

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 1ST MARCH 2026

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Giving

BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS 22/02/26

Basket: €975 **Envelope:** €834 **Priest Collection:** €1,945 **Online:** €115

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

2nd Mar Dolores Blunnie

9th Mar Teresa Lyons

16th Mar Ann Vaughan

WEEKDAY READERS ROTA

23rd Feb Gearoid

2nd Mar Sr. Mary

9th Mar Frances

16th Mar Peggy



Pope Leo's Lenten Message

Last week we read the first section of Pope Leo's Lenten Message which helped us to reflect on the importance to listening and hearing the cry of the poor and the oppressed. This section of his letter helps us to explore the theme of fasting

If Lent is a time for listening, *fasting* is a concrete way to prepare ourselves to receive the word of God. Abstaining from food is an ancient ascetic practice that is essential on the path of conversion. Precisely because it involves the body, fasting makes it easier to recognize what we "hunger" for and what we deem necessary for our sustenance. Moreover, it helps us to identify and order our "appetites," keeping our hunger and thirst for justice alive and freeing us from complacency. Thus, it teaches us to pray and act responsibly towards our neighbour. With spiritual insight, Saint Augustine helps us to understand the tension between the present moment and the future fulfilment that characterizes this custody of the heart. He observes that: "In the course of earthly life, it is incumbent upon men and women to hunger and thirst for justice, but to be satisfied belongs to the next life. Angels are satisfied with this bread, this food. The human race, on the other hand, hungers for it; we are all drawn to it in our desire. This reaching out in desire expands the soul and increases its capacity."^[2] Understood in this way, fasting not only permits us to govern our desire, purifying it and making it freer, but also to expand it, so that it is directed towards God and doing good.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Sat 28th Feb @ 6.30pm

Caroline Bolton, Michael Hogan

Sun 1st Mar @ 9.00am

Mary Clancy, Ann Marie McGreene

12noon Ann Vaughan, Carol Clynhc

Sat 7th Mar @ 6.30pm

Fiona Honan, Suzanne O'Shea

Sun 8th Mar @ 9.00am

Ann O'Donoghue, Paul Moroney

12noon Delores Blunnie, Emer McGrath



RECENTLY BAPTISED

We welcome into the Christian Community **John Leslie Kenny, Mabel Rose McNamara & Isaac Adam Hall.**

SPRING FAMILY MASS

will take place this Saturday **February 28th at 6:30** Mass in St. Senan's Church.



CLOSURE OF THE APOSTOLIC WORKS AND FINAL DISPLAY

The Apostolic Works, founded in 1955, and established in Kilrush in 1962, will conclude its activities this year. The final display will take place on 22 March 2026.

Those who wish to donate a chalice in memory of a loved one are warmly invited to do so. For further info or to make arrangements, please contact Mary on 086 8673876.

We extend our sincere gratitude to all who have supported and contributed to the Apostolic Works over the years



PRIEST'S COLLECTION Thank You

We take this opportunity to thank you the parishioners for your continued and generous support of the parish. Following on from last weeks Priest's Collection we take this opportunity to thank you for your support of the clergy in our pastoral area through your personal encouragement and in how you contribute so generously toward the priests salary by means of the different Priests Collection throughout the year.

Accord Marriage Preparation Programmes –

Are you getting married in 2026? Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service provides Marriage Preparation programmes for couples choosing to get married in the Catholic Church.

50/50 DRAW

Congratulations to **Marina Smyth** who won **€200** in this weeks draw. Next draw is Saturday 7th March after the 6.30pm mass. Envelopes are available at all the church doors & from the post office Kilrush. Be in it to Win it!!

SPONSOR A SICK PERSON

Each year some people sponsor a sick or assisted pilgrim to make their wish of travelling to Lourdes become a reality. The cost €890 per pilgrim. To sponsor or part sponsor a pilgrim, please contact Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director (087) 2349816

When we do the best we can, we never know what miracle is wrought in our life, or in the life of another. *Helen Keller*

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Niamh Bell & Mary Ryan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK



Months Mind Mass

Catherine Hally late of O'Gorman Street
Mass Saturday 28th February @ 6.30pm
Theresa O'Brien late of St. Patrick's Terrace
Mass Saturday 28th February @ 6.30pm
Seamus Dawson late of Cappa, Cork & Limerick
Mass Saturday 7th March @ 6.30pm
Tom McCarthy late of Aylevaroo
Mass Sunday 8th March @ 12noon

Saturday 28th February

6.30pm Catherine Hally late of O'Gorman Street
Teresa O'Brien late of St. Patrick's Terrace
Jack Crowley & deceased family, Tullabrack
Patrick, Nellie, Patrick Joseph (Sonny) & Billy
Cotter & Lourda Shannon nee Cotter
Bridget O'Connor late of Kilkee Road
Eileen & Willie O'Carroll late of Ennis

Sunday 1st March

9.00am Michael & Alice Scanlan late of Merchants Quay
Michael & Bridget Moloney & deceased family
late of Pella Road
Nan & Timmy McLnerney late of Moore Street

12noon Michael O'Brien & deceased O'Brien & Hourigan
families
The Byrne family late of Kilkee
Deceased O'Brien Family late of Monmore

Monday 2nd March –10.00am

Special Intention

Tuesday 3rd March– 10.00am

Michael & Josephine Bourke late of Kilkee
Sr. Angela McNamara
Senan Halpin & Peig Martin

Wednesday 4th March—10.00am

Private Intention

Thursday 5th March—10.00am

Bob Walsh late of Pella Road

Friday 6th March—10.00 Lay Led Liturgy

Saturday 7th March

11.00am Confirmation
6.30pm Seamus Dawson late of Cappa, Cork & Limerick
Michael & Bridget Donnellan late of Ballykett
Michael Meaney late of Tullabrack
David Dunne late of Monmore
Helen Haugh, Mary McCarthy & Margaret Hough
Paddy O'Flaherty late of Gowerhass
Eileen O'Halloran late of Chapel Drive
Marie Casey late of Crawford Street

Sunday 8th March

9.00am

12noon Tom McCarthy late of Aylevaroo & deceased
McCarthy family
Thomas & Josephine Tubridy & deceased family
late of the UK & Ireland
Mary & Kevin O'Gorman late of Gowerhass
Sr. Aquinas Kennedy



KILRUSH SHAMROCKS LOTTO DRAW

Numbers Drawn: 20, 18, 05, 19

Match 3 Winners: Patricia Coughlan

Next Jackpot: €4,400 Draw Sunday 1st March

West Clare FRC Activities for the Over 55's

Please note all the activities below take place in Kilrush Community Centre, unless otherwise specified.

Tea Dance - on Thursday 12th March @ 2pm. Music by Minus Two

For further information please contact us on 065 9052173

SOCCER NEWS- Kilrush Rangers V. Bridge United A
Sunday 1st March kick off 11am Kilrush Sports Complex.
Match Sponsor Martin Danaher Chimney and Gutter cleaning.
Many Thanks Robert Clancy

WATER SAFETY in Cappa week of 20th July.
Registration July 19th at The Galleon Inn
10am to 12 midday.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE The Committee welcome your support and would love more people to become involved. Effective stewarding is essential to a successful parade. All we need is a few hours of your time on the afternoon of March 17, 1:30 to 4:30. Stewards work in pairs and will be well briefed and supported. If you could spare a few hours for a guaranteed fun filled afternoon. If you would like to help please contact us at kilrushstpatricksdays@gmail.com

GROWING GREEN! Join us for a Seed Planting Workshop and Garden Guessing Game this St. Patrick's Day Weekend, join in the fun at Vandeleur Walled Garden & Visitor Centre as we step into our Garden Classroom for TWO interactive garden activities on Saturday 14th at 12pm and Sunday 15th March at 2pm! Saturday 14th March @ 12:00 & Sunday 15th March 14:00

Book Online:

<https://bookings.vandeleurwalledgarden.ie>

The cost is just €10 and tickets **MUST** be booked in advance. Spaces are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment! Don't miss this hands-on, family-friendly activity



“BAPTISED AND SENT”

Irish Church Synodal Document

We read in *Baptised and Sent* “Faith formation brings us into personal contact with Jesus and is foundational for enabling people to share their faith with joy.” And in another section we read. “Deepening faith formation was described as essential to move “from inherited faith to intentional discipleship.” Catechesis should be anchored in “authentic, lived faith, not just doctrine,” and ensure both laity and clergy are well-formed for ministry. Several groups linked adult catechesis, teacher training, and lay formation directly to mission, evangelisation, and meaningful liturgy.” And so we pray Loving God, You call us to renew our baptism during this season of Lent as we journey to Easter. Help us to respond more fully to Your call and send us out to proclaim the Gospel by our lives. Through Christ Our Lord.