

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

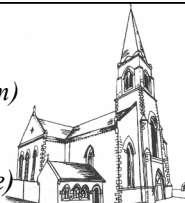
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**Masses and Services:** Live streaming [www.mcmedia.tv](http://www.mcmedia.tv) (*link on website*)



### PARISH MINISTRIES

Three sessions take place during Lent for the renewal of Parish Ministries, aimed at present and prospective Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Catechists, Collectors & Parish Choir members. This would involve:

- All who are already involved in those ministries. We gently encourage you to attend all 3 sessions.
- Newcomers, who might consider becoming a Reader or Minister of the Eucharist or Catechist or Collector or joining the Choir.

*We urgently need new members. All are welcome.*

**Week One: Thursday 14th March 7.30pm - 9pm**  
in the Church, with Jack O'Herlihy

**Week Two: Thursday 21st March 7.30pm - 9pm**  
in the Church, with Fr Kieran Shorten OFM Cap.

**Week Three: Thursday 28th March 7.30pm - 9pm,**  
Parish Office. Forward Planning, Refreshments.

*During Lent we encourage the congregation to sing along with the Parish Choir at 11am Sunday Mass.*

**Sacrament of Confirmation** Sunday 24 March 11am  
**First Confession Celebration:** Monday 1st April 7pm

### Response by Bishop Alan McGuckian to the death of Eugene Greene

The news of the death of Eugene Greene has reopened the hurt of those whom he violated, their loving families and communities across the Diocese of Raphoe. On behalf of the diocese I wish to express my profound sorrow and shame at the abuse which he perpetrated on innocent children.

On 26 February 2019 An Garda Síochána informed the diocese that Eugene Greene died last November in Cork. Until that contact from the Gardaí, the diocese was not aware of his death. Since he left prison in 2008 the diocese has not known his whereabouts. Greene was dismissed from the clerical state in November 2004.

Once the diocese was made aware of Greene's death, we immediately advised Tusla, the child and family agency, of this information.

While at all times honouring the wish of those survivors who may not want to be contacted by the Church, I wish to offer my support and invitation to meet with anyone who has suffered abuse.

### Interested in Becoming a Foster Carer?

Information Session in Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> March 6.30 – 9pm. Tel: Tusla 074 9123701.

### The Season of Lent 2019

*The Fountain thirsts, the Bread is hungry here  
The Light is dark, the Word without a voice.  
When darkness speaks it seems so light and clear.  
Now He must dare, with us, to make a choice.  
In a distended belly's cruel curve  
He feels the famine of the ones who lose  
He starves for those whom we have forced to starve  
He chooses now for those who cannot choose.  
He is the staff and sustenance of life  
He lives for all from one Sustaining Word  
His love still breaks and pierces like a knife  
The stony ground of hearts that never shared,  
God gives through him what Satan never could:  
The broken bread that is our only food.*

Malcolm Guite, 'Stones into Bread'.

- During Lent there will be Mass at **8.30am on Tuesday** mornings.
- Stations of the Cross **Wednesdays** 7pm.
- **Trócaire Boxes** are now available. Trócaire's Lent motto 2019 is: *Until Love Conquers Fear.*
- **Walk With Me:** A Lenten Journey of Prayer €2. Place donation in money box

### St Patrick's Day: Sunday 17th March 2019

*Vigil Mass:* Saturday 7pm;  
*Masses on Sunday* 9am & 11am

Irish Dancers, from the Bonner-Cannon School of Dancing, will be at 7pm & 11am Masses, *with refreshments afterwards* in the Parish Office. All are welcome.

**Thank you** The family of Gareth Rawdon wish to thank all who sympathised with them on their bereavement. Thanks to those who sent Mass cards, those who attended the wake and funeral & to everyone who helped out and for your kindness. Thanks to Fr Colm & the Parish Choir and McBrearty Undertakers.

**Outreach Officer** in Foresters Hall Thursday 14th March 10am - 12 noon. Tel: 0749161979

**Special Olympics** Church Gate Collection €858. Thanks for your support & generosity.

|                  |                    | Sunday 10th March 2019:  | First Sunday of Lent  | Cycle C                             |
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|                  |                    | Weekday Readings: Week One of Lent                               |   |                                     |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>9th March:</b>  | <b>07.00pm</b>   | - Doris Conwell (1st) & Barney Conwell (Anniversaries)<br>Sheila Hickey (1st Anniversary)<br>Kathleen & Paddy Thornton (Anniversaries)<br>Eileen, Neil & Liam Hegarty & Thomas Sheridan (Anniv)<br>Mary Geary (Anniversary)<br>Paddy & Michael Byrne (Anniversaries)                |                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>10th March:</b> | <b>09.00am</b>   | - Onzey Graglia (Month's Mind Mass)<br><b>11.00am</b> - Ann Wade & deceased Byrne family, Balbane   |                                     |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>11th March:</b> | <b>10.00am</b>   | - Special Intention   |                                     |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>12th March:</b> | <b>08.30am</b>   | - Maureen McCauley (5th Anniversary)  |                                     |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>13th March:</b> | <b>07.00pm</b>   | - Stations of the Cross   |                                     |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>14th March:</b> | <b>10.00am</b>   | - Margaret Broderick (Anniversary)  |                                     |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>15th March:</b> | <b>10.00am</b>   | - Paddy Haughey (21st Anniversary)  |                                     |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>16th March:</b> | <b>11.00am</b>   | - Margaret Leslie (Month's Mind Mass)<br><b>07.00pm</b> - Michael Carroll (1st Anniversary)<br>Bridie Meehan R.I.P.<br>Jim & Kate McBrearty, The Commons, &<br>John McBrearty & Helen McBrearty (Anniversaries)<br>Pat Quinn (8th Anniversary)<br>Margaret McGuinness (Anniversary) |                                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>17th March:</b> | <b>09.00am</b>   | - Ann Boyle (Month's Mind Mass)<br><b>11.00am</b> - Cassie O'Donnell (Anniversary)  |                                     |
|                  |                    | <b>Adoration:</b> Sunday 6pm - Monday Midnight                   |   | <b>Confessions:</b> Saturday 6.30pm |
|                  |                    | <b>Rosary/ Divine Mercy Adoration</b> Room Tues 5.45pm - 6.45pm. |   |                                     |

*Pray for: Maureen Molloy, Leitir, Kilcar, who died Saturday morning. Funeral arrangements later; Kenneth Whincup, Bruckless, who died Saturday morning. Funeral arrangements later; Maggie Ferry, whose funeral took place in Derrybeg on Wednesday; Bill Mabon, whose funeral was in Haddington, near Edinburgh, on Friday (father of Colm Mabon, supervisor, Killybegs Community Employment). Pray for: Willie & Nellie Murphy, Cahil McLaughlin, Annie Byrne. **Suaimhneas Stóraí.***

**Take Care** when lighting candles at shrines. Please dispose of candles gently in bucket.

**Carer needed** for adult male for all or some of the following nights: March 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup> From 9pm to 9am. Please contact 087 2807315.  
*Please note change of number.*

**Zumba Fitness Relunched:** A new 5 week course, €35 or €10 pay per night, Tuesdays 7pm in Ardara Heritage Centre. Tel: Bridget 0879130558

**25 Card Drive for Temple St Children's Hospital** PJ & Anne Marie Leslie wish to thank everyone who played and donated to the Card Drive in Old Commons School on November 29th. €1150 was raised. Thank you.

**Are you interested in joining the Killybegs Fire Service?** An open night for all interested candidates in the Fire Station Monday at 8pm. Further details and application form can be found on the Donegal County Council website under recruitment. Closing date for all applications is Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March.

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration**  
10th March - Mary Murrin (J)  
17th March - Anne Rodgers

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| <b>Sunday Collection</b>       | € 1,405.00           |
| <b>Restoration Fund</b>        |                      |
| Envelopes 2nd & 3rd March      | € 1,641.00           |
| <b>Total Restoration Fund:</b> | <b>€3,032,520.43</b> |

**Una's Reflexology Practice** starts in Áislann Centre, Kilcar, Thurs 14th March on a monthly basis. Booking Essential. Tel:0872854668

**The Playwriter** Fergus Cleary will perform his hilarious comedy "The Island Wake" in the Bosco Centre, Donegal Town Wed 13th March.

**Áislann Chill Chartha 0749738376**  
*Creative Writing Classes* Tues 12th March for 8 weeks 7- 8.30pm. €40.  
*Oiche Airneál* Friday 15th March 8pm. Free.  
*Country & Western Dance* Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March, €8.