you and God bless your work.

### The World has stopped spinning

You made the whole world stop spinning for a while, You silenced the noise that we all have created. You made us bend our knees again and pray. You closed Your churches so we will realize how dark our world without You in it. You humble the proud and powerful. The economy is crashing, businesses are closing. We were very proud, we thought that everything we have, everything we possess was the result of our hard work. We have forgotten that it was always Your grace and mercy that made us who we are. We are running in circles looking for some cure to this disease but in fact it takes humility to ask for Your wisdom. Maybe these trials are Your mercy in disguise. Maybe this virus is actually Your way of purifying us, cleansing our soul, bringing us back to YOU. We've forgotten that You're God, You only need to say the words and our souls shall be healed. Father, please forgive us, have mercy on us.

### NURSING HOMES—RESIDENTS & STAFF

This a difficult time for all the communities' of our nursing homes here in the town. We think & pray in a special for all the residents & staffs, for all their families. We will pray in a special way during 10 a.m. Mass on Tuesday next 28th April for all of you. During the ceremony a candle will be lit for each resident & one for all the staff. We invite you to join with us to pray for continued safety, good health and peace of mind for all.

### ROSARY INTENTIONS

The rosary is prayed Monday – Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass & again Monday – Friday at 8 p.m. each night. If anyone would like to have the rosary prayed for a particular intention; please feel free to contact the parish office 089-4026161 or Fr. Pat 087-2300627 and let us know.

### HOLY COMMUNION- Gaelscoil Uí Choimín:

The celebration of Holy Communion for the pupils from Gaelscoil Uí Choimín was meant to take place on Saturday next 2nd May at 11 a.m. We remember in a special way Séamas Céitinn, Christian Edgeworth, Calum Ó Maoldomhnaigh, Muireann Ní Ailbhí, Rhiannon Ní Chathasaigh, Melissa Ní Chlochasaigh Uí Ghiollagáin, Jade Honeywell, Sophia Ní Chearmada, Pádraig Ó Ciardha. We pray that God will bless you & your families & keep you safe at this time.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Aisling Horgan

## REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK



### Saturday 25th April

10.00am Mary & Henry Fox late of Monaghan

7.00pm

### Sunday 26th April

10.00am Kathy Browne  
Mary & John McMahon late of Gowerhasss, &  
deceased family members late of Gowerhass  
McMahon & Canny families.

12noon John McDermott late of O'Gorman Street

### Monday 27th April—10.00am

### Tuesday 28th April—10.00am

Residents & staff of all our Nursing Homes in Kilrush

### Wednesday 29th April—10.00am

Hannah & Patrick Houlihan late of Middleton Cork

### Thursday 30th April—10.00am

### Friday 1st May—10.00am

Jack McCloskey  
Senan & Maureen Ryan late of Carcacalla

### Saturday 2nd May

10.00am

7.00pm Vera O'Mahony late of Monmore

### Sunday 3rd May

10.00am Michael Crotty late of Henry Street  
Brendan Cambell

12noon Mary & Paddy Shalloo late of Pella Road  
Martin Ru & Celia Clancy  
Susan Prendergast

### The Memorare to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that any one who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, I fly unto thee,

O Virgin of virgins, my Mother. To thee do I come, before thee I stand, sinful and sorrowful. O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not my petitions, but in thy mercy hear and answer me.

Amen.



## KILRUSH SHAMROCKS DRAW

Congratulations to this weeks annual supporter: **Thomas Crowley, Breaffa**

### Clare Covid-19 community response helpline:

The helpline can put you in touch with local volunteers who can assist with delivering basic needs such as shopping, medicine, fuel, farming support etc. to those who need it. Tel: 1890 252943 Email:

[covidsupport@clarecoco.ie](mailto:covidsupport@clarecoco.ie)

### KILRUSH FAMILY RESOURCE CENTRE

While our office may be physically closed we are still here to support you. If you need help during this time please phone 086 752 4377. Also remember we are here to help with the delivery of your shopping, prescriptions & other essential items that you may need while self isolating or cocooning.

### HSE recently launched the Mental Wellbeing campaign.

The campaign offers support and resources for people to help deal with the stress, isolation and helps people maintain wellbeing and cope at home during this time @

<https://www.gov.ie/en/campaigns/together>

### CLARE COUNTY LIBRARY

Fighting Words - Is an Online Resources to Keep Young

Writers Creating! Why not give it a go @

<https://www.fightingwords.ie/.../online-resources-keep-young>

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### DID YOU KNOW

An Post and Ireland's booksellers have joined forces to help independent sellers' anti-Covid-19 efforts and to help unite the country around books and reading. Understanding the challenges facing independent booksellers with bookshops closing just as the national lockdown started driving customer demand for reading material, An Post and Bookselling Ireland worked together on a solution. An Post is making a special posting rate of just €2.95 per package available to independent booksellers for posting book packages up to 10kg across Ireland. Bookshops can avail of the offer by simply entering ;a special promo code on An Post's online shop at anpost.com, or by using a special barcode at their local post office.

### Rescheduling of Sacraments of First Holy Communion

Schools, parishes and parents have been enquiring about dates for the above. At present it is difficult to say when any events can be organised. That will depend on what guidance is given in advance of May 5th. It is possible that there could be restrictions on mass gathering for quite some time. For that reason it is impossible to say if dates for events can be given before Summer or even in Autumn. It is hoped to have a clearer picture of this in about 2 weeks time. Any such planning would need to be after advice and consultation with the HSE, Schools involved, Parish and Parents

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