

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2026
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Giving

BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS 01/03/26

Basket: €970 **Envelope:** €925 **Priest Collection:** €755 **Trocaire:** €1,005 **Online:** €375

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

9th Mar Teresa Lyons

16th Mar Ann Vaughan

WEEKDAY READERS ROTA

9th Mar Frances

16th Mar Peggy

23rd Mar Gearoid

30th Mar Sr. Mary

**ST. PATRICK'S DAY –
 MASS TIMES**

Mon 16th Vigil for St. Patrick's Day

6.30pm St. Senan's Church Kilrush

8pm St. Senan's Church Knockerra

Tues 17th St. Patrick's Day Mass

9am St. Senan's Church, Kilrush

10.30am St Imy's Church, Killimer

12.00 St. Senan's Church, Kilrush



**FEAST OF ST. PATRICK
 TUESDAY 17TH MARCH**

PRAYER TO ST. SENAN

Lord, when a darkened sky surrounds me, Let me find hope; In quiet hurts & sorrows, Let me find hope; In my struggling hours & moments, Let me find hope; To those whose hearts are weary, Let me reach out with hope



**FEAST OF ST. SENAN
 SUNDAY 8TH MARCH**

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

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

Sat 14th Mar @ 6.30pm

Mary Watson, Stephanie Roughan

Sun 15th Mar @ 9.00am

Joan Lyons, Mary Clancy

12noon Roisin Horgan, Caroline Howard



Pope Leo's Lenten Message

This week we continue with Pope Leo's treatment of the theme of fasting and how it should be rooted in our relationship with God. He then helps us to reflect on what can be achieved when we fast from words that hurt and offend.

However, in order to practice fasting in accordance with its evangelical character and avoid the temptation that leads to pride, it must be lived in faith and humility. It must be grounded in communion with the Lord, because "those who are unable to nourish themselves with the word of God do not fast properly." [3] As a visible sign of our inner commitment to turn away from sin and evil with the help of grace, fasting must also include other forms of self-denial aimed at helping us to acquire a more sober lifestyle, since "austerity alone makes the Christian life strong and authentic." [4]

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.

50/50 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!!

BOXES OF ENVELOPES 2026

If anyone collected boxes to distribute & hasn't yet done so we would be very grateful if you could do so this week. Some people still haven't received their box. There are a small number of boxes still in the Sacristy, if you haven't yet received yours, please check in the Sacristy after mass.

TROCAIRE BOXES

for Lent are available at the Church doors this weekend. In these difficult times we invite and encourage you to collect one for your home & during the season of Lent.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES.

This weekend the 6th Class students from both St. Senan's Primary School and Gaelscoil Uí Choimín will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

We keep them and their families in our prayers that the Holy Spirit will set their hearts on fire with both the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. We take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the teachers in our parish for all that they do in teaching the faith to the young people of the parish.

#GiveToGain



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY 2026

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"I alone cannot change the world, but I can cast a stone across the waters to create many ripples" **Mother Teresa**

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK

Pray for: Charlie Fennessy late of Leadmore who died in California.

May he rest in peace



Months Mind Mass

Seamus Dawson late of Cappa, Cork & Limerick
Mass Saturday 7th March @ 6.30pm
Aigars Saule late of Frances Street
Mass Saturday 7th March @ 6.30pm
Tom McCarthy late of Aylevaroo
Mass Sunday 8th March @ 12noon

Saturday 7th March

11.00am Confirmation

6.30pm Seamus Dawson late of Cappa, Cork & Limerick
Aigars Saule late of Frances Street
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
Felix, May & Michael Brennan & family, Cappa
Noel King late of Cappa & Doonbeg

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
Danny & Paddy Thompson late of Dublin

Monday 9th March -10.00am

Mai Keating

Tuesday 10th March- 10.00am

Wednesday 11th March-10.00am

Saint Joseph

Thursday 12th March-10.00am

Bridget Danaher late of Ennis Road

Friday 13th March-10.00 Lay Led Liturgy

Saturday 14th March

11.00am Confirmation

6.30pm John Purtil late of Moore Street
Senan Downes late of Chapel Street
Mary Griffin late of Glengardens & Tullabrack
Kevin & Sine Griffin late of Tullabrack
Jane Keane & family late of Kilkee

Sunday 15th March

9.00am

12noon Susan & Harry Cahill late of Moore Street
O'Sullivan family late of Burton Street
Fr. Senan Mahony late of Caldey Island
Michael & Mary Fennell late of Ballykett
Deceased Kelly family, Miltown Malbay
Oliver O'Connor late of Beal an Inbhir



KILRUSH SHAMROCKS LOTTO DRAW

Numbers Drawn: 25, 01, 28, 24

Match 3 Winner: John Walsh

Next Jackpot: €4,500 Draw Sunday 8th 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

SOUNDBATH MEDITATION with Fiona Guiheen at the Vandeleur Walled Gardens Kilrush on Saturday 14th March @ 11am. Bookings at: 087 6240839. €25.

KILRUSH OPERATIC SOCIETY which was active from 1951-1966 staged a wide range of both light & grand operas. A number of original recordings have been restored & are now available FREE on YouTube— "Kilrush Opera" Photographs, articles & history of the society are available on the "Opera Ireland" channel.

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

CONSIDINES BAKERY VACANCY Considines are currently interviewing for the position of a delivery driver—2 days a week. Contact Michael on 086 104 5642



Growing Green This St. Patrick's Weekend at Vandeleur Walled Garden & Visitor Centre

"Growing Green!" Seed Planting Workshop and Garden Guessing Game will take place across two sessions: **Sat 14th March at 12:00 & Sun, 15th March at 14:00** Suitable for families and all ages. Cost is €10 per person. **Please contact 065 705 1760 or book online at <https://www.vandeleurwalledgarden.ie/our-events/>**

COORACLARE/CREE DRAMA GROUP are performing their 3 act comedy Wake in the West by M J Ginnelly, in Doonbeg on 10th March, Cooraclare Community Centre on 16th March, and in Cultúrlann Kilkee on 18th and 19th March.



THRIVING THROUGH CHANGE FREE Workshop at Vandeleur Gardens, called, 'Thriving Through Change: Food, Hormones & Energy' with tutor, Fionnuala Ni Mhairtin. This is an opportunity for women to learn how food influences hormone balance, particularly when navigating perimenopause, menopause or post menopause. This practical workshop will offer science-backed, easy-to-use tools to help feel more balanced, informed and supported. To Book a place just email us at clare@womenscollective.ie

COFFEE MORNING Kilrush Choral Society are hosting a Coffee Morning at The Harbour Restaurant, Kilrush on Saturday 14th March from 9.30am to 12pm. All proceeds raised go towards this year's production of The Sound of Music. Come and share delicious coffee and treats with us. Your support would be greatly appreciated

