

9th & 10th May 2020

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Remembrance Mass

Killimer ChurchSaturday 9th May 8.15pm Facebook Live

Knockerra Church
Saturday 16th May
JJ O'Dea, Derrylough

Clare Haven Services

Clare Haven Services are still available to every woman who needs them. They can be contacted on their 24 hour helpline 065 6822435

Rosary Intentions

The rosary is prayed Monday – Saturday after 10 a.m. Mass & again Monday – Friday at 8 p.m. each night in Kilrush. If anyone would like to have the rosary prayed for a particular intention; please feel free to contact Kilrush Parish Office 089-4026161 or Fr. Pat 087-2300627 and let them know.

May Diocesan Safeguarding Month

The month of May is normally the Diocesan Safeguarding Month. However in these exceptional circumstances during this month, it is not possible to mark it as we would normally do. We ask that people keep in their prayers those children and adults who are experiencing harm and or have been hurt by others.

https://www.killaloediocese.ie/may-diocesan-safeguarding-month/

"God has taught me that I never need to worry about tomorrow. I survived yesterday. I'm dealing with today. And with God's help I can face tomorrow and whatever comes my way!"

Mass from Kilrush

Weekday mornings 10am mass Sat @ 10am & 7pm Sunday @ 10am & 12noon. Mass intentions are still welcome, just ring the parish phone @ 0894026161 & they can arrange it for you.

The webcam is available through Kilrush Parish Website www.kilrushparish.com or through www.mcnmedia.tv/camera/st-senans-church

Do you know your Eircode?

This is very important if you need to call the emergency services - having it to hand can decrease response time. Search www.eircode.ie



There's no question that we are in the midst of an exceptional moment, not only in our lives but in history. For each and every one of us, the sense of "normal" has been disrupted in some significant way. For some, that disruption might mean a loss of a loved one or a serious illness. For others, it might mean an abrupt job loss or an abrupt change in working conditions For almost all of us, it means a loss of services we've become used to and a loss of social interaction.

Let us take advantage of this moment of disruption to reflect and to make real lasting changes.

This moment in time provides us all with a lot of challenges, but with a unique opportunity to step back and really question what we're doing. For as long as this moment lasts, let us keep asking ourselves what was good about the old normal that we want to keep, what was bad about the old normal that we want to discard, and what about this current moment do we want to hold onto. That is a recipe for a much better life in every dimension, personally, spiritually, financially, and otherwise.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:

ALONE has launched a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024. Hours may be extended to meet the demand.

Clare Covid-19 Community Response Helpline

The helpline can put you in touch with local volunteers who can assist with delivering basic needs such as shopping, medicine, fuel, farming support etc. to those who need it. Tel: 1890 252943 Email: covidsupport@clarecoco.ie

Covid-19 Helpline For Farmers

Call 076 111 3533 in association with Teagasc

May- Month Of Mary

This month is dedicated to Our Lady. Irish people have always had great respect for Our Lady. It is still a custom to have a May altar in homes and recite the rosary daily during the month of May. This year Pope Francis has asked us to use our time of social isolation and cocooning to pray the Rosary. Last week Bishop Fintan advised us to use the Prayer of the Five Fingers when saying the Rosary. This is a method of prayer devised by Pope Francis some years before he was elected Pope.

- 1. The thumb is closest finger to you. So, start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the persons easiest to remember. To pray for our dear ones is a "Sweet Obligation."
- 2. The index finger is next. Pray for those who teach you, instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others. Always keep them in your prayers. 3. The middle finger is the longest. It reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority. They need God's guidance.
- 4. The fourth finger is the ring finger. It is our weakest finger. It should remind us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems. They need your prayers.
- 5. And finally, the smallest of all. It reminds you to pray for yourself. When you have prayed for the other four groups, you will be able to see your own needs but in the proper perspective, and you will be able to pray for your own needs in a better way.

Hope In The Darkness

God Our Loving Creator,

Fill us with your Holy Spirit when times are hard.

When we are discouraged give us the courage to go on.

When darkness comes into our lives give us your light to see the way forward.

When sorrow or disappointment comes, may we be people of Hope so that we will never give in to despair.

When we have doubts, help us to place all our trust in You.

Teach us to treat our common home, and all of creation with reverence and respect at all times.

Help us to support others in their times of need. May we live in joyful hope every day! We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day Wednesday 13th May

Novena Prayer

Most Holy Virgin, who came to Fatima to reveal the graces hidden in the recitation of the Holy Rosary, inspire our hearts with a deep love of this devotion, that meditating on the Holy Mysteries, we may obtain (favours we are now praying for) which we ask of you in this Novena

