

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 9TH DECEMBER 2023
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ADVENT PRAYER

Loving God, we seek you in both light & darkness, the silence & the sounds, the fullness & the emptiness of this Advent season. Fill our hearts with hope for your coming, love for those who are most in need, & faith in your promises. May this time of preparation help us celebrate the birth of your Son with deep gratitude & abundant joy.

Amen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Sat 9th Stephanie Roughan, Susanne O'Shea
Sun 10th @ 9am Madeline Smyth
12noon Emer McGrath, Dolores Blunnie
Sat 16th Catherine Minter, Mary Moody
Sun 17th @ 9am Paul Moroney
12noon Caroline Howard, Sr. Noreen

WEEKDAY READERS 11th Dec Zennie 18th Dec Frances

BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTION 03/12/23 Envelope: €1,150 Basket:€810 Priest Collection: €110 Online: €215

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS DAILY ROTA 11th Dec Teresa Lyons 18th Dec Mary Moody **Christmas Week** Mary Downes



CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

If you're aged between 4-12 years of age pick up a copy of our Nativity scene and get colouring! Entries must be returned to the church by 17th Dec. 4 lucky winners will be revealed on 24th December.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Are now on sale from the Church shop, parish office & various shops in town. Just €4



BAMBINELLI SUNDAY BABY

JESUS—Each year on the 3rd Sunday of Advent, Pope Francis invites children to bring the Baby Jesus

("Bambinelli") from the family crib for a special blessing. Next weekend 16th& 17thDec at all our masses you are invited to bring your Bambinelli for a blessing on your crib in your home this Christmas. A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your 'Bambinelli' home and place it in a gift box, wrap it and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas Eve together place the Baby Jesus into the family crib. Say a prayer of blessing together asking God to protect your family and thanking God for the gift of His Son

THE LITTLE BLUE BOOK FOR ADVENT is available now from the parish Shop for just €2.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL This Christmas will be a very difficult time for many families. The annual St. Vincent De Paul collection will be taken up at Masses weekend 9th& 10thDec. We ask your generous support so that we can help others. Every little donation can help in a big way.

NEW MASS ROTA

SATURDAY EVE DEC 9TH

KILRUSH 6.30PM
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SAT EVE DEC 16TH

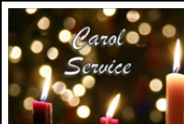
KILRUSH 6.30PM
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SUNDAY DEC 10TH

KILRUSH 9.00AM
 KILLIMER 10.30AM
 KILMIHIL 11.00AM
 KILRUSH 12NOON

SUNDAY EVE DEC 17TH

KILRUSH 9.00AM
 COORACLARE 10.30AM
 KILMIHIL 11.00AM
 KILRUSH 12NOON



CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

St. Senan's Parish Choir will lead us in song with many favourite Christmas Carols on Saturday 23rd December at 4pm in St. Senan's Church. All are welcome

PRAYING WITH CHRISTMAS CARDS

Keep all your cards together and 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.



ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) on Sunday 17th December at 7 p.m. Priests' from both Pastoral Areas, Inis Cathaigh & Cois Fharraige will be available on the night. This is an opportunity as we journey this Advent to reflect on where we can allow the light of the Christ child to guide us in a new way.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Aishling Horgan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK

Pray for: Mary Mescall late of Vandeleur Street & Michael Tubridy better known as Mick late of Pella Road who died in London.

May they rest in peace



Rest In Peace

1st Anniversary Mass

Mary Cussen late of Ballykett
Mass Saturday 9th December @ 6.30pm
Agnes Ryan nee Kirk late of Cappa
Mass Tuesday 12th December @ 10.00am
Barbara Carey late of England
Mass Thursday 14th December @ 10.00am

Saturday 9th December

6.30pm Mary Cussen late of Ballykett
Anthony Downes late of Monmore & Donegal
Lourda Clohessy late of John Paul Estate

Sunday 10th December

9.00am
12noon Eamon Hall late of Wood Road
Kathleen Burke late of Leadmore West
Mary Josephine & Flan Grogan late of Moyadda

Monday 11th December— 10.00am

Tuesday 12th December—10.00am

Agnes Ryan nee Kirk late of Cappa

Wednesday 13th December—10.00am

Private Intention
Michael & Pauline Stafford late of Pella Road

Thursday 14th December—10.00am

Barbara Carey late of England

Friday 15th December—10.00am

Christy, Kitty & Christopher Lynch late of Moore Street

Saturday 16th December

6.30pm John Lawson
Susan & Thomas McInerney late of Monmore
Stephen & Nellie Hanrahan late of Ballynote

Sunday 17th December

9.00am
12noon Coleman (Coley), Imelda, Coleman & John Moore late of O'Dea's Road
Deceased McNamara & Hawes families
Jim Clancy late of Parknamoney
Nora Crowley late of Gowerhass
Thomas, Esther, Patrick, Valarie & Michael Carmody. Patrick & Ann Sullivan, Christopher Taylor & Claire Makin

BLESSING OF CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS Have each family member choose a favourite ornament and hold it. Select someone 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 & dear, to treat one another with tenderness & 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 & celebration. All: **Amen. (After the blessing, your family might take time to share stories connected to some favourite ornaments.)**



KILRUSH FOOTBALL CLUB—LOTTO

Numbers Drawn: 06,25,12,24

Match 3 Winners: Caroline Broderick

Next Draw Sunday 10th December. Jackpot: €4,500

CAHERCALLA HOSPICE DRAW 05/12/23

1st Prize €650— Anne Walshe, Ennis
2nd Prize €200— Mary Meaney, Cranny

CHRISTMAS DAY CHARITY SWIM AT CAPP The annual Christmas Day Charity Swim will take place on Christmas morning 25th December at 10.30am at Cappa Pier. Proceeds from this years swim will be going to west Clare Cancer and Kilrush RNLi Lifeboats. Sponsor cards are available from Therese Young, contact 086 8717452. please support the swimmers on Christmas morning at 10.30am.



CHRISTMAS CEILI on Saturday night 16th December at Teach Ceoil Kilrush. Dancing from 9pm—12. Music by Sliabh Aughty Group. Admission €10 Hosted by Inis Caithaigh C.C.E.

CHRISTMAS EVENTS – Vandeleur Walled Garden Flower Demonstration – Thursday 14th December, in Teach Cheoil, Kilrush at 7.30pm Get into the festive spirit with our annual Christmas Flower Demonstration. Join us for a beautiful demonstration led by the talented Phil. Delight in a festive candlelit evening with live singing by Marie, Teresa, and Ciara. We also have delicious, mulled wine and mouth-watering mince pies for you to enjoy. Tickets are just €25

CHRISTMAS MARKETS at The Vandeleur Walled Garden & Visitor Centre Saturday, 16th December 2023, 11am-4pm This year's markets promise to be a wonderful celebration of unique local Christmas goods and crafts. Due to parking restrictions a free shuttle bus will operate every 20 mins from Kilrush Town Square from 11am



WEST CLARE TURKEY RUN, Vandeleur Woods, Kilrush, St. Stephen's Day Please join us for our charity 5K FUN jog, walk, crawl on St. Stephen's Day at 11am sharp. **Voluntary contributions** welcome on the morning, our beneficiary is Kilrush St. Patrick's Day Festival.



CHRISTMAS FAIR & SANTA The Kilrush Farmers Market are holding their annual Christmas Fair with special guest "Santa" this Saturday 9th December from 4pm—9pm at Kilrush Community Centre. Raffle, face painting, refreshments, craft stalls & food stalls. Don't miss it!!



Christmas Bingo in aid of Mid West Simon Community Homeless Charity, at the Armada Hotel on Wed 13th December @ 8.30pm. €3,500 prize money pro rata, massive raffle on the night.

