

**KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 22ND MARCH 2026  
INIS CATHAIGH PASTORAL AREA**



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Giving

**BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS 15/03/26**

**Basket:** €1,050 **Envelope:** €845 **Priest Collection:** €120 **Trocaire:** €170  
**17/03/26 Basket:** €665 **Envelopes:** €845

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**

**23rd Mar** M. Flynn & R. Horgan  
**30th Mar** Loretta Maher  
**6th April** Mary O'Mahony  
**13th April** Dolores Blunnie  
**WEEKDAY READERS ROTA**  
**9th Mar** Frances  
**16th Mar** Peggy  
**23rd Mar** Gearoid  
**30th Mar** Sr. Mary



**KILRUSH APOSTOLIC WORK**

The Apostolic Works, founded in 1955, and established in Kilrush in 1962, will conclude its activities this year. The final display will take place this weekend, Sunday 22nd March 2026 in St Senan's Church from 12 to 3pm. All are welcome.

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

**POPE LEO'S LENTEN MESSAGE CONTINUED ...**



*In this week's excerpt from Pope Leo's Lenten Message Pope Leo gives us very practical examples as to how we can fast – not from food but from harsh words and rash judgement and in doing so we might feast in kindness, respect and care.*

In this regard, I would like to invite you to a very practical and frequently unappreciated form of abstinence: that of refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour. Let us begin by disarming our language, avoiding harsh words and rash judgement, refraining from slander and speaking ill of those who are not present and cannot defend themselves. Instead, let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect in our families, among our friends, at work, on social media, in political debates, in the media and in Christian communities. In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace.

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA**

**Sat 21st March @ 6.30pm**  
Michael Hogan, Catherine Minter  
**Sun 22nd March @ 9.00am**  
Ann Marie McGreene, Ann O'Donoghue  
**12noon** Seamus Burke, Teresa Lyons  
**Sat 28th March @ 6.30pm**  
Suzanne O'Shea, Ann Moody  
**Sun 29th March @ 9.00am**  
Paul Moroney, Joan Lyons  
**12noon** Ann Vaughan, Dolores Blunnie



**50/50 DRAW**

Next draw is this Saturday 21st March. Envelopes are available at all the church doors & at Kilrush post office. Be in it to win it!!

*"Lent is not something we for God, Lent is something we do with God"*

**Baptised and Sent – Irish Church Synodal Pathway**

"St Paul reminds the early Christian community that baptism unites them to the saving death of Christ and enables them to share his life: "You have been taught that when we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised, we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life" (6:3-4). When baptism was celebrated during the Easter Vigil, as it was for many centuries, this connection between the paschal mystery and the new life given in baptism was readily made."

*Baptised and Sent Paragraph 71*

*Let us pray: 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.*

**GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR THE HOLY PLACES IN THE HOLY LAND**

Each year, on Good Friday, a collection is taken up in Catholic churches across the world and the funds raised are sent to the *Custody of the Holy Land*, which runs and oversees the Church's work around the Holy Places. This collection helps to safeguard the places that witnessed to the life of the Jesus. This will be our opportunity to offer the Christian in the Holy Land concrete hope, not merely words of consolation. We will be hosting a collection during the Good Friday ceremonies, the monies from which will be sent to help and support Christian and the upkeep of the Holy Places in the Holy Land. If you can support this collection your support will be most gratefully received. If you cannot make it to the Good Friday ceremonies but you would like to support this most worthy cause just place your offering in an envelope clearly marked Good Friday Collection in the basket at any of the collections over the Easter Ceremonies.

**Parish Safeguarding Representatives:** Niamh Bell & Mary Ryan

## REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK

**Pray for:** John Finn late of Pella Road & North Carolina who died last Sunday & Thomas Frawley late of Kilrush & Cork.  
**May they rest in peace**

### Months Mind Mass

Maeve Carey late of Ennis Road  
Mass Sunday 22nd March @ 12noon

### 1st Anniversary Mass

Gerry Walsh late of Queen New York & Vandeleur Street  
Mass Saturday 28th March @ 6.30pm

### Saturday 21st March

**6.30pm** Nora & Sean Grogan late of Carnanes  
John & Edel Kelly late of Wood Road  
Theresa & Joe O'Donnell late of O'Gorman St  
Moira Shannon late of Cappa Cove  
Ann Mangan late of O'Gorman Street  
Ita O'Shea late of Breaffa  
Ann Galvin late of Fahy's Road

### Sunday 22nd March

**9.00am** Special Intention

### 12noon

Maeve Carey late of Ennis Road  
Eileen, Maureen & John Carey  
Timothy O'Connell late of Merchants Quay  
Tino Beatty  
Anne Maguire late of Kilcarroll  
Patrick Neenan late of Carnacalla  
Teresa Neenan Hassett late of Carnacalla & O'Gorman Street  
Danny & Bridie Ryan late of Pella Road  
Nancy Brennan late of St. Patrick's Terrace  
Pauline & Gerard Finn late of Moore Street  
Joseph Kamper late of London

**Monday 23rd March -10.00am**

**Tuesday 24th March- 10.00am**

**Wednesday 25th March-10.00am**

Saint Joseph  
Patrick & Bridget Lynch  
Tim & Margaret Sullivan

**Thursday 26th March-10.00am**

**Friday 27th March-10.00 Lay Led Liturgy**

**Saturday 28th March**

**6.30pm** Gerry Walsh late of New York & Vandeleur Street  
John & Mary Cleary late of Gowerhass  
Cecilia Mulqueen late of Ballynote East  
Ann Marie Forster nee Mulqueen late of Ballynote East & Uk  
Martin Nolan late of Carnanes

**Palm Sunday 29th March**

**9.00am** Joe Finnucane late of Frances Street  
John Scanlan & deceased Killeen Family late of Scatterly Island

**12noon**



## KILRUSH SHAMROCKS LOTTO DRAW

Numbers Drawn: 27, 04, 20, 10

Match 3 Winners: Pat Larkin & Carmel Grogan

**Next Jackpot: €4,600** Draw Sunday 15th March

### West Clare FRC Activities for the Over 55's

**Information Talk** - Fire Safety in the home with Gerard Fallon Assistant Chief Fire Officer on Wed 25th March @ 2.30pm

**QUIZ TIME** - Thurs 26th March @ 2.30pm. Challenge your memory and general knowledge while having fun!

**Ceol agus Tae** - Friday 27th March @ 11am. Come along and enjoy some tunes. Bring your instrument and join in.  
Tel: 065 9052173



### DAFFODIL DAY

Please support the annual

Daffodil Day this Friday 20th March in

Supervalu & Tesco. Daffodil Day is the Irish Cancer Society's biggest fundraiser of the year. Your support helps to provide free

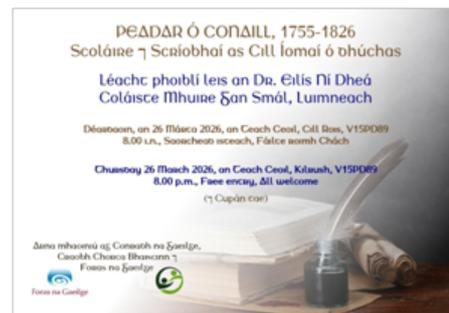
services & support to cancer patients & their families across Ireland. Your support is greatly appreciated.

### GROW MENTAL HEALTH-

Friendly Community based peer support groups for anyone experiencing mental health issues through 12 Step Program of connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth. Ennis Meeting- Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/[www.grow.ie](http://www.grow.ie)

**WEST CLARE WILDLIFE CLUB** talk will take place in Culturlann Sweeney, Kilkee - Eircode V15 P960 on Wed 25th March at 8pm. Chris Cullen, Ecology Team Lead for Bord na Mona will give a talk on the Common Crane breeding in Ireland 2019 – 2025.

**PURPLE DAY** (or Epilepsy Awareness Day) will take place on Thursday 26th March. Please visit [purpleday.org](http://purpleday.org)



**We remember Peter O'Connell (1775-1826) of Killimer, Kilrush on the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his death. Renowned teacher, scholar, scribe, genealogist and lexicographer who is considered to be one of the finest Gaelic scholars of the last century. Léacht as Gaeilge. Déardaoin an 26 Márta 2026, an Teach Cheoil, Kilrush V15PD89 8.00pm.**

**SOCCER NEWS:** Kilrush Rangers V Newmarket Celtic A. Sunday 22nd March K.O. 1.30 p.m. Match Sponsors Rico Men's Wear and George Roche Bus Hire