

**KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER 2023
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KILRUSH COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE

As you may have seen we have a beautiful hand knitted Christmas tree in our church. 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.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Sat 30th @ 7pm Mary Watson, Michael Hogan
Sun 31st @ 9am Mary Clancy
12noon Seamus Burke, Teresa Lyons

JANUARY

Sat 6th @7pm Stephanie Roughan, Susanne O'Shea
Sun 7th @ 9am Madeline Smyth
12noon Emer McGrath, Dolores Blunnie

WEEKDAY READERS 1st Jan Gearoid 8th Sr. Mary
15th Zennie 22nd Frances

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS DAILY ROTA

Jan 8th Loretta Maher Jan 15th Mary O'Mahony
Jan 22nd Teresa Lyons Jan 29th Mary Moody



BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL

Please note the Blessed Sacrament Chapel will re-open on Thursday 4th January. We wish you all a happy & peaceful New Year.



FEAST OF 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 commemorates 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.

NEW YEARS EVE CEREMONY

"Pray out the Old Year Pray in The New Year" Our parish will close the year 2023 this Sun 31st Dec with a special closing ceremony 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. 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.



PRIEST CHRISTMAS COLLECTION

A very sincere thanks for your extreme generosity towards the Priest Christmas Collection taken up at all Masses on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day. If anyone was away or would still like to contribute please leave your envelopes in baskets.

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY MASS



TIMES --Knockerra: Fri 5th @ 8pm-- Kilrush: Sat 6th Jan @ 6.30pm

MASS TIMES NEW YEAR

SAT EVE DEC 30TH
KILRUSH 6.30PM
KNOCKERRA 8.00PM

SAT EVE JAN 6TH
KILRUSH 6.30PM
CREE 8.00PM

SAT EVE JAN 13TH
KILRUSH 6.30PM
KNOCKERRA 8.00PM

SAT EVE JAN 20TH
KILRUSH 6.30PM
CREE 8.00PM

SUNDAY DEC 31ST
KILRUSH 9.00AM
COORACLARE 10.30AM
KILMIHIL 11.00AM
KILRUSH 12NOON

SUNDAY JAN 7TH
KILRUSH 9.00AM
KILLIMER 10.30AM
KILMIHIL 11.00AM
KILRUSH 12NOON

SUNDAY JAN 14TH
KILRUSH 9.00AM
COORACLARE 10.30AM
KILMIHIL 11.00AM
KILRUSH 12NOON

SUNDAY JAN 21ST
KILRUSH 9.00AM
KILLIMER 10.30AM
KILMIHIL 11.00AM
KILRUSH 12NOON

Envelope for 2024

are now ready for distribution. 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.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Aishling Horgan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK

1st Anniversary Mass

Margaret Synan late of Moore Street
Mass Saturday 6th January @ 6.30pm
Kitty Leahy late of Toler Street
Mass Sunday 7th January @ 12noon



Saturday 30th December

6.30pm John Hickey late of High Street

Sunday 31st December—New Years Eve

9am Bridget & Patrick Lynch
Lizzy Roche & Daisy Griffin
Chris & Christina Dixon



12noon Pat Durack late of Ennis Road
Deceased members of Eir & An Post

Monday 1st January—New Year's Day

John Grogan late of Ballyurra

Tuesday 2nd January—10.00am

Tommy O'Sullivan late of Crawford Street
Special Intention

Wednesday 3rd January—10.00am

Thursday 4th January—10.00am

Friday 5th January—10.00am

Saturday 6th January

6.30pm Margaret Synan late of Moore Street
Martin & Bernadette Cahill late of Griffin Road
Denis & Mary Keane late of Nagles Terrace
Helen Flynn & deceased family, Kildare, London
Noel Garry late of Ennis
Marian Garry O'Shaughnessy, Ennis & Kilfinane
William Roberts, Cahermore North Mullagh

Sunday 7th January

9am Mary Moroney late of Moore Street

12noon Kitty Leahy late of Toler Street
Brendan Lorrigan late of Carnanes
Mary Ann Mahony & family late of Pella Rd
Paul & Teresa Keating late of Moore Street
Mico, Lena & Michael Browne
Paddy & Breda Cusack late of Henry Street

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.

"CHALKING THE DOOR"

is a short liturgy for marking our homes with sacred
symbols and asking God's blessing upon those who live,
work, or visit throughout the coming year. In this service, we
mark our front or main entrance doors with chalk as a sign
that we are inviting God's presence into the places, relation-
ships, and situations that we call home. A common way of
chalking the door is to write these symbols along the door-
frame (updating the last two digits with each new year):

20 + C + M + B + 24

WOMEN IN BUSINESS NETWORK EVENT

***Necessity is the Mother of Invention a 21st century case
study with founder of Anewmum, Marian Kennedy*** LEO
Clare invite you to our upcoming Women in Business
Network event in The Old Ground Hotel, Ennis 23rd
January 2024, 10am -1pm

**SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE OVER
CHRISTMAS**

Shannondoc out of hours GP service 0818 123500
Samaritans 24/7 Freephone helpline 116 123
Pieta Helpline 1800 247 247
Clare Haven open all Christmas 065 6822435
HSE Mental Health Crisis Clare 065 6863208
Suicide Bereavement Support 087 3698315
General Bereavement Irish Hospice Foundation
1800807077
ISPCC Childline listening service 1800 66 66 66
HSE Drugs & Alcohol Helpline 1800 459 459
Emergency Services 999 or 112

THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only Son to every nation
by the guidance of a star.
Bless this home and all who inhabit it.
Fill us with the light of Christ
That our concern for others may reflect your love.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**