

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 15TH FEBRUARY 2026

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BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS 08/02/26

Basket: €1,030 **Envelope:** €980 **Special Fundraiser:** €185 **Online:** €95

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

16th Feb Loretta Maher
23rd Feb Mary O'Mahony
2nd Mar Dolores Blunnie
9th Mar Teresa Lyons

WEEKDAY READERS ROTA

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

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Sat 14th Feb @ 6.30pm
Suzanne O'Shea, Catherine Miniter
Sun 15th Feb @ 9.00am
Ann Marie McGreene & Ann O'Donoghue
12noon Emer McGrath, Seamus Burke
21st Feb @ 6.30pm
Stephanie Roughan, Ann Moody
Sun 22nd Feb @ 9.00am
Paul Moroney, Joan Lyons
12noon Caroline Howard, Teresa Lyons

50/50 DRAW

Congratulations to **Michelle Wilkie** who won **€192** in last weeks draw.

TROCAIRE BOXES

for Lent are available at the back of the Church this weekend. This year's Lenten journey accompanies a 3 generation family in rural Rwanda, led by Uwamahoro, a young mother supporting her daughter, niece & elderly mother. Through their story, parishioners are invited to reflect on the Gospel call to justice, resilience & care for our common home, and to connect faith with action in response to the climate crisis and its impact on vulnerable communities.

BISHOP WILLIE WALSH 1ST ANNIVERSARY

Mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral Ennis on Sat next 21st Feb at 11am. After mass, the new Cathedral Plaza will be dedicated to his memory and will be known as the Bishop Willie Walsh Plaza.

BAPTISED AND SENT

PREPARING FOR OUR NATIONAL SYNOD

This Lent, parishes, schools and groups across Ireland are invited to journey together through a set of reflective resources inspired by *Baptised and Sent* (the preparatory document for the 2025 Assembly in Kilkenny). Each week offers a simple structure for prayer, Gospel reflection and conversations that are linked to key insights from *Baptised and Sent*. Through these Lenten reflections, each person – lay, religious and ordained – are encouraged to rediscover who we are as God's people, to listen to the Holy Spirit and to take concrete steps, individually and collectively towards living our baptismal calling more deeply. Our hope is that this season of Lent will open our collective hearts to new life in Christ and prepare us for the continuing synodal journey toward the National Assembly in 2026. For more information look at the National Synod website:

<https://synod.ie/baptised-and-sent-in-lent/>

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REFLECTION PROGRAMME FOR LENT 2026



ASH WEDNESDAY

Next Wednesday the 18th of February is Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of the season of Lent. As we begin our Lenten journey, we traditionally have our foreheads marked with the sign of the cross by ashes. These are no ordinary ashes. The ashes we use on Ash Wednesday are ashes from the palm of Palm Sunday. Therefore, as we begin this journey we do so with our eyes firmly fixed on the Easter Story. The following are the Mass times for Ash Wednesday

9.00am St. Senan's Church, Cooraclare
10.00am St. Senan's Church, Kilrush
8.00pm St. Senan's Church Knockerra

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR THE 1ST TIME

This week the boys and girls of the parish who are preparing to receive Holy Communion for the 1st time will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We keep them and their families in our prayers as they prepare for this special day.

Monday 16th of February Gaelscoil Uí Choimín
Tuesday 17th of February St. Senan's Primary School

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

Wed 24th to Mon 29th June cost €990pps and Mon 28th Sept to Sat 3rd Oct cost €960pps.. Book directly with joewalshstours.ie or Tel 01 2410800 A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated. Contact Mary Freeman at marybfreeman@gmail.com or Tel 087 9777896

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Niamh Bell & Mary Ryan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK



Pray for : Tom McCarthy late of Ayelevaroo, Teresa Danaher late of Crofton Street, Seamus Dawson late of Kilrush & Galway & Maeve Carey late of Ennis Rd
May they rest in peace

1st Anniversary Mass

Niall Nelson late of Frances Street
Mass Sunday 15th February @ 12noon
Teresa Browne late of Roscommon
Mass Saturday 21st February @ 6.30pm
Flan Breen late of Chapel Drive
Mass Sunday 22nd February @ 12noon

Saturday 14th February

6.30pm Mary Cussen late of Woodfield
PJ & Pamela Boyle late of Nagles Tce & England
Margaret Cullinan late of Crawford Street

Sunday 15th February

9.00am Romena & Carolan late of Dublin
Special Intention

12noon Niall Nelson late of Frances Street
Michael, Mary & Martin Mulqueen late of Ballykett
Andrew & Mary Burke late of Moore Street
Joseph Shannon late of Kilrush
JJ Kelly late of Cragg House

Monday 16th February –10.00am

Tuesday 17th February– 10.00am

Harry, Maura & Fr. Frank McGann
Esther O'Sullivan late of O'Gorman Street

Ash Wednesday 18th February—10.00am

Kay McGreene late of Griffin Road

Thursday 19th February—10.00am

Davis
Siney Scanlan late of Ballynote

Friday 20th February—10.00 Lay Led Liturgy

Saturday 21st February

6.30pm Teresa Browne late of Roscommon
Michael Flynn late of Moore Street
Ann Morohan late of Mayo
Nora Comeford late of Moore Street

Sunday 22nd February

9.00am Johnny Gallery late of O'Gorman Street
John Crowley late of Carnanes

12noon Flan Breen late of Chapel Drive
Matt McCormack late of Cappa

TEMPERANCE SUNDAY

Parishioners who wish to take a short-term pledge for Lent are invited to visit www.pioneers.ie or to speak to a Pioneer in the parish.



KILRUSH SHAMROCKS LOTTO DRAW

Numbers Drawn: 24, 26, 13, 18
5 Lucky Dip Winners: Darragh O'Mahony, Martin Crowley, Ann Clancy, Anna Curtin & John Walsh
Next Jackpot: €4,200 Draw Sunday 15th February

WEST CLARE FRC ACTIVITIES FOR THE OVER 55'S

Please note all the activities below take place in Kilrush Community Centre, unless otherwise specified.
MOVIE CLUB - on Thursday 19th February @ 2pm.
For further information please contact us on 065 9052173

COUNTY CLARE COMMUNITY GAMES

CHESS competition will take place on Sun March 8th. Competition for u11; u13; u16. If interested in competing in a Kilrush parish team contact Oliver Ryan 085 7679025 and come along to Kilrush library on Thursdays at 4pm. Ph: 065 9051504



CLARECARE OVER 65S CLUB is now up and running Monday to Thursday each week. Join us for fun and activities. In the interim we will be hosting this from the Vandeleur walled garden. If interested please contact Caroline on 0868328575

CLARECARE Kilrush invite **Expectant Mothers** to a *Weekly Creative Coffee Morning* in their refurbished space at **4 Dooneen Park, Kilrush, (V15HY06)** every Friday 11am -1pm for 9 weeks. Along with connecting with other Mums-to-be you will create a lovely blanket, hat & a mobile for your new baby. All are welcome.

EPILEPSY IRELAND In Ireland today, over 45,000 people live with epilepsy. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie. Purple Day (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March.

SOCCER NEWS—Clare Cup 2nd round Kilrush Rangers v Callen United this Sunday 15th Feb @ 10.30am. Match Sponsor: S.M.T Safety Management & Training



QUIZ NIGHT in aid of the Choral Society on Friday 27th Feb @ 8.30pm in the Haven Arms. Strictly  tables of 4 only, €40 per table. Spot prizes & raffle on the night.

PARKRUN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED At the moment our volunteers are in very short supply. Without our timekeepers, marshals, barcode scanners and finish token bearers, the weekly Parkrun cannot proceed. If you think you can commit to the odd Saturday morning please speak to our Run Director, no prior experience needed. The Vandeleur Parkrun takes place every Saturday morning @ 9.30am. For more information visit: www.parkrun.com/volunteer

