

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Icon of the Holy Family for the World Meeting of Families 2018

This icon is by iconographer Mihai Cucu, assisted by the Redemptoristine Sisters. It's in the form of a triptych which looks like a house with front doors. On these outside doors, we have the Archangels Michael and Gabriel, the protectors, with heads bowed in adoration and service of God. On the base, "Amoris Laetitia", "The Joy of the Gospel", Pope Francis' exhortation on love in the family. When the doors are opened, we see the Holy Family sharing a meal and celebrating their faith at home. Flanking them are two Gospel stories, the Raising of Jairus' Daughter and the Wedding Feast of Cana, expressing Jesus' compassion for marriage and for those living with the burdens of family life.

An icon is not like a photograph, nor is it a portrait. It is an image which invites us to prayer, in this instance inviting us to prepare our hearts for the World Meeting of Families next year.

For more, go to: www.worldmeeting2018.ie/Icon

St. Mary's Christmas Carol Service

this Wednesday 13th December 7.00pm

The local schools join the Parish Choir in this celebration of song and prayer.

The collection will go to the *Capuchin Day Care Centre in Dublin* which provides 600 meals each day for people who are homeless and 1000 food parcels weekly for those on the poverty threshold. All are welcome to this celebration of hope and joy.

Society of St Vincent De Paul

Our Special Christmas Collection will be taken up after Masses this Saturday & Sunday 9th & 10th December. Sincere thanks to all who give so generously.

St John's Parish Church Carol Service

this Monday 11th December at 8pm. All welcome

Last Man Standing: (259 Entries)

129 still standing after 'Week' 3: the names are posted on the Church Noticeboard, Parish Office window and our website (click on *Newsletters*), with remaining selections. In aid of the Restoration Fund.

Christmas Shop Now Open!! Christmas gifts now available. Call to Parish Office & have a look..

Na Cealla Beaga GAA Club: A night on the Red Carpet, New Year's Eve, Bay View Hotel. Tickets €35.

Advent Service of Reconciliation

Monday 18th December 7.00pm.

Please arrive in good time and maintain a spirit of prayer and peace throughout the service.

Important Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Carol Service:

Wednesday 13th December 7.00pm

Service of Reconciliation:

Monday 18th December 7.00pm

Christmas Children's Mass:

Sunday 24th December 7.00pm

Christmas 'Midnight' Mass:

Sunday 24th December 11.00pm

Christmas Day Masses:

Monday 25th December 9am & 11am

Practices for Children's Mass:

Monday and Tues 18th & 19th Dec. 5pm

Parish Christmas Deliveries

- The Parish Christmas Newsletter and the complimentary Parish Calendar 2018 are being delivered to each household presently, along with a beautifully produced Icon of the Holy Family. An explanation of the Icon is given in this edition of the Newsletter.

- At the same time the Church Envelopes and the Restoration Envelopes will be delivered. Anyone not on the list who would like a set of envelopes, please let Ann know in the Parish Office.

Board of Management Meetings

Niall Mór N.S.: Monday 11th December 8pm.

Commons N.S.: Tuesday 12th December 4.30pm

Adelaide McGuinness & family wish to thank everyone who visited, sent cards and prayed for Adelaide during her current illness. A Mass will be offered for your intentions.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society

Thanks to all collectors and all who contributed so generously. €690.05 was raised. 365 Masses are offered yearly for the living and deceased members by the young priests after ordination.

Anam Cara, supporting bereaved parents: next monthly Parent Evening on Thurs 14th Dec. 7.30 - 9pm in Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny.

- Sunday 10th December 2017: Second Sunday of Advent Cycle B**

- Weekday Readings:**

Second Week of Advent

Saturday	9th December:	07.00pm - Peter Gerald Breslin (Anniversary) Frank & Anna McCallig (Anniversaries)
Sunday	10th December:	09.00am - Special Intention 11.00am - Alice Keeney (Anniversary)
Monday	11th December:	10.00am - Special Intentions
Tuesday	12th December:	10.00am - John Sharkey (Anniversary)
Wednesday	13th December:	07.00pm - Christmas Carol Service
Thursday	14th December:	10.00am - Catherine Sweeney (Anniversary)
Friday	15th December:	10.00am - Frank Gallagher (Anniversary)
Saturday	16th December:	07.00pm - Tom Rowan (1st Anniversary) Gerard Byrne (Anniversary) Mickey Cannon (Anniversary)
Sunday	17th December:	09.00am - Special Intention 11.00am - Mícheal Mooney (Anniversary)

Adoration: Sunday 6pm to Monday Midnight

Confessions: Saturday 6.30pm.

Rosary/Divine Mercy: Tuesday 6.30pm in Adoration Room.

Pray for: Mary Spendley, St Cummins Hill, whose funeral took place on Wednesday; Nora Egan, whose funeral took place on Wednesday in Longford (sister of Anne Kinsella); Nuala Keeney Blake, who died in Philadelphia (sister of Annie Keeney Harvey, Mountcharles); Mary Wigg (nee Raughter) formerly from Island, Killybegs, who died in Long Island, New York; Tom Wickham, whose funeral took place in Dublin on Wednesday (uncle of Pat McGee). Pray for: Michael Byrne, Noel Meehan. Suaimhneas Sioraí.

St Catherine's FC Annual Bazaar will be held in the Tara Hotel this Sunday 10th December at 5pm. Please come along and support your local club whilst availing of the fantastic prizes on offer.

Killybegs History & Heritage Committee are currently collecting expressions of support for Draft Local Area Plan regarding the area around St Catherine's Well and Church which hopefully will be zoned Amenity and Open Space. Submissions can be made by post or online to sevenstrategictownslap@donegalcoco.ie no later than 4.30pm on 17th Jan. Comment sheet available in Church Porch or: Patricia 087 3119020. Please return sheets to the Parish Office.

Niall Mór Centre 97 41863 Ring to book a place..
Kids Drama Class: New term starts Friday 19th Jan, run by Catie B, Balor Theatre, Ballybofey. 5-8 yrs 3.30pm-5pm; 9-13 yrs 5.30pm- 7pm. 10 week: €100.
Safepass Course: on Sat 27th Jan, 8am-5pm, €100.
Creel/Basket Making Workshop: Sat 20th Jan and Sun 21st Jan 10am-4pm, €40pp.

Killybegs Community Care, Care of the Aged Committee wish to thank everyone involved with the Senior Citizens Christmas Party: all the singers, musicians & Irish dancers and Mr Santa Claus. Thank you for coming and making the day a success.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

10th December - Margaret Breslin
17th December - Patricia Boyle

Sunday Collection	€ 1,145.00
Restoration Fund	
Envelopes 2nd & 3rd December	€ 1,750.00
Donations	€ 1,250.00
Total Restoration Fund:	€2,866,315.43

Thank you for your continued generosity

Killybegs History and Heritage Committee wish to thank all those who made our recent Christmas Craft Fair such a success, especially Henry Coleman, management and staff of the Bay View Hotel, the Crafters & Grainne McGuinness-Reilly. Prize winners: Paul McGinley, Ardara & Deirdre Elliot, Dublin. Funds raised to help with conservation of St Catherine's Old Church and Fintra Old N.S.

Slim R Us Class in Killybegs Carpet Visitors Centre every Saturday 12 noon-1pm in January.

Vintage Christmas Tea Day in Cope House Tues 12th Dec 10am-7pm in aid of Killybegs Christmas Lights. Marie Muirhead 087 6188289 & Yvonne Smyth 087 7805313.