

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY 2026

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EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

5th Jan Loretta Maher
12th Jan Mary O'Mahoney
19th Jan Dolores Blunnie
26th Jan Teresa Lyons

WEEKDAY READERS ROTA

5th Jan Sr. Mary
12th Jan Frances
19th Jan Peggy
26th Jan Gearoid

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will re-open on Tuesday 6th January 2026. We wish you all a very Happy & Peaceful New Year & look forward to welcoming you all back when we re-open.

NOTICES FOR THE NEWSLETTER SHOULD BE EMAILED TO THE PARISH OFFICE NO LATER THAN 12NOON ON A WEDNESDAY.

Email: kilrushparishoffice@gmail.com

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Sat 4th Jan @ 6.30pm
Caroline Bolton, Fiona Honan
Sun 5th Jan @ 9am Joan Lyons
12noon Ann Vaughan

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

Tuesday 6th January is the Feast of the Epiphany, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass times are:

Kilrush: Tuesday 6th Jan @ 10am
Knockerra: Tuesday 6th Jan @ 8pm

ADORATION CHAPEL

Will reopen on Thursday 8th January.

An Epiphany Prayer

Lord Jesus, may your light shine our way,
as once it guided the steps of the magi:
that we too may be led into your presence
and worship you, the Child of Mary,
the Word of the Father, the King of nations,
the Saviour of mankind;
to whom be glory for ever.

(Frank Colquhoun)



WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Due to a number of considerations, and additional commitments on Fr. Michael's workload there is a need to change slightly the Mass Rota for weekday Masses. The Lay Led Liturgy will now take place on Friday. From January the weekday Mass schedule will be as follows:

Monday 10.00
Tuesday 10.00
Wednesday 10.00
Thursday 10.00

Friday Lay Led Liturgy

On days when there is a funeral Mass there will be no Mass at 10.00 and the daily Mass that day will be the Funeral Mass at 11.00. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and thank you for your ongoing support and understanding.

MASS CARDS

From January the 1st the suggested stipend for Mass Cards sold in the *Parish Book Shop* or in the *Parish Office* will be €10. The reason for this decision is that when Fr. Michael signs a Mass Card he commits to saying a Mass for the expressed intension of the donor. Canon Law advises that these Masses should be celebrated in a timely fashion. Given the amount of Mass Intentions to be offered and the desire that they be celebrated in a timely fashion, Fr. Michael engages priests on the missions and retired priests to say some of these Masses. These are priests who commit to offering these individual Mass intentions and confirm that they have been said. This results in your Mass Intention being prayed for, while you're offering also helps support priests working on the missions or in poorer churches around the world. In order for Fr. Michael to stand over the commitment to say, or have a Mass said for the intension of the donor we need to bring the suggested Mass offering in line with the recommended stipend as expressed by the diocese. We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support.

A PRAYER WITH MARY THE MOTHER OF GOD

By now I may have a little more time to sit quietly and contemplate the scripture passage the Church has chosen for me on this first day of the New Year. Slowly, I take a few deep breaths, come to quiet and read the text of the Gospel in my Parish Newsletter. Who or what draws my attention in this story? Maybe it is Mary, the one who has been so actively involved in the story and yet from whom we have not heard a word. I consider her situation silently for a while, perhaps bringing to mind all the events which have led to her bringing the baby Jesus to birth. In time, I may feel moved to speak with her: 'How are you feeling at the moment Mary? Was your labour difficult? How did you feel when you first heard the baby cry?' I listen to her. What does she tell me she treasures? I reflect on what it means to me today to experience these events through her eyes, and thank God for the birth of every child. With you, Mary, I ponder in my heart the fate of all those who, like you, have been marginalised, not accepted by society: the homeless, the refugee, the mentally ill, the elderly, those suffering with dementia. I pray that they will encounter the Lord coming towards them in disguise: in food bank volunteers, refuge charity workers, care givers ... Before I go, I thank you, Mary, mother of my God. You are indeed 'blessed among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus'. (St Beuno's Outreach Reflection)

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Niamh Bell & Mary Ryan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK



1st Anniversary Mass

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 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

Monday 5th January –10.00am

John Tubridy late of Shannon Heights

Tuesday 6th January– 10.00am Feast of the Epiphany

Wednesday 7th January—10.00am

Thursday 8th January—10.00am

Friday 9th January—10.00 Lay Led Liturgy

Saturday 10th January

6.30pm Chris Halpin & Neill Woodward
Private Intention

Sunday 11th January

9.00am
12noon PJ Clancy late of Moore Street

WEST CLARE FRC ACTIVITIES FOR THE OVER 55'S

We will reopen for activities on the 13th January 2026

WEST CLARE CANCER CENTRE 8K RUN/WALK



Join us Sunday 25th January for the West Clare Cancer Centre 8K Run/Walk in Kilkee. Walk or run, every step supports a vital local cause. Registration €20. Walkers meet 12.30pm & Runners meet at 1pm. Start time: 1.30pm.

West Clare Cancer Centre provides the following services: Taxi Service, Counselling Service, Palliative Aids, Pilgrimage Funding & Complimentary Therapies. We are a centre for cancer patients & their families.

Our services are provided free of charge. We are here when you need us. Any enquiries Tel: 065 9060762 or 065 9056181. westclarecancercentre.ie
Email: westclarecancercentre@gmail.com

GROW MENTAL HEALTH

Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issues by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Ennis Meeting- Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/grow.ie

ANAM CARA GALWAY

the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly **Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Wednesday 7th January 2026 at 7.30pm in the Maldron Hotel, Headford Point, Sandy Road, Galway.** This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or how recent their death was. Call 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie

BEANNACHT: A BLESSING FOR THE NEW YEAR

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“On the day when the weight deadens
On your shoulders and you stumble,
May the clay dance to balance you.

And when your eyes freeze behind
The grey window, and the ghost of loss
Gets in to you, may a flock of colours,
Indigo, red, green and azure blue,
Come to awaken in you a meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays in the currach of thought
And a stain of ocean blackens beneath you,
May there come across the waters
A path of yellow moonlight to bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
May the clarity of light be yours,
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow wind work these words
Of love around you an invisible cloak

To mind your life.” **John O'Donoghue**

