

# KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY 2026

## INIS CATHAIGH PASTORAL AREA



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### BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS 18/01/26

**Basket:** €1,260 **Envelope:** €945 **Bishops Conference:** €30 **Priest Collection:** €45 **Online:** €15

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

**26th Jan** Teresa Lyons  
**2nd Feb** Ann Vaughan  
**9th Feb** Maisie Flynn/Roisin Horgan  
**16th Feb** Loretta Maher  
**23rd Feb** Mary O'Mahony

#### WEEKDAY READERS ROTA

**26th Jan** Gearoid  
**2nd Feb** Sr. Mary  
**9th Feb** Frances  
**16th Feb** Peggy

#### PASTORAL AREA NEWS

We continue to keep Fr. Tony Casey in our prayers as he recovers from his recent surgery. While Fr. Tony is out on sick leave Fr. Michael will be covering the pastoral and spiritual needs of Cooraclare Parish along with his current responsibilities.

#### FOUND

A sum of money was found on Sunday, please contact the Parish Office on 089 402 6161

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

**Sat 24th Jan @ 6.30pm**  
Catherine Miniter, Ann Moody  
**Sun 25th Jan @ 9.00am**  
Mary Clancy, Ann Marie McGreene  
**12noon** Seamus Burke, Teresa Lyons  
**Sat 31st Jan @ 6.30pm**  
Caroline Bolton, Mary Watson  
**Sun 1st Feb @ 9.00am**  
Ann O'Donoghue, Paul Moroney  
**12noon** Ann Vaughan, Roisin Horgan



#### ST. BRIDGET'S DAY Sun 1<sup>st</sup> 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.



#### 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

#### Presentation for the Lord - Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Parish Bookshop. 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 2<sup>nd</sup> of February. Please mark your candles clearly with your name if you wish them to be bless for home use.

#### ENROLMENT CEREMONY

As we continue in our preparation for the sacraments of Holy Communion & the Sacrament of Confirmation we will be hosting our Enrolment Ceremonies in the coming week in St. Senan's Church.  
**Holy Communion Enrolment Ceremony:**  
**Monday 26th January at 7pm.**  
**Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony:**  
**Thursday 29th January at 7pm**

#### MASS CARDS

Are on sale from the Church shop & Parish Office

**Sunday of the Word of God** The biblical expression chosen for the celebration of the seventh edition of the *Sunday of the Word of God* is taken from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians: "*The word of Christ dwells among you*" (3:16). What we have received from the Apostle is not a simple moral exhortation, but the indication of a new way of living. Paul does not ask that the Word be merely listened to or studied; he wants it to dwell, that is, to take up stable residence, to shape our thoughts, guide our desires, & make credible the witness of the disciples. The Word of Christ remains a sure criterion that unifies & renders fruitful the life of the Christian community. It is particularly significant that this year the celebration of the *Sunday of the Word of God* coincides with the celebration of the Conversion of Saint Paul, the day that concludes the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. The Word that Christ addressed to Paul on the road to Damascus struck his heart so deeply that it made him the great evangelizer we know. Today it is up to us to ensure that the same Word reaches the ends of the earth, so as to transform the life of all peoples by dwelling among us.

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

## REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK

**Pray for:** Kathy Hally nee Manning late of O'Gorman Street. *May she rest in peace*



### Months Mind Mass

Pa O'Mahoney late of Monmore  
Mass Saturday 24th January @ 6.30pm  
Ann Slattery late of Moyne Court  
Mass Sunday 25th January @ 12noon  
Senan Blunnie late of Station House  
Mass Sunday 25th January @ 12noon

### Saturday 24th January

**6.30pm** Pa O'Mahoney late of Monmore  
James Paul O'Brien late of O'Gorman Street  
Francis & Patricia Lonergan late of Ballynote  
Ann Mahoney late of Shannon Heights  
Mattie Hassett late of O'Gorman Street  
Susan & Vincent Crowley late of Ennis Road

### Sunday 25th January

**9.00am** Sarah McMahon late of Dysart  
**12noon** Ann Slattery late of Moyne Court  
Senan Blunnie late of Station House  
Paddy & Breda Cusack  
Michael McNamara late of Monvana  
Margaret & Thomas Clancy & family, Moore St  
Colette Welsh late of Pella Road  
Eddie O'Mahony late of Henry Street  
Patricia (Patsy), Tom & Siobhain Coffey  
Michael Carrig & family, O'Gorman Street

### Monday 26th January -10.00am

James Paul O'Brien late of O'Gorman Street  
John Lyons late of Moyadda  
Rita Griffin late of Nagles Terrace  
Special Intention

### Tuesday 27th January- 10.00am

Michael & Catherine Caslin late of Tullabrack

### Wednesday 28th January—10.00am

Coughlan Family late of Frances Street  
Special Intention

### Thursday 29th January—10.00am

Sean & Breda Blake late of Granatootha

### Friday 30th January—10.00 Lay Led Liturgy

### 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

**9.00am**  
**12noon** Tim & Mai Leahy late of Shannon Heights  
Margaret Nugent late of Carnanes  
Mary Bridget Smith late of Pella Road

### 'A Night for Cillian'

Danlann An Chlair, Ennis, **Sat Feb 7th at 8pm** will showcase the finest musicians & singers in Co. Clare in a gala. Performers include members of the Kilferonia Ceilí Band, Fiona Ryan, the wonderful Cantare, Soprano Helen Ball, Quin n Tonics, Vincent Di Placido and many more. All proceeds will go to Cillian O'Brien Fund. Tickets available at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-for-cillian-tickets-1979723311718>

This fundraiser is for young Cillian who has had a traumatic change in his life circumstances due to a rare medical brain condition.



## KILRUSH SHAMROCKS LOTTO DRAW

Numbers Drawn: 29, 07, 15, 24

5 Lucky Dip Winners: Danelle Fitzpatrick, Sarah Keating, Pat Larkin, Carmel Grogan & Angela Bermingham

**Next Jackpot: €3,900** Draw Sunday 25th January

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

Please note our weekly activities have recommenced. We look forward to welcoming both our existing and new participants. **New this year - Online weekly Singalong sessions** on Tuesdays starting @ 2.30pm. We look forward to sharing this lovely time with anyone in Clare and beyond who wishes to join us. This initiative can benefit people living with Dementia, people with reduced mobility, limited transport options & anyone who would like the opportunity to sing a song in good company from the comfort of their own home. Contact us on 0659052173

### ALZHEIMERS SOCIETY OF IRELAND Dementia

**Information Talk** at West Clare Family Resource Centre Kilrush on Thursday 29th January @ 2pm. Everyone is welcome.

**INIS CATHAIGH C.C.E.** Set Dancing every Wednesday night in Teach Ceoil at 8.00pm. All are welcome

**IRISH RED CROSS** sincerely thank the people of Kilrush & Knockerra Parishes for their kind donation of €1,080 at their recent church gate collection. All funds raised is for a new ambulance in support of the people of West Clare. Community services contact Joan O'Sullivan Clare Community Officer 0868323456



**WEST CLARE DRAMA** Season Tickets for the West Clare Drama Festival 2026, Doonbeg Community Hall, which will run from 7th to 15th of March, are available to buy for €90 on our web-site: [www.westclaredramafestivaldoonbeg.com](http://www.westclaredramafestivaldoonbeg.com)

**KILRUSH RNLI** would like to express their sincere thanks to the support of Patrick Danaher, Pella Road, and the Community for their generous donation of €1,110 collected for his wonderful display of Christmas Lights. All donations make such a difference to our Lifesaving work, for which we are most grateful

**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.

