



KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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AS YOU STEP OUT TODAY

May angels lead you, May peace accompany you, May grace go before you,
May love & light surround you. May kindness spread from you, May goodness & love follow you,
May lessons teach you, May family support you, May friends encourage you,
May God protect and bless you, And may your day be filled with love, peace and joy. Amen

POPE FRANCIS INTENTION FOR MAY:

That deacons, faithful in their service to the Word and the poor, may be an invigorating symbol for the entire Church.

OUR PARISH INTENTION FOR THE WEEK:

For scientists and healthcare professionals all over the world who testify to the value of human life by seeking to conquer diseases of every kind.

Mass Broadcasts & Prayer times 11th – 17th May

Mass- Monday - Saturday @ 10 a.m.

Rosary each morning after Mass

Monday – Friday Rosary & Benediction 8 p.m.

Saturday Evening Mass @ 7 p.m.

Sunday @ 10 a.m. & 12 noon

All available through Webcam & Parish Radio Link

If anyone would like to have the rosary prayed for a particular intention; please feel free to contact the parish office 089-4026161, Fr. Pat 087-2300627 or email us @ kilrushparishoffice@gmail.com & let us know.

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. **Also from next week there will be a box available in the post office where people can place their parish envelopes while observing proper social distance & hygiene guidelines.** May God bless you all & keep each one safe in body and mind.

TROCAIRE Lent has concluded, the journey of Eastertide continues now the challenge of collecting Trócaire Boxes and contributions begins. This year it is hope to collect the contributions for Trócaire on Pentecost weekend, 29th May- 1st June. Trócaire contributions can be left in after 10 a.m. Mass each morning or again at the weekends after 10 a.m. & 12 Noon Mass. Your continued support would be greatly appreciated.

PASTORAL LETTER—BISHOP FINTAN- Regarding the Re-opening of Churches.

Bishop Fintan has issued a Pastoral Letter regarding the re-opening of Churches for personal & private prayer. **It is hoped that this will be possible as and from May 18th onwards.** In order for this to happen, each parish would need to ensure a safe environment for both parishioners and parish staff. This will require looking at the geography/layout of the church and putting in measures that will help facilitate social distancing and hygiene. It is also necessary to understand that all churches in a parish may not be opened due to size and difficulties with creating a safe space for people. **A link to the Pastoral is available on the parish website www.kilrushparish.com & parish Facebook-Kilrush parish**

MAY- MONTH OF MARY This month is dedicated to Our Lady. Irish people have always had great respect for Our Lady. It is still a custom to have a May altar in homes and recite the rosary daily during the month of May. This year Pope Francis has asked us to use our time of social isolation and cocooning to pray the Rosary. Last week Bishop Fintan advised us to use the Prayer of the Five Fingers when saying the Rosary. This is a method of prayer devised by Pope Francis some years before he was elected Pope. 1. The thumb is closest finger to you. So, start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation." 2. The index finger is next. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers. 3. The middle finger is the longest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance. 4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. It is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers. 5. And finally, the smallest of all. It reminds you to pray for yourself. When you have prayed for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way. Pope Francis has also asked us to use our time of social isolation and cocooning to pray the Rosary. May you succeed when you try praying in this way.

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK



FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

Michael O'Neill late of Doonbeg & Kilrush
Mass Saturday 16th May @ 7.00pm

Saturday 9th May

10.00am Miko (Francis) Browne late of Kilmurry

7.00pm Mary Hall late of Crawford Street

Sunday 10th May

10.00am Francis & Bridget Kennedy & deceased family members late of Stonepark

12noon Nuala Howard late of Moore Street
Colette Howard late of Moore Street
Vincent & Teresa O'Grady late of Tullabrack

Monday 11th May—10.00am

Thomas, Mary, Michael, Marie & John Scully late of Crawford Street
Cornelius Sullivan late of Sycamore Drive

Tuesday 12th May—10.00am

Wednesday 13th May—10.00am

Special Intention

Thursday 14th May—10.00am

Friday 15th May—10.00am

Saturday 16th May

10.00am

7.00pm Michael O'Neill late of Doonbeg & Kilrush

Sunday 17th May

10.00am

12noon Helen Whalley late of St. Patrick's Terrace
John & Peggy Cuggeran late of Stewart Street
Peggy & George Softe & their Son John late of Moore Street
Jerry & Mary Ann Mahony late of Pella Road

CLARE COUNTY LIBRARY

Is launching a housebound book service to all those cocooning. Please phone Kilrush Library @ 0659051504. If you are not a member of the library you can join now online @ www.clarelibrary.ie

CLARE COMMUNITY RESPONSE HELPLINE-

Freephone: 1800 203 600

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NOTICES FOR NEWSLETTER

Have you community news to share? Items for a community-building, sporting & voluntary should sent for the newsletter to: kilrushparishoffice@gmail.com deadline of 6.00pm on Wednesdays.

KILLALOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Sunday May 24th is the date of the annual Killaloe diocesan pilgrimage to Knock. This year, because of the Coronavirus we are unable to attend in person, but you are warmly invited to join in spiritual communion via Knock Shrine Webcam with devotions beginning at 2.30 pm and Mass at 3.00 pm.

MAY- DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING MONTH

The month of May is normally the Diocesan Safeguarding Month. However in these exceptional circumstances during this month, it is not possible to mark it as we would normally do. We ask that people keep in their prayers those children and adults who are experiencing harm and or have been hurt by others. We ask that you look out for those who are struggling during this time, by giving a smile, a wave or a few kind words.

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA

Wednesday 13th May The Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God, appeared six times to three shepherd children; Lucia dos Santos and her cousins, Francisco, and Jacinta Marto; between May 13th and October 13th 1917. She came to the little village of Fatima which had remained faithful to the Catholic Church during the recent persecutions by the government. Our Lady came with a message from God to every man woman, and child. Our Lady of Fatima promised that the whole world would be in peace, and that many souls would go to Heaven if her requests were listened to and obeyed. At Fatima, Pope John Paul II said; "The message of Fatima is more relevant and more urgent than when Our Lady first appeared." Our Lady of Fatima continues to work miracles today through the message of Fatima and the prayers of countless pilgrims who have travelled here in the last hundred years.

Pray not because you need something but because you have a lot to thank God for.