



KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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PRAYER

Oh Christ Jesus, when all is darkness & we feel our weakness & helplessness, Give us the sense of Your presence, Your love & Your strength. Help us to have perfect trust in Your protecting love & strengthening power, so that nothing may frighten or worry us, for living close to You, we shall see Your hand, Your purpose, Your will through all things. Amen

RE-OPENING OF CHURCHES As a follow up to Bishop Fintan's Pastoral letter & after feedback from Pastoral Council members it was acknowledged that it would be great to see Churches reopened. The feedback also highlighted the responsibility we have as a church community to ensure the care of each other through putting in place the proper safety & hygiene guidelines. In order to facilitate this we **will NOT be re-opening on this Monday 18th May but plan to be in a position to do so by 25th May on a phased basis.** In practice this will mean we will open for private prayer on **Monday, Wednesday, Friday from 12 Noon to 3 p.m. on those days.** All who wish to visit the church on those days are very welcome, but we also urge people to be responsible in following proper safety guidelines. We will revisit the opening hours & days after two weeks, as we continue to move forward.

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.

Virtual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: The Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage will take place on Sunday May 24th. This year, because of the Corona Virus we are unable to attend in person, but you are warmly invited to join in spiritual communion via Knock Shrine Webcam- www.knockshrine.ie 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 them a smile, a wave or a few kind words.

KILLALOE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE to Knock Shrine This year the pilgrimage will be a virtual pilgrimage on Sunday next May 24th. It will begin at 2.55pm with a 5 minute video message from the Diocese, the prayers throughout the Mass will be focused on the Killaloe Diocese. www.knockshrine.ie

PILGRIMAGE 2021 a date for the diary The annual pilgrimage for 2021, hopefully with people being present in body, mind and spirit will be on Sunday, May 23rd, 2021. You are warmly welcome to attend.

MAY DEVOTIONS IN HONOUR OF OUR LADY We encourage you to pray the Rosary, (even one decade), particularly during May.

Bring Flowers of the Rarest Bring flowers of the rarest bring blossoms the fairest, from gardens and woodlands and hillside and dale; Our full hearts are swelling, our glad voices telling the praise of the loveliest flower of the vale!

Chorus: O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today! Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May. O Mary we crown thee with blossoms today, Queen of the Angels and Queen of the May

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Aisling Horgan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK



Pray for: Paddy Flanagan late of Knockerra who was buried during the week.

May he rest in peace

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MASS

Michael O'Neill late of Doonbeg & Kilrush
Mass Saturday 16th May @ 7.00pm
Raymond Clancy late of Vandeleur Street
Mass Sunday 24th May @ 12noon

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 Soffe & their Son John late of Moore Street
Jerry & Mary Ann Mahony late of Pella Road

Monday 18th May—10.00am

Tuesday 19th May—10.00am

Wednesday 20th May—10.00am

Thursday 21st May—10.00am

Friday 22nd May—10.00am

Saturday 23rd May

10.00am William & Catherine Williams, Carnacalla

7.00pm Michael Gilligan late of Moyne
Gerry Brennan late of Cappa
Sheila Roche late of New Ross
Michael Clohessy late of Tullabrack

Sunday 24th May

10.00am Bridget & Patrick Hayes late of Inch
Aiden Cahill late of Dooneen Park

12noon Raymond Clancy late of Vandeleur Street
Tom O'Brien late of Moyne
Leaving Cert Intentions

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

KILRUSH FOOTBALL CLUB—LOTTO

Has gone online!!! So now you can buy your tickets from the comfort of your own home.

Just click on the link

[https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=2274#Anchor)

[ll_id=2274#Anchor](https://play.clubforce.com/play_newa.asp?ll_id=2274#Anchor) on our facebook page.

Jackpot is €3,600 and the first draw will be Sunday 17th May. Winner(s) will be announced on Monday 18th. Good Luck !!

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

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Are available each week from Queally's Supervalu, The Corner shop, Crowleys & Whelan's garages & Jack Kelly's Butchers.

The Alzheimer Society

of Ireland have experienced huge disruption to our regular calendar of fundraising events due to the restrictions in place to ensure public safety, leading to a drop in income. We are currently running a virtual run/walk fundraising challenge which people can participate in while fully respecting the restrictions in place. Please contact Jarlath in the fundraising team on jarlath.coyle@alzheimer.ie or see our website <https://store.alzheimer.ie/> for further information about our Keep Moving in May challenge - a virtual run/walk which people can complete in their own time and pace over the month of May

*"We can weather the storms of life
if we depend on God's strength"*