



5th & 6th December 2020

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Anniversary Masses

Knockerra Church

Saturday 5th December at 6pm

Thomas Lucas, Knockerra

Monday 7th December at 6pm

John & Margaret Kilmartin

Francis & Bridget Moloney & deceased family members Carrowfree

Saturday 12th December at 6pm

Killimer Church

Sunday 6th December 11am

Tuesday 8th December 11am

Harry Smyth

Sunday 13th December 11am

James McMahon, Donail

Senan McMahon, Donail

Feast Of The Immaculate Conception:

Tuesday 8th December is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. We celebrate that Mary from the start of her life was graced by God to be without sin. Mass times are as follows:

Knockerra Church on **Monday 7th December** at 6 p.m.

Killimer Church on **Tuesday 8th December** at 11 a.m.

There will be no 8.55 a.m. Mass in Knockerra on Monday Morning

An Act Of Spiritual Communion:

If we cannot receive communion at this time we can still make an act of Spiritual Communion in which we express our faith in Jesus and his presence in the Eucharist and invite him to unite himself with us.

Act of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

Parish Donations

In these times of Government lockdown and restrictions on attendances at public masses, many people who are unable to attend church services are interested in contributing to the support of their parish or their priests. Sincere thanks to all our parishioners who have contributed during this time. It is now possible to make a contribution by credit or debit card directly to your parish using the Diocesan Website – www.killaloediocese.ie. The full contribution as received by the Diocesan website will be fully paid to your parish. Simply go to the Diocesan Website and click on the red “Donate to your Parish” button on the top of the page. You will be invited to select your parish and the parish fund you wish to contribute to. Your support is greatly appreciated. You can also access this link via the DONATE button on the Killimer Parish Website.

<https://www.killaloediocese.ie/parish/killimer-and-knockerra/donate/>



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If you

wish to connect with people in relation to your mental wellbeing, please consider using the Phone In and Zoom Support & Self Care Groups, the Support Line or Support Mail, now and throughout the holiday season. These services provide support, coping skills and information – and most importantly help people who are in distress to know and feel that they are not alone in their experience. For more information about the groups <https://www.aware.ie/support/support-groups/> and all of our services on www.aware.ie

Remembrance Tree

As a way of remembering our deceased love ones, each December we hold the Remembrance Tree Ceremony in St. Senan's Church, Kilrush. All cards are €5 and the money raised is donated to two very worthy charities; 1 - Temple Street Children's University Hospital 2 - The Special Needs Unit, St. Senan's Primary School, Kilrush This year's ceremony is on the 9th December 2020 at 7pm. It shall also be broadcast online by Webcam at www.kilrushparish.com Cards are available at the moment from: Ger Kelly Pen 2 Paper, Duffy Chemist Mairead O'Donnell and Sharon Reidy The Leisure Centre. Also you can donate to the "Go Fund Me" page.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older

People :

ALONE manage 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 seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Face Coverings

We ask all attending our churches in line with government advice to wear face coverings while attending mass or other liturgical celebrations. Medical advice is that wearing face coverings is first and foremost about protecting others. Please continue to observe social distancing, to use hand sanitisers on entering and leaving any of our churches.

Christmas Craft Fair

Christmas Craft Fair at the Kilkee Bay Hotel on December 5th from 12-6pm. If you are a local craft supplier & would like to get involved, please contact the Kilkee Bay Hotel, tables are €40 for traders.

Clare Community Response Team

Covid -19

Helpline is open 7 days a week from 8am—8pm. The helpline is available for:

- (1) Non-medical queries & advice,
- (2) People who are self-isolating & require additional support, e.g. delivery of food, medicine etc.,
- (3) referring you to the right support agencies or other helplines. Clare Helpline is: 1800 20 36 00

Blessing of Christmas Ornaments

Each Christmas ornament tells a story and carries a blessing. To counter the typical frantic rush of the season, let the Christmas tree stand bare for a week and then bless the ornaments while placing them on the tree. This is a good way to observe how Advent is a time of anticipation and longing.

Have each family member choose a favourite ornament and hold it. Select someone or ask someone to volunteer in leading the following blessing.

Leader: God, we ask you to bless these ornaments. Each one of these represents a thread in the tapestry of our family's life together. We gather today to be mindful of how you have been present with us through all our days. We know that you are present with us now as our family story continues to unfold. Help us to see one another as precious and dear, to treat one another with tenderness and care, and to enjoy and celebrate the joy that each one of us brings to the family. We ask you this in a spirit of memory and celebration.

All: Amen.

(After the blessing, your family might take time to share stories connected to some favourite ornaments.)

Reflection Advent

A time of Hope

It is said that while there is life there is hope This has an even deeper meaning in reverse while there is hope there is life. Hope is strength. Hope sheds light into despairing hearts. It inspires the will to live. It is the doctor's most powerful ally It is a shield against defeat and failure. It revives ideals and renews dreams. As long as there is hope, no situation is impossible. Advent summons us to wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. In the final analysis, he is our hope.

Second Sunday of Advent

Today we light the second candle of the Advent wreath.

With this candle we pray that the light of Christ
will shine through us to everyone we meet.

Prepare the way of the Lord,
Make straight his path.

