

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER – SUNDAY 28TH JUNE 2026
INIS CATHAIGH PASTORAL AREA



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BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS 14/06/2026

Basket: €1,075 Envelope: €750 Priest Collection: €235 Peter's Pence: €390

A prayer for the summer solstice

Great Spirit of the sun,
On this dawning of a new day
we turn our faces toward your radiance,
looking for your grace to shine upon us.

Creator of Light,

may your fire burn within us,
igniting passion, fuelling growth,
extending warmth to all

with whom we connect this day.

On this longest day of the year
we celebrate life, abundance,
fertility, growth, fruitfulness, ripening,
colour, strength, vitality, and richness.
We also celebrate this day with all who
call this earth their home.

We pray that we might be good
neighbours, good listeners, and good
allies as we pray together for
reconciliation, for justice, and for the
earth we all call home.

Let us rejoice in this longest day of light!

Amen.



FAMILY MASS

Saturday the 27th of June at 6.30

to celebrate the gift of summer and asking
God's protection on all our young people
over the summer holiday.



EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Sat 27th June @ 6.30pm

Stephanie Roughan, Catherine Minter

Sun 28th June @ 9.00am

Joan Lyons, Mary Clancy

12noon Delores Blunnie, Caroline Howard

Sat 4th July @ 6.30pm

Caroline Bolton, Michael Hogan

Sun 5th July @ 9.00am

Ann Marie McGreene, Ann O'Donoghue

12noon Roisin Horgan

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS DAILY ROTA

June 29th Mary O'Mahony

July 6th Dolores Blunnie

July 13th Teresa Lyons

July 20th Ann Vaughan

WEEKDAY READERS ROTA

22nd June Sr. Mary

29th June Frances

6th July Peggy

13th July Gearoid

DIOCESAN APPOINTMENTS

This week Bishop Fintan published
the diocesan changes for 2026.

The changes announced by
Bishop Fintan sees Fr. Michael
being appointed as Co-PP in the
Abbey Pastoral Area and residing
at the Cathedral House, Ennis.

We wish Fr. Michael well in his
new appointment.

We take this opportunity to
welcome Fr. Francis Xavier

Kochuveettilas Co-PP,
Inis Cathaigh Pastoral Area who
will be resident in Kilrush parish.

These appointments will take
effect on Friday the
7th of August.



**DIOCESAN RELIGIOUS
ADVISOR -JOB ADVERTISEMENT**

We are currently inviting candidates
to apply for the post of part-time
religious advisor for the diocese.
Please find the details attached and
also on the link below:

[https://www.killaloediocese.ie/
killaloe-diocesan-religious-advisor-for-
primary-schools/](https://www.killaloediocese.ie/killaloe-diocesan-religious-advisor-for-primary-schools/)

GROW MENTAL HEALTH

Friendly Community based peer support
groups for anyone experiencing mental
health concerns through connection,
hope, identity by empowering members
to nurture their positive wellbeing and
personal growth. Ennis Meeting- Maria
Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/
Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-
1526966/www.grow.ie



**KILLALOE & FERNS
DIOCESAN PILGRIM-
AGE TO KNOCK SHRINE**

takes place next Sun 5th July. There
are only a few spaces left so please
contact the parish on 089-4026161.

Bus price is €25 adult & €15 child.

**Bus will leave The Square
Kilrush at 8.30am sharp.**



DATE FOR THE DIARY

The annual Mass on
Scattery Island will take
place on Sunday the 9th of

Aug at 3pm. Book with *Scattery
Island Tours* at Kilrush Marina or
online at [https://
scatteryislandtours.com/book-now/](https://scatteryislandtours.com/book-now/)



**POPE LEO'S ENCYCLICAL
MAGNIFICA HUMANITAS –**

In chapter 3 of the encyclical
Pope Leo reflect on the
relationship between technology,
power and the human person. While
he acknowledges that technological
development is an expression of
human creativity we need to be care-
ful that it does not become sole lens
through which evaluate our lived
reality. Not everything of worth is
measurable, calculable or optimis-
able. While these developments
have the potential to amplify the
good they also have the potential to
amplify that which can be harmful. In
this chapter Pope Leo outlines the
key differences between human and
artificial intelligence. They do no
experience love, joy or pain and they
cannot live our lived reality and as
such cannot assume moral responsi-
bility. This becomes important as
more and more these technologies
are involved in decision making by
means of the employment of algo-
rithms. Pope Leo says “*entrusting an
algorithm entirely with the power to
declare who deserves and who does
not means redefining the boundaries
of human possibilities*”

Parish Safeguarding Representatives: Niamh Bell & Mary Ryan

REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK



Pray for: Terry Tubridy late of Kilrush & Tuam
May she rest in peace

Saturday 27th June—Family Mass

6.30pm Ollie Kelly late of Griffin Road
Mary Daly late of John Street
Gerry O'Donnell late of Nagles Terrace
Patrick Molohan late of Nagles Terrace

Sunday 28th June

9.00am Caroline Crowley late of Carnanes
John Frances Conway late of Moyadda

12noon Jimmy & Ann McKiernan late of Cappa
Tom Grogan late of Parknamoney
Margaret O'Dwyer late of The Square

Monday 29th June—10.00am

Tuesday 30th June— 10.00am

Special Intention

Wednesday 1st July—10.00am

Thursday 2nd July – 10.00am

Friday 3rd July—10.00am Lay Led Liturgy

Saturday 4th July

6.30pm Thomas Mahoney late of Shannon Heights
Kathleen & Ned Kennedy late of Cappa
Kathleen Daly late of Waterford
Murt Collins late of Shannon Heights

Sunday 5th July

9.00am

12noon Charlie Cullinan late of Monmore
Barrie Howard late of Frances Street
John A. & Catherine Kelly late of Henry Street
Eileen & James Madigan late of Merchants Quay
John & Frances Guerin late of St. Senan's Tce
Ann McMahan late of St. Patrick's Terrace



KILRUSH SHAMROCKS GAA DRAW

Numbers Drawn: 03, 19, 26, 29
3 Match 3 Winners: Suzanne O'Shea, Brian Scanlan & Margaret Ryan
Next draw Sunday 21st June **Jackpot: €5,900**

WEST CLARE FRC ACTIVITIES FOR THE OVER 55'S Alone—Information Workshop Saving money by understanding your energy bill. Friday 3rd July 11am—1pm (booking essential) Tel: 065 9052173

KILRUSH SHAMROCKS GAA FAMILY FUN DAY at the Cricket Field, Sunday 28th June from 12noon-3pm. €20 per family (includes voucher for BBQ). Bouncing castle, Face painting, Penalty shoot out (football), Penalty shoot out (hurling), Fun games & BBQ.



BEAT THE DARKNESS Charity walk raising funds for MS Ireland & West Clare Mental Health Association. Join us in the early hours as we walk until sunrise. Venue : Bandstand Kilkee, Time 4.45am, Date : August 2nd Book via Eventbrite " Beat the Darkness" This event is run in conjunction with Evan Garvey Fitness

BOOK LAUNCH The launch of Lords and Masters: Celebrating Kilrush Shamrocks Historic Five-in-a-Row 1975-1979 will take place this Sat, 27 June, from 11.00am to 12.30pm at the Vandeleur Walled Garden. Entry is free and all are welcome. Attendees can enjoy music and light refreshments in what promises to be a fitting celebration of a proud sporting legacy.



KILKEE CIVIC TRUST – at Cultúrlann Sweeney, Kilkee KCT Talks Our summer season of weekly KCT Talks commences on Wednesday, 1st July at 8 pm. Speaker: Dr Robert J. (Rob) Lillis. Title: Auroras & Escapades, Space Weather & Mars Exploration **Arts in Focus** KCT's annual Arts In Focus evening is on Friday, 3rd July. Concert at 7.30 pm. Both events are **FREE** of Charge Entry and all are welcome / Donations Box available

WEST CLARE SHOW—Join us in Kilrush on Saturday, July 4th for a family fun day. We have something for everyone with a kids zone, horse, cattle , sheep , poultry & dog showing competitions, Vintage displays, farmers market, food and catering, plus entertainment from Patrick Roche, Damien Gormely and DJ John Carey. We can't wait to celebrate another amazing show. Eircode V15 VH01

SNA / Intellectual Disability Practice, QQI Level 5 This course equips learners with the knowledge and skills to support individuals in living their best lives. It focuses on enabling people to actively participate in their own lives, while enhancing their well-being, dignity, and long-term independence. Please call into the College of FET, Kilrush Campus, Cooraclare Road, Kilrush V15VX36, call Rebecca at 065-9052131 or email: francis.benson@icetb.ie

IRISH GUIDE DOGS The Clare Branch of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind will be holding a churchgate collection on Sunday 28th June. Thank you as always for your very generous donations



School Holidays



SUMMER HOLIDAYS FOR OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS

As the summer holidays begin for our Parish Primary Schools, we take this opportunity to thank the schools of the parish for all that they do in the education and faith development of the children in our parish. We continue to keep in our prayers the students of 2nd and 6th class who received the sacrament of Holy Communion and Confirmation this year. In doing so we acknowledge all that our Primary Schools do in preparing the children of the parish for these sacraments. As the schools break up for the Summer Holidays, we pray that the all the students, teachers and staff will get a well-deserved break and that everybody will come back safe and sound in September after the summer holidays. God bless and keep everybody safe during the summer holiday.