

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 1ST FEBRUARY 2026

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BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS 25/01/26

Basket: €1,185 **Envelope:** €995 **Bishops Conference:** €40 **Priest Collection:** €385

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

2nd Feb Ann Vaughan
9th Feb Maisie Flynn/Roisin Horgan
16th Feb Loretta Maher
23rd Feb Mary O'Mahony

WEEKDAY READERS ROTA

2nd Feb Sr. Mary
9th Feb Frances
16th Feb Peggy
23rd Feb Gearoid

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Sat 31st Jan @ 6.30pm
Caroline Bolton, Mary Watson
Sun 1st Feb @ 9.00am
Ann O'Donoghue, Paul Moroney
12noon Ann Vaughan, Roisin Horgan
Sat 7th Feb @ 6.30pm
Fiona Honan, Michael Hogan
Sun 8th Feb @ 9.00am
Joan Lyons, Mary Clancy
12noon Delores Blunnice, Carol Clynych



A PRAYER TO ST. BRIGID

St. Brigid of Ireland help us we pray,

To be kind and loving in our work and our play.

You always lent a helping hand to those who came your way,
Help us now to understand how we should live each day.. Amen



ST. BRIGID'S DAY Sun 1st Feb

We take this opportunity to thank the students from St. Senan's Primary School, Gaelscoil Uí Choimín Kilrush & the students of Kilrush Community School for the time & effort they put into making St. Bridget's Day Crosses for the people of the parish. What a lovely gesture that like St Bridget they have shared their time & their talents in gifting the people of the parish such a lovely gift on the Feast of St. Bridget. To help ensure as many homes as possible receive a Bridget's Cross we ask that you take one Cross per household & as you place it in your homes say a prayer for the young people of our parish who gifted us such a lovely gift.

FEAST OF ST. BLAISE

Tuesday 3rd Feb is the Feast of



St. Blaise. It is a day traditionally associated with the Blessing of Throats as we celebrate the life and ministry of St. Blaise who tradition tells us, saved the life of a boy from choking.

Blessing of Throats will take place after the 10am Mass on Tuesday 3rd February.

Presentation for the Lord - Monday 2nd February BLESSING OF CANDLES

On this feast we celebrate Jesus as the light of the world, so it is only fitting that on this day we bless the candles that will be used in the Church or in our homes for the year ahead. If you would like to buy candles for home use or candles you would like to donate to the church for use at our liturgies during the year they can be purchased in the Church Shop. There will be two tables left at the front of the church where you can leave your candles to be blessed a Mass on Monday the 2nd of February. Please mark you candles clearly with your name if you wish them to be blessed for home use.



SAINT BRIGID OF KILDARE OR SAINT BRIGID OF IRELAND

is the patroness saint (or 'mother saint') of Ireland, and one of its three national saints along with Patrick and Columba. According to medieval Irish hagiographies, she was an abbess who founded the important abbey of Kildare (*Cill Dara*), as well as several other convents of nuns. They say Brigid was the daughter of an Irish clan chief & an enslaved Christian woman, & was fostered in a druid's household before becoming a consecrated virgin. She is patroness of many things, including poetry, learning, healing, protection, blacksmithing, livestock, & dairy production. In her honour, a perpetual fire was kept burning at Kildare for centuries. Some historians suggest that Brigid is a Christianisation of the Celtic goddess Brigid.

The saint's feast day is 1st February, and traditionally it involves weaving Brigid's crosses and many other folk customs. It was originally a pre-Christian festival called Imbolc, marking the beginning of spring.



NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF LOURDES SS Peter & Paul Cathedral Ennis

From Tuesday 3rd February—Wednesday 11th February.

Weekdays @ 7.30pm

Saturdays @ 11.00am

Sundays @ 11.30am

Opening Mass of the Novena Tuesday February 3rd @ 7.30pm—Fr. Tom Ryan
Anointing of the Sick Saturday February 7th @ 11am For all other masses during the novena please see the Ennis parish facebook page or the Ennis parish newsletter.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Niamh Bell & Mary Ryan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK



Pray for: Aigars Saule late of Frances St & Latvia
May he rest in peace

1st Anniversary Mass

Martin 'Mally' Gilligan late of Wilson Road
Mass Wednesday 4th February @ 10.00am
David Smith late of Cappa
Mass Sunday 8th February @ 12noon

Months Mind Mass

Patrick Cusack late of Ennis
Mass Sunday 8th February @ 12noon

Saturday 31st January

6.30pm Thomas, Mary & Denis Quinlivan, Carnacalla
Marian Roche late of Shannon Heights
Eileen O'Connor & family late of Henry Street

Sunday 1st February—St. Brigid's Day

9.00am
12noon Tim & Mai Leahy late of Shannon Heights
Margaret Nugent late of Carnanes
Mary Bridget Smith late of Pella Road
Betty O'Sullivan late of Moyasta
Joe Flynn late of Vandeleur street
Bridget & Tom Joe Reidy late of Cappa Road

Monday 2nd February –10.00am—Candlemas

Pat McNerney late of Pella Road & Moore Street

Tuesday 3rd February– 10.00am—Feast of St. Blaise

Wednesday 4th February—10.00am

Martin 'Mally' Gilligan late of Wilson Road
Jimmy & Margaret (Madge) Gilligan late of St. Patrick's Tce

Thursday 5th February—10.00am

Mary, Brigid & Patrick O'Neill late of Pella Road
PJ & Jimmy Burke late of Ennis
Special Intention

Friday 6th February—10.00 Lay Led Liturgy

Saturday 7th February

6.30pm Patsy, Cissie, John & Michael Roughan Hector St
Anna, Peter & Michael Casey late of Wilson Rd
Catherine & Connie Sullivan & family St. Senan's Tce
Brigid & Martin Casey & family St. Senan's Tce
Derek Brennan late of Chapel Drive
Eileen Lawson nee Hehir late of Cappa & Mississippi

Sunday 8th February

9.00am Joe & Cathy Mulqueen, Molougha Killimer
Christy Enright late of Ballykett
12noon Patrick Casey late of Ennis
David Smith late of Cappa
Tommy Jnr Keating late of Burton Street
Aidan McCloskey late of Limerick & Woodfield Dr
Liam Maher late of Monvana
Martin Hedderman late of Fahy's Road
Veronica Moran late of Island View
Caroline & Seamus McMahon late of Kilrush & Greystones



KILRUSH SHAMROCKS LOTTO DRAW

Numbers Drawn: 25, 19, 13, 16

Match 3 Winners: John Ryan

Next Jackpot: €4,000 Draw Sunday 1st February

WEST CLARE FRC ACTIVITIES FOR THE OVER 55'S

Book Club - Thurs 5th February @ 11.30am

Quiz - Thurs 5th February @ 2.30pm.

Tea Dance - Thurs 12th Feb @ 2.30pm with Patrick Roche

New this year - Online singalong on Tuesdays 2.30-3.30pm. For those with dementia, limited transport options or just because you'd like to join from the comfort of your own home! Contact us on 0659052173

CLOTHING COLLECTION



Kilrush Choral Society are holding a clothing collection during the month of February. All good quality clothes, shoes, curtains, coats etc only NO Duvets/pillows! Bags of clothes can be dropped to Pat Kelly 5 Moyne Court Kilrush V15CC67. Your support is greatly appreciated. This years musical is the "Sound of Music" & runs from April 7th-11th.



DANCING SOLO

Teresa Carrig is launching her new album "Dancing Solo" on Friday 13th February @ 10pm in the Galleon Inn, Cappa, with DJ Eoghain Fitz from Spin South West. Everyone is welcome to come along & support Teresa on the night.

KILRUSH TOWN TEAM AGM will take place on Thursday 12th Feb at 7pm at the Kilrush Digital hub. All welcome to attend. Please contact chair@kilrush.ie if you wish to be nominated for a role or attend the AGM and nominate yourself. If you know of anyone interested in a role please tell them to attend the AGM.

CLARE CARE OVER 65S CLUB. Join us for a variety of activities. Bingo, light exercise, music, singing and lots more. Enjoy a nice lunch with fun, laughter and friendship. In the interim this service will be operating from the Vandeleur Wall Garden. Call Caroline on 0868328575 (Mon to Thurs 10.30 to 2.30pm)

CELEBRATING SAINT BRIGID Cross making workshops 12noon—3pm, Sunday 1st February in the New Glasshouse in the Vandeleur Walled Gardens. We hope you will join us for a day of welcoming Spring in the Garden this Saint Brigid's Day.



SOUNDBATH MEDITATION with Fiona Guiheen at the Vandeleur Walled Gardens on Saturday 14th February @ 11am. Cost: €25, if interested text Fiona on 087 624 0839

SUPERVISOR POSITION

Vandeleur Walled Garden is recruiting a Supervisor. Loop Head Lighthouse is recruiting Customer Service Agents for the 2026 season. Please contact careers@claretourismdev.ie

Closing date for applications is Monday 9th February 2026 at 17:00