



# KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER

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## FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

### An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,  
as once it guided the steps of the magi:  
that we too may be led into your presence  
and worship you, the Child of Mary,  
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,  
the Saviour of mankind;  
to whom be glory for ever.

(Frank Colquhoun)



### A PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

May you awake each morning with 'thank you' on your lips and in your heart, recognizing that all is gift, that all is blessing. May your friendship with God be strong and healthy. May that love be both a comfort and a challenge as you struggle to find your way in the New Year. May you be the one with welcome in your smile and hello etched upon your hand, the hand you extend to everyone who blesses you with presence.

*Athbhliain faoi mhaise daoibh go léir*

### The Feast of the Epiphany

is celebrated on 6th January. This feast is also called Little Christmas and Women's Christmas. The Three Kings arrived from the East to honour the Infant Jesus. They represented the Gentiles and were directed by a star to Bethlehem. They knew that a King was born who deserved homage and respect. They knelt to worship Him and offered Him precious, symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. They returned home a different way disregarding Herod's request. Most people make New Year's Resolutions. We can focus our attention on the Ten Commandments. I am the Lord thy God, thou shalt not have any strange gods before Me. Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath day. Honor thy father and mother. Thou shalt not kill. Thou shalt not commit adultery. Thou shalt not steal. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's wife. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbour's goods.

### FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES

Tuesday 5th January @ 7pm

Wednesday 6th January @ 10.00am

(in the event that the Churches are closed all masses will be live streamed on our webcam.)

### FUN FACTS ABOUT "NOLLAIG NA MBAN"

"**NOLLAIG NA MBAN**" or "Little Women's Christmas" is an old custom that's still celebrated by women all over Ireland. It goes back to the days when large families were the norm. Men never lifted a finger in the house to help, and were never expected to. If a man washed the dishes, he would be called an "auld woman" by other men. No full blooded Irish man was prepared to risk that! But each year, after the Christmas holiday, tired women finally got a break – for one day, at least. On January 6th (the same day as the Epiphany), men would take over of the housework, offering women a chance to go out to relax with each other.



### ROTA FOR MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

**Saturday 26th December**

7pm Mary Clancy

**Sunday 27th December**

8.30am Joan Lyons

10 am Madeline Smyth /Mary Moody

12oc Carol Clynch/ Nuala Mc Namara

**Saturday 2nd January**

Mary Watson /Stephanie Roughan

**Sunday 3rd January**

8.30 Mary Clancy

Emer Mc Grath /Ann Hogan

12 pm Sr Noreen/ Caroline Howard

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Aishling Horgan

## REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK

**Pray for:** Barry Nolan late of Carnanes who died during Christmas  
**May he rest in peace**

### 1st Anniversary Mass

Dodo Kelly late of Henry Street  
Mass Saturday 2nd January @ 7pm

Maeve McGuane late of Dooneen Park  
Mass Sunday 10th January @ 10.00am

### Months Mind Mass

Helen Lekow nee O'Brien late of Carnacalla & New York  
Mass Sunday 10th January @ 12noon

### Saturday 2nd January

**7.00pm** Dodo Kelly late of Henry Street  
Jackie & Paul Kelly late of Henry street

### Sunday 3rd January

**10.00am** Kitty Caslin late of Tullabrack

**12noon** John A. Kelly & Catherine E. Kelly late of Henry Street

**Monday 4th January—10.00am**

**Tuesday 5th January—10.00am**

**Wednesday 6th January—10.00am**

**Thursday 7th January— 10.00am**

**Friday 8th January—10.00am**

May Keating late of Burton Street

### Saturday 9th January

**7.00pm** PJ Clancy late of Moore Street

### Sunday 10th January

**10.00am** Maeve McGuane late of Dooneen Park

**12noon** Chris Halpin late of Willow Green  
Helen Lekow nee O'Brien late of Carnacalla & New York

## CHRISTMAS HOLY WATER

Blessed Holy Water is available at all Church doors.  
What a lovely gift for friends or neighbours this Christmas & New Year.

## THANK YOU

A sincere thank to "Clare Springs" Lisseycasey who donated all the bottles of water for Christmas.

## ST. SENAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

Applications for enrolment to St.Senan's Primary School will be available from the school and/or through the local pre-schools from January 6th 2021. Completed application forms must be returned to the school no later than 3 p.m. on February 3rd 2021



## HAPPY NEW YEAR CALENDAR

**"Actions for Happiness" this week coming:**

**Mon 4th** Go to bed and hour earlier

**Tues 5th** take 10 mins to sit still & just breath

**Wed 6th** use one of your personal strengths in a new way

**Thurs 7th** Learn something new & share it with others

**Fri 8th** Ask other people about things they've enjoyed recently

**Sat 9th** Thank 3 people you're grateful to and tell them why

**Sun 10th** Get back in contact with an old friend you miss