

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 22ND FEBRUARY 2026
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Giving

BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS 15/02/26

Basket: €900 **Envelope:** €915 **Special Fundraiser:** €100 **Online:** €35

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

23rd Feb Mary O'Mahony
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

LENTEN PRAYER

Lord, I know how much you love me. Help me to use your love as a way to persevere in my Lenten intentions. I am weak, but I know with your help, I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you. **Amen**

TROCAIRE BOXES

The Trocaire boxes for Lent are available at the Church doors. Please take one on your way out of mass today.

SPRING FAMILY MASS



Our Spring Family Mass will take place on **February 28th at 6:30** Mass in St. Senan's Church. Anyone



who would like to take part please come to the church on **Wednesday 25th at 6:30** to our **Family Mass Practice**. If you play an instrument please bring it along. We will have plenty of art materials for those who would like to create paintings and posters for our Mass and lots of prayers and readings for those who would like to read at the Mass. All are welcome and we would love to see as many as possible come along to pray in a joyful environment.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Sat 21st Feb @ 6.30pm
 Stephanie Roughan, Ann Moody
Sun 22nd Feb @ 9.00am
 Paul Moroney, Joan Lyons
12noon Caroline Howard, Teresa Lyons
Sat 28th Feb @ 6.30pm
 Caroline Bolton, Michael Hogan
Sun 1st Mar @ 9.00am
 Mary Clancy, Ann Marie McGreene
12noon Ann Vaughan, Carol Clynych

POPE LEO'S LENTEN MESSAGE 2026

This year in his Lenten Message Pope Leo reflects on the 3 themes of listening, fasting & journeying together. Over the next 3 weeks we will include excerpts from his Lenten letter in our parish newsletter. This week he explores the value of *Listening*

This year, I would first like to consider the importance of making room for the word through *listening*. The willingness to listen is the first way we demonstrate our desire to enter into relationship with someone.

In revealing himself to Moses in the burning bush, God himself teaches us that listening is one of his defining characteristics: "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry" (*Ex 3:7*). Hearing the cry of the oppressed is the beginning of a story of liberation in which the Lord calls Moses, sending him to open a path of salvation for his children who have been reduced to slavery.

Our God is one who seeks to involve us. Even today he shares with us what is in his heart. Because of this, listening to the word in the liturgy teaches us to listen to the truth of reality. In the midst of the many voices present in our personal lives and in society, Sacred Scripture helps us to recognize and respond to the cry of those who are anguished and suffering. In order to foster this inner openness to listening, we must allow God to teach us how to listen *as he does*. We must recognize that "the condition of the poor is a cry that, throughout human history, constantly challenges our lives, societies, political and economic systems, and, not least, the Church."

1ST RECONCILIATIONS

Congratulations to the boys & girls of the parish who received the sacrament of Reconciliation for the 1st time this week.

We continue to keep them & their families in our prayers as they continue to prepare to receive Holy Communion for the 1st time later this year. A big word of thank you to the teachers of St. Senan's Primary School & Gaelscoil Uí Choimín for all they did in preparation for this ceremony.

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

PILGRIMAGE TO FATIMA Limited number of seats left for the guided pilgrimage to Fatima. 4 nights departing from Shannon 14th—18th October 2026 €895 pps (Flights, Transfers, Hotel & Guide included). Contact Jimmy Considine on 085 738 5385 for more information.

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Niamh Bell & Mary Ryan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK

Pray for: Marian Keane nee Bermingham late of Chicago & Moyasta.

May she rest in peace



Months Mind Mass

Catherine Hally late of O'Gorman Street
Mass Saturday 28th February @ 6.30pm

1st Anniversary Mass

Teresa Browne late of Roscommon
Mass Saturday 21st February @ 6.30pm
Flan Breen late of Chapel Drive
Mass Sunday 22nd February @ 12noon

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
Patricia Downes & deceased family, Monmore

Sunday 22nd February

9.00am Johnny Gallery late of O'Gorman Street
John Crowley late of Carnanes
Mary Jane & Stephen Liddane late of The Glen
Alice & Josie O'Sullivan late of Einagh

12noon Flan Breen late of Chapel Drive
Matt McCormack late of Cappa
Tony, Baba, John & Aidan Frawley
Mary Cunningham

Monday 23rd February –10.00am

Tuesday 24th February– 10.00am

Jack Dunleavy late of Moore Street

Wednesday 25th February—10.00am

Jimmy, June, George & Mary Carey
Lillian & Tom Cuddihy

Thursday 26th February—10.00am

Friday 27th February—10.00 Lay Led Liturgy

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

Sunday 1st March

9.00am Michael & Alice Scanlan late of Merchants Quay
12noon Michael O'Brien & deceased O'Brien & Hourigan families
The Byrne family late of Kilkee
Deceased O'Brien Family late of Monmore



KILRUSH SHAMROCKS LOTTO DRAW

Numbers Drawn: 25, 09, 11, 04

Match 3 Winners: Dermot Mahony

Next Jackpot: €4,300 Draw Sunday 22nd February

RECRUITMENT FAIR INTREO Work & Skills 2026

Meet with employers & find the right job for you on March 3rd from 10am—1pm in the Westpark Innovation Campus, Shannon V14 YF90. Great employment opportunities on the day. For more info go to employer@welfare.ie

QUIZ NIGHT in aid of the Choral Society on Friday 27th Feb @ 8.30pm in the Haven Arms.



Strictly tables of 4, €40 per table. Spot prizes & raffle on the night.

CLARECARE OVER 65'S 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

SEANAD VOTING - registration deadline for graduates

Irish citizens with degrees from designated 3rd level colleges are eligible to vote in the 'Higher Education' constituency which replaces the NUI and Trinity panels in Seanad Éireann. Thousands of previous voters have been removed from the register. Ensure you are registered on www.seanadvoter.ie before February 26th. Evidence of a passport or pre-2005 birth certificate is needed. For queries email applications@seanadvoter.ie.

HSE Mid-West Community Healthcare are running the 'Living Well' programme which is a free of charge group self-management programme for people with long term health conditions or their carers. The programme addresses topics such as fatigue, sleep, pain, stress, physical activity, healthy eating, difficult emotions, low mood, depression & general wellbeing. It takes place over 6 weeks, 2.5 hours per week with up to 15 people on the programme. Starting Wed March 4th at Ennis Primary Care Centre at 10.30am for 6 weeks. Call Philip at 087 1799396 or Ailish at 061 461362 to register.

DOWN SYNDROME CLARE & Shannon Cycling Club would like to extend an invitation to all cyclist to participate in our Odd Socks Cycle in aid of Down Syndrome Clare. Cycle takes place on Sun the 22nd March. 50km & 100km routes to choose from. Wear fun & colourful socks to show your support & there will be a prize draw for the best dressed ankles. All funds go to Down Syndrome Clare. Link: <https://eventmaster.ie/event/qqRVfP7SQq>

BAPTISED AND SENT -IRISH SYNODAL JOURNEY

"The identity of the People of God flows from Baptism in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. This identity is lived out as a call to holiness and as sending out in mission, inviting all peoples to accept the gift of salvation (cf. Mt 28:18-19). The missionary synodal Church springs from Baptism, in which Christ clothes us with Himself (cf. Gal 3:27) and enables us to be born of the Spirit (cf. Jn 3:5-6) as children of God".

How are you allowing the Spirit of God lead you this Lent?

How as a parish are we being led by the Spirit in a Synodal Journey or Synodal experience?

Gracious God, We thank you for journeying with us and for all that has been shared. Help us to remember that we are all Baptised and Sent and give us the courage and energy to make a difference in our world. Through Christ our Lord. Amen