

KILRUSH PARISH NEWSLETTER— SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER 2024
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BASKET & ENVELOPE COLLECTIONS 08/12/24

Basket: €985 **Envelope:** €680 **Holy Day:**€300 **Online:** €45

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS ROTA

Sat 14th Dec @ 6.30pm Catherine Minter, Mary/Ann Moody
Sun 15th Dec @ 9am Paul Moroney
 12noon Caroline Howard, Sr. Noreen
Sat 21st Dec @ 6.30pm Caroline Bolton, Fiona Honan
Sun 22nd Dec @ 9am Joan Lyons
 12noon Ann Vaughan, Seamus Burke

WEEKDAY READERS

16/12 Gearoid
 23/12 Sr. Mary
 30/12 Paddy

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

16/12 Mary Moody
 23/12 Ann Vaughan
 30/12 Loretta Maher
 06/01 Mary O'Mahony



ADVENT PRAYER

Loving God, we seek you in both light & darkness, the silence & the sounds, the fullness & the emptiness of this Advent season. Fill our hearts with hope for your coming, love for those who are most in need, & faith in your promises. May this time of preparation help us celebrate the birth of your Son with deep gratitude & abundant joy. Amen

ADVENT WREATH

This week we welcome the **Roche Family** to light our Third Advent Candle on the advent wreath.



CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES IN KILRUSH

CHRISTMAS EVE

Tuesday 24th December
Family Mass @ 6pm
Christmas Eve Vigil @ 9pm

CHRISTMAS DAY

Wednesday 25th December
Mass @ 9am & 12noon

Rehearsal for Family Mass will be on Tuesday 17th Dec @ 6.30pm in St. Senan's Church, All children are invited to come along & participate in the Family Mass.



FESTIVAL OF CAROLS & LIGHTS

In St. Senan's Church, Kilrush on Sunday 22nd December @ 5pm. Come along & join in the real spirit of Christmas. Everyone is welcome

DONATION

St. Senan's Parish Church, gratefully acknowledge the generous donation of €800 from Shannon Ferries to the Church Restoration Fund.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

Bambinelli Sunday will be celebrated this Sunday 15th Dec. All Children & their families are invited to bring the Baby Jesus figure from their homes to be blessed. After your Bambinelli is blessed, take it home, wrap it and open it as a family on Christmas morning where the youngest member of the family would place it in the crib. A gift of the presence of Christ in your home this Christmas.

KILRUSH YOUTH MINISTRY

Will be back meeting weekly after Christmas. First get together is Monday 6th January in Kilrush Community Centre.

CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS

Are now available from the Parish Office, Church Shop, The Leisure Centre, Corner Shop & Pen2Paper. Just €4 each. Tridium of Masses will be at the end of December.



CHRISTMAS COLOURING COMPETION

If you're aged between 4-12 years of age pick up a copy of our Nativity scene and get colouring! Entries must be returned to the church by 19th Dec. 4 lucky winners will be revealed on 24th Dec.

FEAST OF THE HOLY INNOCENTS

On Saturday 28th Dec we celebrate the feast of the Holy Innocents. On Saturday evening at 6.30pm we will honour & remember all babies who died during pregnancy, around the time of birth or after birth. The book with all the babies names will be presented at mass. A book will be placed in the church where the names can be written. Candles will be left on the altar for people to take away after mass. We extend a warm welcome to this special time of remembrance during the Christmas journey.



ENVELOPES 2025

Are now ready for distribution, those who usually help out with this are asked to call to the Sacristy after mass & collect same. We are grateful to everyone who helps out each year.

THE FRIENDS OF MONMORE CHAPEL

are delighted to announce the return of our lovely old crib to the chapel this Sunday 15th Dec from 3pm – 5pm. We will have Christmas songs & tea to celebrate the event.



REMEMBERED IN MASS THIS WEEK



Pray for: Phyllis Browne nee Flynn late of Killimer & Kilrush & Carmel Flannery nee Browne late of Ballyea & Cappa who died during the week.

May they rest in peace

1st Anniversary Mass

PJ O'Dea late of Vandeleur Street & Chicago
Mass Saturday 14th December @ 6.30pm
Eugene O'Mahony late of Ferry Bank, Kilkee Road
Mass Sunday 15th December @ 12noon
Mary Grogan late of Ballyurra
Mass Sunday 22nd December @ 12noon

Saturday 14th December

6.30pm PJ O'Dea late of Vandeleur St & Chicago
John Hanrahan late of Monvana
Stephen O'Gorman late of Sycamore Drive

Sunday 15th December

9.00am James & TJ Crowley late of Gowerhass
12noon Eugene O'Mahony late of Ferry Bank, Kilkee Rd
Stephen & Nellie Hanrahan late of Ballynote
Kathleen Burke late of Leadmore West
Mary Josephine & Flan Grogan late of Moyadda
Ina & Jim Murphy late of Mayo

Monday 16th December—10.00am NO MASS

Tuesday 17th December—10.00am Lay Led Liturgy
6.30pm Family Mass Preparation

Wednesday 18th December —10.00am

Deceased Members of the McNamara family, Cosy Cottage
Private Intention

Thursday 19th December—10.00am Lay Led Liturgy

Friday 20th December—10.00am

William Danaher late of St. Senan's Terrace
Paddy, Mickey, Bridie & Micko Hanrahan late of Pella Road
Deceased members of the Hawes family late of Moore Street
John & Elizabeth McMahan late of Monvana

Saturday 21st December

6.30pm Jimmy & Nellie Grogan late of Nagles Terrace
Stephen & Eileen O'Brien late of Carnanes
Barry Nolan late of Carnanes
Senan Nolan late of Moore Street
Megan & Sean Clancy late of O'Gorman Street
Tony Hogan late of Dublin

Sunday 22nd December

9.00am Nora Crowley late of Gowerhass
The Parker family late of Vancouver
12noon Mary Grogan late of Ballyurra
Patrick Casey late of Kilkee Road
Sean & Mary Roche late of Vandeleur Street



PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS

Please note the Parish Office will close on Friday 20th Dec for the Christmas Holidays. We advise you to book any masses for the Christmas period this week & any items for the newsletter should also be sent this week to ensure inclusion. As always we thank you sincerely for your co-operation & wish you all a very Happy Christmas

Aisling & Hillary



KILRUSH FOOTBALL CLUB—LOTTO

Numbers Drawn: 09, 01, 08, 22

No Jackpot Winner. Match 3 winners: Nevan Prendeville, Grace Mahony, Mary McKeown Lynch & Sinead O'Gorman Browne

Draw Sun 15th December. Jackpot: €9,700

ANNUAL LIGHT UP YOUR WAGON this Sat 14th. Dec @ 5pm with registration from 4 p.m. in Kilmihil @ Kilmihil GAA. All are welcome

CAPPA CHRISTMAS DAY CHARITY SWIM The Annual Cappa Christmas Day Charity Swim will take place on Christmas morning at 11am sharp at Cappa (back of pier). Proceeds from this years swim will be going to Kilrush RNLI Lifeboat and Friends of Regina House, Kilrush. For swim sponsorship cards contact Therese 0868717452 or donate at the swim on Christmas morning. please support the swimmers. See you all on Christmas morning.



CLEANER VACANCY exists as part of the cleaning team at Kilrush Community School. Approx. 1.5hrs daily after school finishes. If interested please apply in writing to The Secretary, BOM, KCS by Monday 16th December.

KILRUSH DANCE YOURSELF FIT Starting 13th January @ 7pm in Kilrush Community Centre. Text Jane on 087 763 6585 to book. €10 per class or €50 for 6 classes.

WEST CLARE FRC ACTIVITIES FOR THE OVER 55'S

Please note all the activities below take place in Kilrush Community Centre, unless otherwise specified
WELL-BEING COACHING WORKSHOP: Making little changes that lead to big differences, with Geraldine Lyons, Monday 16th December @10am. Please register your interest by contacting us on 0689052173

WEST CLARE TURKEY RUN, Vandeleur Woods, Kilrush, St. Stephen's Day

Please join us for our charity 5K FUN jog, walk, crawl on St. Stephen's Day at 11am sharp. **Voluntary contributions** welcome on the morning, our beneficiary this year is St. Senan's Primary School, Special Classes.



NEW YEARS EVE CEREMONY

"Pray out the Old Year Pray in The New Year" Our parish will close the year 2024 on Tuesday 31st Dec with a special closing ceremony at 11.30pm in St. Senan's Church and will end at 12.05 on New Year's morning. We extend a warm welcome to join with us for this special service when we give thanks for the many graces and blessings which have been given to us as we travel along the road of life. If you could spare 35 minutes it would be the best way possible to start the New Year and to give thanks to God for all the blessings he has heaped on us.