

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER 2025

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

22nd Dec Ann Vaughan

29th Dec Maisie Flynn/
Roisin Horgan

5th Jan Loretta Maher

12th Jan Mary O'Mahoney

WEEKDAY READERS ROTA

22nd Dec Peggy

29th Dec Gearoid

5th Jan Sr. Mary

12th Jan Frances

BASKET & ENVELOPE 14/12/25

Basket: €1,125 **Envelope:** €1,015 **Priest Coll:** €220

Thank you for your continued support

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Sat 20th Dec @ 6.30pm

Stephanie Roughan, Susanne O'Shea

Sun 21st Dec @ 9am Anne O'Donoghue

12noon Carol Clynych, Dolores Blunnie

Wed 24th Dec @ 6.00pm

Caroline Bolton, Ann Moody, Mary Clancy

9pm Michael Hogan, Mary Watson Glynn,

Stephanie Roughan, Suzanne O'Shea

Thurs 25th Dec @ 9am Joan Lyons, Anna

Marie McGreene, Ann O'Donoghue

12noon Seamus Burke, Carol Clynych

CHRISTMAS WELCOME

This has been a year when many of the catch phrases of the Christmas Story have rang true in daily life. We have seen people like the Holy Family having to engage the reality of "no room at the inn" as we still grapple with our housing crisis. Others like Mary who got news that upset & frightened them being told "do not be afraid" by neighbours and friends who supported them. We have seen others like the three Wise Men migrating on long journeys in the hope of finding something life giving & enriching from themselves and their families. The Christmas story may be over 2000 years old but at the same time it is ever fresh. We see & encounter it every day of the year in a cycle of birth, love & care. Unfortunately this is often intermingled with the harshness of Herod type characters whose envy & hate causing so much hurt in our world. For those of us for whom Christmas is challenging for one reason or another, let us remind ourselves that it is into such challenging & non-ideal situations that Jesus chose to be born. In the imperfect start of a stable he found love, in being excluded he created a welcoming space for strangers, in the noise of hate & envy he gently whispered the love only a vulnerable baby can speak. May this Christmas be one of welcome, love and inclusion for you and yours. Like the infant Jesus may we chose to be gentle and most importantly may we like Jesus be present not just gift presents to one another this Christmas.

Fr. Michael



ADVENT REFLECTION

This week we will light the last purple candle on our Advent Wreath. And as we light this candle we read in the prophet Isaiah:

"The maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us."

As we draw to the close of this Advent Season the love we have hoped for seems to be drawing near. God's love in the form of a baby child is what we have hoped for, and what the prophet announces. But as always

God surpasses our expectation as he is "Immanuel". As the scriptures remind us, this means that God is with us nothing just in the crib at Christmas, but God is with us always.

This week let us keep an eye and an ear open for the presence of God in our midst. Let us make space on our journey where we can become aware of God's presence guiding and supporting us along the way toward Christmas.

ADORATION CHAPEL

Adoration Chapel will close for the Christmas break from week commencing 22nd December and will reopen on Thursday 8th January.

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

CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

Congratulations to the following winners:

Jessica Hannan, Redmond Dillon,

Kate Maguire & Seamie Young.

Please pick up your prize from the Sacristy after mass. Well done everyone who participated.



50/50 BONUS CHRISTMAS DRAW

To participate in the draw please put €5 (a once off) in the white envelope. **Bonus draw will take place at the Family Mass Christmas Eve @ 6pm. Best of luck everyone!**

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

Every year on the Feast of the Holy Innocents as a parish we have a tradition of remembering families who have lost a child on the Feast of the Holy Innocents. Mass for all families who have lost a child and for all children or babies who have died on **Monday the 29th of Dec at 7.30pm in St. Senan's Church.** At a time of the year when we remember the birth of the Infant Jesus we take a quiet moment to pause, pray and remember lost loved ones and those who feel their absence.

ANNUAL CAROL SERVICE

The Parish Choir and friends will present its Annual Carol Service in St Senan's Church this **Sunday 21st of Dec at 8pm.** Please note change of time & date.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Niamh Bell & Mary Ryan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK

1st Anniversary Mass

Tommy Mangan late of Moore Street
Mass Saturday 20th December @ 6.30pm
John Meehan late of Cappa
Mass Sunday 21st December @ 12noon
Fintan Keating late Cappa
Mass Sunday 28th December @ 12noon
Months Mind Mass
Tommy Tubridy late of Doonbeg Road
Mass Saturday 20th December @ 6.30pm

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

Monday 22nd December –10.00am

Hawes Family late of Moore Street
Patrick Casey late of Kilkee Road
John A & Catherine E Kelly late of Henry Street
Parker Family late of Vancouver

Tuesday 23rd December – 10.00am

Peter Casey late of Sycamore Drive

Christmas Eve Wednesday 24th December

6.00pm Family Mass & 9.00pm Christmas Vigil

Christmas Day Thursday 25th December

9.00am & 12noon

Friday 26th December—NO MASS

Saturday 27th December

6.30pm Crowley Family late of Monmore House
Teresa & Martin Griffin late of Leadmore East
Michael & Una Donnellan late of Moore Street
Sheila Glynn late of Leadmore
Billy, Maggie & William Shields

Sunday 28th December

9.00am Brigid & Patrick Lynch
Lizzie Roche & Daisy Griffin
12noon Fintan Keating late of Cappa
Teresa Keating late of Frances Street
James Sheridan late of Canada & Kilrush
Gary Guerin late of Leadmore
Martina O'Dea
Teresa & Jackie Wilson



KILRUSH SHAMROCKS DRAW

Numbers Draw: 29, 03, 20, 04

5 Lucky Dip Winners: Sonia Carrig, Barry O'Brien, Tony Malone, Tommy Kelleher & Noel Ryan
Next draw Sun 21st December Jackpot: €3,400



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. Patrick's Day Parade**



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

West Clare Drama Festival 2026, Doonbeg which will run its Festival of full-length plays from the 7th to the 15th of March 2026 has the perfect solution if you are looking for a last minute gift to give this Christmas. Seasonal Tickets for the full 2026 Festival are on Sale on their website. Just click in this link and it will bring you straight there: <https://tickets.westclaredramafestivaldoonbeg.com/>

COUNSELLING AVAILABLE Feeling overwhelmed?

Take the first step toward peace of mind today. Life can feel challenging, and sometimes we all need someone to talk to. Counselling provides a safe, confidential space to explore your feelings, manage stress, and find clarity.

Donna Marie Counselling 089 211 6798 or
email: donnamariesolas@yahoo.com

West Clare FRC Activities for the Over 55's

Please note all the activities are finished for the Christmas Season and will recommence on Tuesday 13th January 2026. We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our participants a very Happy Christmas and look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.

LIGHTING UP FOR THE RNLI

Patrick Danagher (Pella Road) is lighting up the season once again and is kindly donating the proceeds from his Christmas lights display to Kilrush RNLI. Patrick's home is beautifully illuminated and well worth a visit, helping to spread festive cheer while supporting our volunteer lifeboat crew who are on call throughout the Christmas period, ready to save lives at sea. Please stop by to enjoy the display & consider supporting this wonderful local effort.



Every contribution helps us continue our lifesaving work. Thank you, Patrick, for your generosity and community spirit.

It is truly appreciated by everyone at Kilrush RNLI

FOUND

A Stretta Hearing Aid was found outside Supervalu, please contact Kilrush Post Office for details.

CONFESSION

Fr. Michael will be available for Confession on Mon 22nd & Tues 23rd from 7pm—7.30pm each evening in St. Senan's Church.