

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER SUNDAY 6TH DECEMBER 2020

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SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ENVELOPE COLLECTION - 29TH NOVEMBER 2020

Renovation Fund: €1,005 Priest Collection: €890 A sincere thanks to all who continue to support all our collections. We continue to thank the staff of An Post for facilitating our Church box. We also have a Donate Button on the Parish Website Home Page, which is a secure and safe way to contribute to parish for those who wish to do so.



ROTA FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST Saturday 5th of December 7pm Mary Watson Glynn Sunday 6th of December 8.30 Joan Lyons 10am Mary Moody 12 noon Nuala McNamara.

FACE COVERINGS

We ask all attending our churches in line with government advice to wear face coverings while attending mass

or other liturgical celebrations. Medical advice is that wearing face coverings is first and foremost about protecting others. Please continue to observe social distancing to use hand sanitisers on entering and leaving any of our churches.

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. CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS Are still on sale from Pen2Paper, the Corner shop & the Leisure Centre. <u>We are</u> <u>also selling them in the parish</u> <u>office (9am—1pm)</u> Cards are €4 each & all proceeds go to the Church Renovation Fund.

ADVENT PRAYER

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Father, as each year comes round anew, we look forward to the coming of your Son and recall his first coming in the stable at

Bethlehem. We ask your blessing on this advent wreath + which reminds us of your gift of Christ our light. Bless each of us and make us more Christ-like this Christmas. Through Christ our Lord. Amen

REMEMBRANCE TREE

All cards are €5 and the money raised is donated to: 1 - Temple Street Children's University Hospital 2 - The Special Needs Unit, St. Senan's Primary School, Kilrush **This year's ceremony is on the 9th December 2020 at 7pm.** It shall also be broadcast online by WebCam at <u>www.kilrushparish.com</u> Cards are available at the moment from: Ger Kelly pen 2 paper, Duffy Chemist Mairead O'Donnell & Sharon Reidy the Leisure centre. Also you can donate to the go fund me page.



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Tuesday the 8th of December is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are as follows: Monday 7th December @ 7pm Tuesday 8th December @ 10.00am & 12noon

BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS

Each Christmas ornament tells a story and carries a blessing. To counter the typical frantic rush of the season, let the Christmas tree stand bare for a week and then bless the ornaments while placing them on the tree. This is a good way to observe how Advent is a time of anticipation and longing.

Have each family member choose a favorite ornament and hold it. Select someone or ask someone to volunteer in leading the following blessing.

Leader: God, we ask you to bless these ornaments. Each one of these represents a thread in the tapestry of our family's life together. We gather today to be mindful of how you have been present with us through all our days. We know that you are present with us now as our family story continues to unfold. Help us to see one another as precious and dear, to treat one another with tenderness and care, and to enjoy and celebrate the joy that each one of us brings to the family. We ask you this in a spirit of memory and celebration.

All: Amen.

(After the blessing, your family might take time to share stories connected to some favourite ornaments).

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Aishling Horgan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK

Pray for: Senan McGrath late of Crofton St & Burton Street, who died during the week. May he rest in peace

Months Mind Mass Sr. Patricia Harrington late of The Convent Mass Sunday 13th December @ 12noon

Saturday 5th December

7.00pm Patrick McGreene late of Griffin Road Thomas & Vera O'Dea late of Leadmore

Sunday 6th December

10.00am

12noon Stephen & Bridget Casey & family Crawford St Margaret, Joseph & Teresa Kelly, Crawford St Edel Kelly late of Kilrush & Kilkee Mary & Tom Greene late of St. Patrick's Tce

Monday 7th December-10.00am

Tuesday 8th December—10.00am Special Intention Jack & Peggy Hanrahan late of Pella Road

Wednesday 9th December—10.00am Gerardine Williams late of The Square

Thursday 10th December—10.00am Staff & Residents of Regina House

Friday 11th December—10.00am Tommy O'Brien late of The Square & Dublin

Saturday 12th December

7.00pm Stephen & Nellie Hanrahan late of Ballynote Stephen O'Gorman late of Sycamore Drive Susan & Thomas McInerney late of Monmore

Sunday 13th December

- 10.00am Michael & Pauline Stafford late of Pella Road
- 12noon Sr. Patricia Harrington late of The Convent John Hanrahan



KILRUSH FOOTBALL CLUB-LOTTO Winning numbers: 5, 8, 22, 26 No Jackpot Winner, match 3 winners:

John & Mary Clancy, Shannon Heights Next Jackpot €6,400. Draw Sunday 6th December

SALE OF WORK at Kilrush Youth Centre this Saturday 5th December @ 12noon. All monies raised will go towards the Missions. Cake sale, raffle & handcrafted flower arrangements available on the day.



Please support. Masks must be worn on entering the building & Covid 19 guidelines will be adhered to.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to 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

FIONNUALA WALSH (Cappa Kilrush) will be inducted into the Ireland Marathon Swimming Hall of Fame as an Honour Swimmer. She is the first Irish Female and 89th individual in the world to complete the Triple Crown of Open Water Swimming by successfully completing the English Channel 2012, Catalina Channel 2013 and around Manhattan Island Swim 2014. Congratulations & well done Fionnuala.

CHRISTMAS CRAFT FAIR At The Kilkee Bay Hotel on December 5th from 12-6pm. If you are a local craft supplier & would like to get



involved, please contact the Kilkee Bay Hotel, tables are €40 for traders.

CLARE COMMUNITY RESPONSE TEAM—COVID –19 Helpline is open 7 days a week from 8am-8pm. The helpline is available for: (1) Non-medical queries & advice. (2) People who are self-isolating & require additional support, e.g delivery of food, medicine etc, (3) referring you to the right support agencies or other helplines. Clare Helpline is: 1800 20 36 00

During Advent we ought to follow the way of the Lord and repent of our sins, so that we can welcome Jesus when He comes. We pray: Almighty God in your mercy, be with us always with the help of the Holy Spirit. May the season of Advent be a time of joy, happiness, peace for each of us, our people and our country. We make our prayer through Christ Our Lord. Amen.