

# KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 14TH DECEMBER 2025

## INIS CATHAIGH PASTORAL AREA



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### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**15th Dec** Teresa Lyons  
**22nd Dec** Ann Vaughan  
**29th Dec** Maisie Flynn/  
Roisin Horgan  
**5th Jan** Loretta Maher  
**12th Jan** Mary O'Mahoney

### WEEKDAY READERS ROTA

**15th Dec** Frances  
**22nd Dec** Peggy  
**29th Dec** Gearoid  
**5th Jan** Sr. Mary

### CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Are on sale from the Church shop and from the parish office. Just €4 and all proceeds go to the Church Fund.



### 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 this weekend 13th & 14<sup>th</sup> December. We ask your generous support so that we can help others.



### SENIORS CHRISTMAS PARTY

Sincere thanks to Kilrush Golf Club ladies for their large donation from their flower arranging morning. Also to Grainne, Emma & Grace Fennell for their dancing, singing & music. Thanks to Morgan Roughan, to Martina & her staff in the Golf Club. Thanks to Ellen Bolton from St. Senan's Primary School for the lovely decorations they made & to Santa for making an appearance on the day with his spot prizes. A great day was had by all.

### PARISH CALENDARS

are available at the Church doors, please take one on your way out today.

### BASKET & ENVELOPE 07/12/25

**Basket:** €980 **Envelope:** €1,470 **Priest Coll:** €655 **Holy Day:** €310 **Online** €145

*Thank you for your continued support*

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

**Sat 13th Dec @ 6.30pm**  
Caroline Bolton, Fiona Honan  
**Sun 14th Dec @ 9am** Joan Lyons  
**12noon** Ann Vaughan  
**Sat 20th Dec @ 6.30pm**  
Stephanie Roughan, Susanne O'Shea  
**Sun 21st Dec @ 9am** Anne O'Donoghue  
**12noon** Carol Clynych, Dolores Blunnice



### 50/50 BONUS CHRISTMAS

**DRAW** For the next 2 weeks you will have the opportunity to take part in the 50/50 bonus draw where you put €5 (a once off) in the white envelope. Whatever amount is collected will be split as the prize money.

**Bonus draw will take place at the Family Mass Christmas Eve @ 6pm.**



### ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

*The Parish Choir and friends will present its Annual Carol Service in St Senan's*

*Church on Monday 22nd of December at 7pm. Come along and enjoy the Spirit of Christmas in Word and Music.*



### ADVENT REFLECTION

#### A time to Rejoice

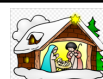
This week we will light the pink candle of our Advent Wreath. And as we light this candle we recall what St. Paul said to the Philippians:

***"Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, 'Rejoice'"***

Sometimes when we have almost arrived at our destination, or when we are on the cusp of achieving our goals, we can lose heart because we begin to doubt if we will ever make it. Or maybe due to tiredness we get distracted and we allow doubt to set in, causing us to question our ourselves.

The third week of Advent calls us to rejoice.

We rejoice because the birth of Jesus is almost upon us. May our rejoicing energise us. May it enable us to refocus with the expectation that something new will be born in our lives. May we believe that we are on the verge of some transformative. That a new and life-giving event is about to happen in our lives. We rejoice because we believe that with the birth of Jesus comes the potential for the birth of new life and new love in our own lives.



### CHRISTMAS CRIB & CONCERT

At Monmore Chapel this Sun Dec 14th 2-4pm. Entertainment with local schools, musicians, poetry and song "Festive Fun for all the Family" with Raffle in aid of the upkeep of the Chapel.



### CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN KILRUSH

#### CHRISTMAS EVE

**Wednesday 24th December**  
Family Mass @ 6pm  
Christmas Eve Vigil @ 9pm

#### CHRISTMAS DAY

Thursday 25th December  
Mass @ 9am & 12noon

**No Mass Friday 26th December**

Rehearsal for Family Mass will be on Monday 15th Dec @ 6.00pm in St. Senan's Church, All children are invited to come along & participate in the Family Mass.

### CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

Deadline has been extended to Monday 15th. If you haven't already taken part there are still copies at the church doors, please take one.

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives:** Niamh Bell & Mary Ryan

## REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK

**Pray for:** Sean O'Brien late of Carnanes & Garry Howard late of Frances Street & Ennis



**May they rest in peace**

### 1st Anniversary Mass

Carmel Flannery late of Cappa

Mass Saturday 13th December @ 6.30pm

Nellie O'Neill late of Shannon Heights

Mass Friday 19th December @ 10.00am

Tommy Mangan late of Moore Street

Mass Saturday 20th December @ 6.30pm

John Meehan late of Cappa

Mass Sunday 21st December @ 12noon

### Months Mind Mass

Stasia Clancy late of O'Dea's Road

Mass Sunday 14th December @ 12noon

Tommy Tubridy late of Doonbeg Road

Mass Saturday 20th December @ 6.30pm

### Saturday 13th December

6.30pm

Carmel Flannery late of Cappa

Jimmy & Nellie Grogan late of Nagles Terrace

Susan & Thomas McInerney late of Monmore

Mary Cussen late of Ballykett

Stephen O'Gorman late of Sycamore Drive

### Sunday 14th December

9.00am

Michael & Pauline Stafford late of Pella Road

12noon

Stasia Clancy late of O'Dea's Road

Sean & Paul Clancy late of O'Dea's Road

Eugene O'Mahony late of Ferrybank Kilkee Road

Kathleen Burke late of Leadmore West

Mary-Josephine & Flan Grogan late of Moyadda

Michael Crowley late of Moyasta

Coleman, Imelda, Coleman & John Moore late of O'Dea's Road

Stephan & Nellie Hanrahan, Ballynote West

**Monday 15th December –10.00am**

**Tuesday 16th December – 10.00am**

**Wednesday 17th December—10.00am**

**Thursday 18th December —Lay Led Liturgy**

**Friday 19th December—10.00am**

Nellie O'Neill late of Shannon Heights

John & Elizabeth McMahon late of Monvana

### Saturday 20th December

6.30pm

Tommy Mangan late of Moore Street

Tommy Tubridy late of Doonbeg Road

Paddy Hanrahan late of Pella Road

Bridie, Miko & Mickey Hanrahan, Pella Road

Stephen & Eileen O'Brien late of Carnanes

John Joe Moody late of Ennis Road

Megan & Sean Clancy late of O'Gorman Street

Senan Nolan late of Moore Street

Barry Nolan late of Carnanes

Deceased Hogan & Enright Families

PJ O'Dea late of Vandeleur St & Chicago

### Sunday 21st December

9.00am

McNamara Family late of Cosy Cottage

Nora Crowley late of Gowerhass

12noon

John Meehan late of Cappa

James Sheridan late of Canada & Kilrush

James O'Brien & deceased family

John Nevin & deceased family

Sean & Mary Roche late of Vandeleur Street

Katherine Roche late of Gurrane Lisdeen

Mary & John Grogan late of Ballyurra

Frank Shaughnessy late of England & Kilmaley

Ann & Patrick Sullivan

Claire Makin & Christopher Taylor

Michael, Patrick, Valarie, Esther & Thomas Carmody



## KILRUSH SHAMROCKS DRAW

**Numbers Draw:** 22, 21, 05, 18

**Match 3 winners:** Bernie O'Mahony

**Next draw Sun 14th December Jackpot:** €3,300



### WEST CLARE FRC ACTIVITIES FOR THE OVER 55'S

**CHRISTMAS MOVIE** - Tuesday 16th December @ 2pm

**CHRISTMAS CAROLS with the Happy Hour Choir** -

Thursday 18th December @ 10.30am. Market Square.

For further information please contact us on 065 9052173

### WEST CLARE TURKEY RUN Vandeleur Woods,

**Kilrush, St. Stephen's Day** Please join us you, your family, your Granny, your neighbour, dog on a lead and friends OLD & NEW—together we can share what is a truly wonderful morning at our fundraising 5K FUN jog, walk, crawl on St. Stephen's Day at 11am sharp. **Voluntary contributions** welcome our beneficiary this year is **Kilrush St. Patricks Day Parade**

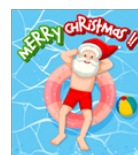


**ART EXHIBITION** at the Vandeleur Walled Gardens with Ailish Malone & Hazel Murray. Art inspired by our amazing coastal landscape. Sat 13th Dec and Sun 14th Dec from 10am to 5pm each day. Free entry, upstairs over the Gift Shop. All welcome. Original Paintings, prints & silk designs.

**PAULINES ART CLASSES** Next available art class dates: January 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> February 3<sup>rd</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Contact Pauline @ 086 8339347 to make a great piece together!

### CHRISTMAS DAY CHARITY SWIM

Christmas morning @ 10am Cappa (Back of the Pier) All proceeds going to Regina House & Kilrush RNLi. Enquiries to Shawna @ 089 4621269



### VANDELEUR WALLED GARDEN CHRISTMAS MARKET

Takes place this Saturday 13th December from 11am – 4pm! Lots of local stalls to see. As part of the festivities, we'll be running a pop-up Christmas Boutique outside the Plant Boutique shop.



Stop by to pick up one of Phil's handmade wreaths or Christmas arrangements, choose your perfect potted Christmas tree. Glow in the Garden open everyday until 5:00pm, and extended hours (until 7:30pm) during our Santa Weekends. Come out and enjoy the lights!

**Christmas Day Swim** will take place at the White Strand, Doonbeg at 11am. Prizes on the day for the best novelty costume for adult, teenager and child. Money raised going to Laura Lynn and Doonbeg Playground Group



### 50/50 DRAW

Congratulations to **Ann O'Halloran** who won €172 in the last 50/50 draw. Next draw is Christmas Eve at the Family Mass. Pick up your €5 envelope today to take part in the bumper draw!!