

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 1ST JANUARY 2023

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PASTORAL COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council will take place Tuesday 10th January @ 8pm in Kilrush Community Centre. We look forward to another productive year.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS— DAILY MASS ROTA

Mon 2nd Jan: Loretta Maher

Mon 9th Jan: Mary O'Mahony

Mon 16th Jan: Teresa Lyons

Mon 23rd Jan: Ann Vaughan

Mon 30th Jan: Mary Moody

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)



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

Knockerra: Thursday 5th @ 6pm



Kilrush: Friday 6th January @ 10.00am

PRAY OUT THE OLD YEAR PRAY IN THE NEW YEAR

Our parish will close the year 2022 on Saturday 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 extend a warm welcome to join with us for this special service when we give thanks for the many graces and blessings which have been given to us as we travel along the road of life. We know that many will enjoy the usual festivities but if you could spare some time to come to Church for this 35 minutes it would be the best way possible to start the New Year and to give thanks to God for all the blessings he has heaped on us. And you will still have plenty of time to enjoy the celebrations.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Sat 7th Jan @ 7pm Mary Watson, Michael Hogan

Sun 8th Jan @ 9am Mary Clancy **12noon** Ann Hogan, Teresa Lyons-

Sat 14th Jan @ 7pm Stephanie Roughan, Susanne O'Shea

Sun 15th Jan @ 9am Madeline Smyth **12noon** Ann Vaughan, Dolores Blunnie

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.

KILRUSH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

As you may have seen we have a beautiful hand knitted Christmas tree on the altar. This tree was started in Kilrush Community School as a First Year Wellness Programme but then became a community event with local people knitting squares to make up the tree. Please feel free to come up and have a look at the wonderful craftsmanship. Well done everyone!!

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Aishling Horgan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK

1st Anniversary Mass

John Grogan late of Ballyurra
Mass Sunday 1st January @ 12noon
Thomas O'Sullivan late of Crawford Street
Mass Sunday 1st January @ 12noon
Josephine Glynn late of Cappa Cove
Mass Saturday 7th January @ 7pm

Saturday 31st December—New Years Eve

7pm Deceased members of An Post & Eir
Sean & Mary Roche late of Vandeleur Street
Catherine Roche late of Gurrane Lisdeen

Sunday 1st January—New Years Day

9.00am

12noon John Grogan late of Ballyurra
Thomas O'Sullivan late of Crawford Street
Pat Durack late of Ennis Road
Bridie Linnane nee Danaher late of The Glen & Crawford Street

Monday 2nd January— 10.00am
Special Intention

Tuesday 3rd January—10.00am

Wednesday 4th January—10.00am

Thursday 5th January—10.00am
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Friday 6th January —10.00am
John Madigan late of Monmore

Saturday 7th January
7pm Josephine Glynn late of Cappa Cove

Sunday 8th January
9.00am Mary Moroney late of Moore Street
12noon May Keating & Tommy Jnr Keating late of Burton Street & London
Tim & Mai Leahy late of Shannon Heights
Miko & Lena Browne late of Kilmurry McMahon

BEREAVED BY SUICIDE

The Christmas Season can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support volunteers are available to help you. Support and help is only a phone call away. You could phone us at one of our numbers given below and we will take it from there. We promise complete confidentiality. 086 0565373
087 3698315. www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

KILKEE SUB AQUA Annual Fun 5km Walk & 10km Run in support of Kilkee Sub Aqua Search & Recovery. Saturday 31st December. Entry will be €10 per person or €20 per Family. Registration will take place from 10am to 11:45am at the Bandstand in Kilkee or Click on 'Find Tickets' to register using iDonate, Enter your name and email address and show your email confirmation on the day to collect your number. Timed event with trophies to first, second and third place male and female contestants in each event. 5k Walk / Run & 10k Run

ST. SENAN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL Will re-open for the new term on Thursday 5th January.

ENVELOPES FOR 2023

There are still some boxes yet to be delivered. We would gratefully appreciate if the people who usually give them out would call to the Sacristy after mass to collect same. Sincere thanks to all those who have already collected theirs.

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.

