

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2025
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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS



29th Dec Maisie Flynn/
 Roisin Horgan
5th Jan Loretta Maher
12th Jan Mary O'Mahoney

WEEKDAY READERS ROTA

29th Dec Gearoid
5th Jan Sr. Mary
12th Jan Frances
19th Jan Peggy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Sat 27th Dec @ 6.30pm
 Catherine Minter, Mary/Ann Moody
Sun 28th @ 9am Paul Moroney
12noon Caroline Howard
Sat 4th Jan @ 6.30pm
 Caroline Bolton, Fiona Honan
Sun 5th Jan @ 9am Joan Lyons
12noon Ann Vaughan



FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

The Feast of the Epiphany is celebrated on January 6. This feast commemorates the visit of the wise men to worship the baby Jesus. Tradition tells us that their names were Caspar, Melchior and Balthassar. The men were astrologers who were looking for the star that would lead them to the promised Messiah. This was prophesied in the Book of Micah. According to the Gospel narratives, the wise men brought gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh with them. These gifts were very meaningful. Gold was a precious and expensive gift, and showed how important Jesus was. Frankincense is a sweet perfume which was often burned in the temple to worship God. It was a sign that Jesus should be worshipped. Myrrh was used to keep things fresh, and it was used by the women to anoint Jesus' body when he died. By bringing it as a gift to Jesus, the wise men foretold his suffering and death.

As this is a Holy Day of Obligation the following Masses will be celebrated in the Pastoral Area:

Tuesday 6th of January St. Senan's Church Kilrush @ 10.00am
Tuesday 6th January in Knockerra @ 8.00pm

Christmas Thank You

As a Parish we have had a great Christmas. While we had a lot of liturgies, it is to the credit of all involved that we managed to have Choirs, Soloists, Musicians, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers and people to manage our Offertory Collection at each Mass. Our Church was decorated so beautifully, with our Cribs centrally placed. Thanks to all our little "elf's" who work so hard in the background to put all this in place. Thanks also to all who put up our Remembrance Tree which enabled us to keep departed loved ones in our prayers this Christmas. It was so encouraging to see so many giving of their time and talent to make so much possible this Christmas. From our Lay Ministers who lead our Penitential Service, to our Choirs, our Readers and Eucharistic Ministers, Brendan in the sacristy, Ann Teresa for having everything spic and span. Thanks to Shirley for decorating our Advent Wreath and Aisling and Hillary in our Parish Office who coordinated it all. The real asset test is found in the fact that people left our liturgies uplifted and with a sense of Christmas in their hearts. So, thank you to all involved not least the parishioners of our parish for your support. The generosity displayed in the different collections was most encouraging. In the midst of such economic uncertainty that so many contributed so generosity towards the Priest's Collection and the Parish Weekly Collection is a mark of your support, something we appreciate and value greatly. A sincere Thank You for your generosity. May 2026 be a year in which we build on the spirit we established this Christmas and make so much more possible in our Parish Community.

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.

A TOAST TO 2026

At the sound of the tolling midnight bell a brand new year will begin. Let's raise our hopes in confident toast, to the promise it ushers in. May your battles be few, your pleasures many, Your wishes & dreams fulfilled.

May your confidence stand in the face of loss, And give you the strength to rebuild.

May peace of heart fill all your days, May serenity grace your soul. May tranquil moments bless your life, And keep your spirit whole.



NEW YEARS EVE CEREMONY

Threshold moments are important & deserved to be marked & honoured. This New Years Eve will gather in St. Senan's Church to acknowledge what has been this year so as to embrace more fully what might unfold in the year ahead. Join us for moments of prayer, reflection & music as we support one another over the threshold of New Years Eve in the company of neighbours, friends and the God who we believe is with us every step of life's journey.

Our ceremony of prayer will begin at 11.30 and conclude at 12.05. Please come along in person or via our webcam to join us in the knowledge we are not alone at this time.

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK



1st Anniversary Mass

Fintan Keating late Cappa
Mass Sunday 28th December @ 12noon
David McDonough late of Cappa Cove
Mass Thursday 1st January @ 10.00am
Jim Clancy late of Vandeleur Street
Mass Sunday 4th January @ 12noon
Ann Walsh late of Pella Road
Mass Sunday 4th January @ 12noon
David McDonough late of Cappa Cove
Mass Sunday 4th January @ 12noon

Months Mind Mass

Gary Howard late of Frances Street & Respond Ennis
Mass Saturday 3rd January @ 6.30pm
Michael Joe Cahill late of Moore Street
Mass Sunday 4th January @ 12noon

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

Monday 29th December –10.00am

Deceased Mangan family
Sheila, Eddie, Robert & Margaret Walsh late of Pound Street
7.30pm **Feast of the Holy Innocence**

Tuesday 30th December – 10.00am

Charles W. Glynn late of Frances Street
Patrick (Buddy) Danaher late of St. Senan's Terrace

Wednesday 31st December

No Morning Mass
11.30pm **New Years Eve Ceremony**



Thursday 1st January—10.00am

David McDonough late of Cappa Cove
Brendan Lorigan late of Carnanes
Thomas O'Sullivan late of St. Senan's Terrace

Friday 2nd January—10.00 Lay Led Liturgy

Saturday 3rd January

6.30pm Gary Howard late of Frances Street & Respond Ennis
Pat Durack late of Ennis Road
Denis & Mary Keane late of Nagles Terrace
Martin & Bernadette Cahill late of Griffin Rd

Sunday 4th January

9.00am
12noon Jim Clancy late of Vandeleur Street
Ann Walsh late of Pella Road
David McDonough late of Cappa Cove
Michael Joe Cahill late of Moore Street
May Keating late of Burton Street

DANGANELLY EQUESTRIAN CENTRE

It's that time of year again. We are looking forward to our Christmas Gymkhana this Sunday 28th December @ 12noon. All are welcome.

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. If you're passing by, please take a moment to enjoy the display and 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

WEST CLARE FRC ACTIVITIES FOR THE OVER 55'S

Will resume activities on the 13th January 2026

NEW YEAR'S EVE 10KM/5KM RUN & WALK

Wednesday 31st December @ 12noon, registration from 11am at Kilkee Band Stand. €10pp or €20 Family. All proceeds go to Kilkee Sub Aqua, Search & Recovery. Please support this very worthy cause.



COUNSELLING SERVICE 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: donnamarieolas@yahoo.com
Sessions available in Ennis Kilkee, or online

ENVELOPES 2026

The new boxes of envelopes for 2026 are now available for distribution from the Church Sacristy. We sincerely thank those who distribute the boxes in their area each year.

SUPPORT SERVICES AVAILABLE OVER CHRISTMAS

Shannondoc out of hours GP service 0818 123500
Samaritans 24/7 Freephone helpline 116 123
Pieta Helpline 1800 247 247
Clare Haven open all Christmas 065 6822435
HSE Mental Health Crisis Clare 065 6863208
Suicide Bereavement Support 087 3698315
General Bereavement Irish Hospice Foundation 1800807077
ISPCC Childline listening service 1800 66 66 66
HSE Drugs & Alcohol Helpline 1800 459 459
Emergency Services 999 or 112