

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER- SUNDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2025

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

8th Dec Dolores Blunnie
15th Dec Teresa Lyons
22nd Dec Ann Vaughan
29th Dec Maisie Flynn/
Roisin Horgan

WEEKDAY READERS ROTA

8th Dec Sr. Mary
15th Dec Frances
22nd Dec Peggy
29th Dec Gearoid

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 weekend 13th & 14th December. Envelopes will be available at the Church doors and can be handed in at your convenience. Every little donation can help in a big way. We ask your generous support so that we can help others.

DONATION

St. Senan's Parish gratefully acknowledges the recent donation of €1,000 from Shannon Ferries to the Church Restoration Fund. Every donation is a gesture of great generosity that makes so much possible in our parish.

CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETITION

For ages between 4-12 years.

Entries must be returned to the church by **10th Dec**. 4 lucky winners will be revealed on 14th December.



BASKET & ENVELOPE 30/11/25

Basket: €820 **Envelope:** €740 **Online** €145

Thank you for your continued support

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Sat 6th Dec @ 6.30pm
Catherine Miniter, Ann Moody
Sun 7th Dec @ 9am Paul Moroney
12noon Caroline Howard
Sat 13th Dec @ 6.30pm
Caroline Bolton, Fiona Honan
Sun 14th Dec @ 9am Joan Lyons
12noon Ann Vaughan



50/50 BONUS CHRISTMAS

DRAW For the next 3 weeks you will have the opportunity to take part in the 50/50 bonus draw where you put €5 (a once off) in the brown 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.



Remembrance Tree Service

A word of thanks to all who contributed to a most beautiful Remembrance Tree Service on Wednesday evening. A special word of thanks to Amanda and Vincent for coordinating this evening and to all who helped make this evening possible by reading, singing or preparing the church. We would like to acknowledge the generosity of all who enabled this event to raise €4000 which will go towards Temple Street Children's Hospital & the Multi-Disability and A.S.D. Class in St. Senan's Primary School



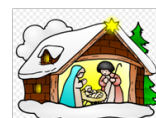
ADVENT REFLECTION

Advent as a time to Listen

This week in our liturgies we will light the second purple candle of our Advent Wreath. And as we light this candle we will hear in our Gospel:

***A voice cries in the wilderness:
Prepare a way for the Lord,
make his paths straight.***

Might this be a week in which we listen. Listen to what is going on in our own hearts. Listen to what others are saying to us, and even listen to what they are not saying. Maybe this week we could pause for a moment to hear what God wishes to speak to us through the events of our daily lives and in our prayer. As the scriptures remind us, listening prepares our hearts to receive what is being said. Listening enables us to untangle the myriad of things we find ourselves tied up with because it gifts us space. Listening creates a space in which we hear what is actually being said and so allows us to be straight with one another and straight with our God.



CHRISTMAS CRIB & CONCERT At Monmore Chapel 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 this treasured local landmark.

ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

As we prepare for Christmas, Advent provides a time for us to reflect on the coming of Jesus this Christmas. This year the Advent Reconciliation Service will take place on **Mon 15th of Dec** at 19.30 in St. Senan's Church, Kilrush. This Reconciliation Service will be led by the Priests and Lay Pastoral Minister of the Inis Cathaigh & Cois Fharraige Pastoral Areas.

***Look to Jesus this Christmas.
Receive the reconciliation that Jesus brings. Don't put it on the shelf unopened this Christmas***

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Niamh Bell & Mary Ryan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK

Pray for: Finbar O'Shea late of Breaffa who died in London, Peter Keating late of MaltHouse Lane & Michael Joe Cahill late of Moore Street



May the rest in peace

1st Anniversary Mass

Maureen Quinn late of Pella Road
Mass Sunday 7th December @ 12noon
Carmel Flannery late of Cappa
Mass Saturday 13th December @ 6.30pm

Months Mind Mass

Stasia Clancy late of O'Dea's Road
Mass Sunday 14th December @ 12noon

Saturday 6th December

6.30pm Gerardine Williams
Gerard Griffin late of Cappa
Mary Mescall late of Vandeleur Street
Pat Mulqueen late of Ballynote East
Thomas Lucas late of Kilcarroll
Michael Lucas late of Ennis Road
Mary & Tom Greene late of St. Patrick's Terrace

Sunday 7th December

9.00am James & TJ Crowley late of Gowerhass
12noon Maureen & Jo Jo Quinn late of Pella Road
Mary & Mai McMahon late of Vandeleur Street
Patrick & Willie McMahon, Kilmurry McMahon

Monday 8th December –10.00am

Private Intention
Jack & Peggy Hanrahan late of Pella Road

Tuesday 9th December – 10.00am

Gerry McMahon late of Pella Rd & Kilkishan

Wednesday 10th December—10.00am

Joseph McHugh

Thursday 11th December —Lay Led Liturgy

Friday 12th December—10.00am

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
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 Gorgan late of Moyadda
Michael Crowley late of Moyasta
Coleman, Imelda, Coleman & John Moore late of O'Dea's Road
Stephan & Nellie Hanrahan, Ballynote West



FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

This Monday 8th December we celebrate the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Mass times are as follows:

Kilrush Mon 8th @ 10am & **Knockerra** Mon 8th @ 8pm

FUND RAISING CAR WASH in aid of Kilrush Rangers A.F.C on this Saturday 7th Dec from 10am—4pm at M&E Car Wash Vandeleur Street. Please support our club.



KILRUSH SHAMROCKS DRAW

Numbers Draw: 28, 04, 06, 17

5 Lucky Dip winners: Sean Lyons, N O'Neill, Darragh O'Mahony, Sinead White & Theresa Cahill
Next draw Sun 7th December Jackpot: €3,200



WEST CLARE FRC ACTIVITIES FOR THE OVER 55'S

Information Talk - Fire Safety in the Home with Gerard Fallon Assistant Chief Fire Officer. Wed 10th Dec @ 2pm.

Tea Dance - Thurs 11th Dec @ 2.30pm. Music by Larry McEvoy

KILRUSH ART GROUP will be part taking in the late night shopping events on Dec 4th, 11th & 18th. They are delighted to be showcasing their work at the Jellyfish restaurant from 6pm-8.30pm each night. New works to be seen, ideal gifts for Christmas. Come & Support Local!

KILRUSH FARMERS MARKET – CHRISTMAS MARKET

This Sat 6th Dec Kilrush Community Centre 12pm – 6pm. A special visit from Santa & Mrs Claus, Performances from two school choirs. Over 30 local prize, two major spot prizes proudly sponsored by Kilrush Credit Union — This year, we are raising funds for Happy Feet Happy Minds, a local mental health charity raffle tickets are €5 per strip. Please Support



REUNION Calling all members of Kilrush Christian Brothers School Leaving Cert Class of 1975! It's our 50th anniversary. If you know anyone who did the leaving cert in 1975 at the Kilrush CBS & would like to attend, get them to contact Michael Leahy at 065 6891254 or e-mail info@leahyplanning.com

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 2026**



Inis Cathaigh CCE Christmas Social on Sat 6th Dec at Teach Ceol Kilrush at 9pm. A night of set dancing and country and western dancing. Music by Frank, Pat & Christy. Admission €10. Refreshments served.

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.

MISSION CHARITY SHOP would like to thank everyone for their kind support to the Christmas Sale. We raised €537.50 & the raffle raised €550. The winner of the hamper is Marian Killeen. The Cocolemon voucher: Maria O'Leary, the sherry: Patsy Culligan & The handbag: Ann McDermot.
Happy Christmas to everyone.

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