

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER- SUNDAY 2ND JANUARY 2022

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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 LEAD 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.

MASS SCHEDULE 2022

We are now living with a new situation in our Parish- one resident priest following the sudden and untimely death of Fr. Sheedy. In the light of this reality a new Mass Schedule needs to be put in place. The following was agreed at a recent Parish Pastoral Council meeting

Saturday Evening 7 p.m.;
Sunday 9 a.m. & 12 Noon

Change takes time to adjust to but in order to facilitate the working of the wider Inis Cathaigh Pastoral area, adjustments will be taking place in all areas.

FUNERAL TIME 2022

As & from 1st January 2022 the set time for Funerals will be at **11 am.**

On the morning of a Funeral there will be **NO 10 am** mass. Mass & any anniversary/intention prearranged for the 10 am will be included at the Funeral Mass.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS TIMES

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6th. Mass times are as follows:

Knockerra Wed 5th January @ 6.00pm
Kilrush Thursday 6th January @ 10.00am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS DAILY MASS ROTA

Mon 3rd Jan Mary Downes
Mon 10th Jan Loretta Maher
Mon 17th Jan Mary O'Mahony

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Sat 1st Jan @ 7pm Caroline Bolton, Fiona Honan
Sun 2nd Jan @ 9.00am Joan Lyons
12noon Caroline Howard, Carol Clynych
Sat 8th Jan @ 7pm Mary Watson, Michael Hogan
Sun 9th Jan @ 9am Mary Clancy
12noon Nuala McNamara, Ann Vaughan

NEW YEARS EVE CEREMONY

New Year's Eve Pray out the Old Year ~ Pray in The New Year
Our parish will close the year 2021 on Friday 31st December - New Years' Eve with a special closing ceremony. This service will commence at 11.30pm in St. Senan's Church and will end at 12.05 on New Year's morning. We invite parishioners to attend this special service or join with us on line when we give thanks for the many graces and blessings which have been given to us as we travel along the road of life. In these difficult time it may be an opportunity to come together (Covid guidelines permitting) to pray blessing as we begin another year and implore the strength we need as we journey into a new year. The ceremony will last 35 minutes.

Mass on New Year's Day at 11 a.m. in Kilrush Church- Mass of Peace & Blessing for the New Year.

THE EPIPHANY

The Epiphany is of Greek origin and it means 'Appearance' the Roman Catholic Eastern & Anglican Churches celebrate the Feast on January 6th. The eastern churches recognise the Epiphany as the anniversary of the Baptism of Christ. The western Churches commemorate it principally, for the revelation of the Gentiles of Jesus as the Saviour, as portrayed by the coming of the Three Wise Men. In both eastern & western Churches it secondarily commemorates the Marriage of Cana, at which Christ performed his first miracle. Epiphany has been known to be celebrated earlier than AD 194, it is older than Christmas & has always been a festival of the highest rank. In Ireland it is better known as the Feast of Little Christmas or Nollag na Mban or Women's Christmas.

We wish all our parishioners a very happy & healthy New Year

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Aishling Horgan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK



Pray for: Mario Mowlds who died recently (brother of Mairead Dunleavy)

May he rest in peace

1st Anniversary Mass

Tommy Keating late of Burton Street
Mass Saturday 8th January @ 7.00pm
Mina Hanson
Mass Sunday 9th January @ 9.00am

Saturday 1st January- *New Years Day*

*7.00pm Deceased members of Eir & An Post
Pat Durack late of Ballyurra
Gerry Clancy late of Keane's Road
John Madigan late of Monmore
Walter William Roberts*

Sunday 2nd January

9.00am Patrick, Ellen & Paddy Carey
Hilda & David Hilliard
John Blackmore Moore
Michael, Bridget & Brendan Moloney Pella Rd
Olive Nash & Kelly family late of Pella Road

12.00pm

Monday 3rd January—10.00am

Tuesday 4th January— 10.00am

Peter Wakeford late of Devon

Wednesday 5th January—10.00am

O'Sullivan family late of Crawford Street

Thursday 6th January—10.00am Feast of the Epiphany

Friday 7th January—10.00am

Simon & Delia Griffin late of Scattery Island & Cappa

Saturday 8th January—7pm

Tommy Keating late of Burton Street
May Keating late of Burton Street
Alfie Hanson late of Bermingham

Sunday 9th January

9.00am Mina Hanson
Mary Moroney late of Moore Street

12noon

PJ Clancy late of Moore Street
Tim & Mai Leahy late of Shannon Heights

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

The parish office will re-open on Tuesday 4th January 2022.

We like to wish you all a very Happy New Year.

ENVELOPES FOR 2022

The new boxes of envelopes for 2022 are now ready for distribution. We would gratefully appreciate if the people who usually give them out would call to the sacristy to collect same. Sincere thanks to all those who have already collected theirs. We know its a busy time for everyone so we appreciate all your help.

KILRUSH ART GROUP

are hosting an exhibition titled "Winters's Silint Night" in Kilkee Library. It runs through to Jan 6th. Please feel free to pop in & view their art pieces.
Open during library hours only.

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.

PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow love,
Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light,
Where there is sadness, joy.

O' Divine Master,
Grant that I may not so much seek
To be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love

For it is in giving that we receive,
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

