

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER- SUNDAY 17TH 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 16th @6.30pm Catherine Minter, Mary Moody
Sun 17th @ 9am Paul Moroney
12noon Caroline Howard, Sr. Noreen
Sat 23rd @ 6.30pm Caroline Bolton, Fiona Honan
Christmas Eve
Sun 24th @ 6pm Caroline Bolton, Mary Clancy & Brian Clancy
@ 9pm Stephanie Roughan, Suzanne O'Shea & Michael Hogan
Christmas Day
Sun 25th @ 9am Joan Lyons
12noon Emer McGrath, Carol Clynch, Sr. Noreen

WEEKDAY READERS 18th Dec Frances

BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTION 10/12/23

Envelope: €1,310 **Basket:**€730 **Priest Collection:** €250
Holy Day: €580

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

GAUDETE SUNDAY- The third Sunday of Advent is called *Gaudete Sunday* meaning "rejoice." because "Rejoice" is the first word in the entrance antiphon for today's Mass taken from Philippians 4:4,5: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! The Lord is near." Some people mark this on their Advent wreath with a Pink candle instead of a purple candle.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

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



ADORATION CHAPEL Urgently needs 1 or 2 people for 1 hour on a Thursday morning from 11-12. If you can help out, please contact the parish office @ 0894026161



FAMILY MASS NATIVITY Takes place Christmas Eve @ 6pm in St. Senan's Kilrush. Rehearsals on Wed 20th Dec @ 6pm in the Church.



ADVENT SERVICE OF RECONCILIATION

There will be an opportunity for the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) this Sunday 17th Dec at 7 p.m. Priests' from both Pastoral Areas, Inis Cathaigh & Cois Fharraige will be available on the night.

ENVELOPES 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. We know it is a busy time for everyone so we appreciate all your help.

MASS ROTA FOR KILRUSH & SURROUNDING PARISHES

<p>SAT EVE DEC 16TH KILRUSH 6.30PM KNOCKERRA 8.00PM</p> <p>SUNDAY DEC 17TH KILRUSH 9.00AM COORACLARE 10.30AM KILMIHIL 11.00AM KILRUSH 12NOON</p>	<p>SAT EVE DEC 23RD KILRUSH 6.30PM KNOCKERRA 8.00PM</p> <p>SUNDAY DEC 24TH KILRUSH 6.00PM KNOCKERRA 6.00PM CREE 6.30PM COORACLARE 8.00PM KILMIHIL 7.00PM KILRUSH 9.00PM</p>	<p>CHRISTMAS DAY KILRUSH 9.00AM KILLIMER 10.30AM COORACLARE 10.30AM KILMIHIL 11.00AM KILRUSH 12NOON</p>	<p>SAT EVE DEC 30TH KILRUSH 6.30PM KNOCKERRA 8.00PM</p> <p>SUNDAY DEC 31ST KILRUSH 9.00AM COORACLARE 10.30AM KILMIHIL 11.00AM KILRUSH 12NOON</p>	<p>FIRST FRIDAY CALLS Fr. Pat will visit on Thurs 21st & Fri 22nd- Dec</p>
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NEW YEARS EVE CEREMONY "Pray out the Old Year Pray in The New Year" Our parish will close the year 2023 on 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

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Aishling Horgan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK

Pray for: Eugene O'Mahony late of Kilkee Road
May he rest in peace



Rest In Peace

1st Anniversary Mass

Patrick Mescal late of Vandeleur Street
Mass Tuesday 19th December @ 10am

Saturday 16th December

6.30pm John Lawson
Susan & Thomas McInerney late of Monmore
Stephen & Nellie Hanrahan late of Ballynote
Stephen O'Gorman late of Sycamore Drive
Jim Clancy late of Parknamoney
John Conway late of Sycamore Drive

Sunday 17th December

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

Monday 18th December— 10.00am

John Joe, Mary & Josie O'Connell & deceased family

Tuesday 19th December—10.00am

Patrick Mescal late of Vandeleur Street
Helen Carmel Flynn & deceased family members
John & Elizabeth McMahan late of Monvana
Fr. Michael O'Brien SJ

Wednesday 20th December—10.00am

Paddy Hanrahan late of Pella Road
Bridie & Miko Hanrahan late of Pella Road
Bridie McMahan late of Frances Street

Thursday 21st December—10.00am

Friday 22nd December—10.00am

Patrick Casey late of Kilkee Road
Peter Casey late of Sycamore Drive

Saturday 23rd December

6.30pm Terry Muschamp late of Nagles Terrace
Stephen & Eileen O'Brien late of Carnanes
Billy, Maggie & William Shields
Josephine Galvin late of Island View & Moyasta
Brendan Crowley & family late of Monmore House
Stephen, Bridget, Martin, John & Patrick Casey late
of Crawford Street

Sunday 24th December—Christmas Eve

6pm *Family Mass*

9pm *Christmas Vigil*

Monday 25th December—Christmas Day

9am & 12noon



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. This weekend 16th & 17th Dec we will bless your
Bambinelli for your crib in your home this Christmas



KILRUSH FOOTBALL CLUB—LOTTO

Numbers Drawn: **04,05,11,14**

Match 3 Winners: Tony Lyons, Orla Cahill &
Linda Coleman.

Next Draw Sunday 17th December. Jackpot: €4,600

CAHERCALLA HOSPICE DRAW 12/12/23

1st Prize €650— Frank O'Shea, Kildysart
2nd Prize €200— Mary Meaney, Cranny



CHRISTMAS DAY CHARITY SWIM AT

CAPPA The annual Christmas Day
Charity Swim will take place on Christmas
morning 25th Dec 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.



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

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.



WOMEN IN BUSINESS NETWORK EVENT

***Necessity is the Mother of Invention a 21st century case
study with founder of Anewnum, Marian Kennedy'*** LEO
Clare invite you to The Old Ground Hotel, Ennis 23rd
January 2024, 10am -1pm

CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

Entries must be returned to the church by 17th Dec. 4
lucky winners will be revealed on 24th December.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL A sincere thanks to all have contrib-
uted so generously to the recent St. Vincent De Paul
Collection. If anyone would still like to contribute please
leave your envelopes into the church before Wed 20th
December.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

On Thursday 28th Dec we celebrate the feast of the Holy
Innocents. We remember all the little children who died by
the order of King Herod. On Thursday evening at 7pm we
will celebrate a Mass during which we will honour and re-
member all babies who died during pregnancy, around the
time of birth or after birth. We will honour them by calling
their names & lighting a candle. If a name was not chosen
we will say "Baby & Family Name". A book will be placed in
the church where the names can be written. We extend a
warm welcome to this special time of remembrance during
the Christmas journey.