

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

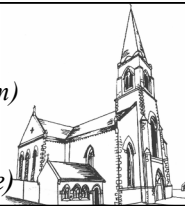
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A Blessing for Lent

Thank you, Lord,
for the blessing of optimism
at the beginning of my
Lenten journey
Thank you, Lord,
for the blessing of remembering
that you are with me at every step
Thank you, Lord,
for the blessing for those
who will encourage me
and walk with me as you do.



The Season of Lent 2018

- The Season of Lent begins this week on **Ash Wednesday**. Masses at **10am & 7pm**, with distribution of ashes after the Gospel. Ashes will be left in the Church on Ash Wednesday in front of the altar. Feel free to call in and bless yourself with these ashes as you begin Lent.
- During Lent there will be Mass at **8.30am on Tuesday** mornings.
- Stations of the Cross on **Thursdays at 7.00pm**
- Trócaire Boxes** are now available. Trócaire's motto for Lent 2018 is: Until LOVE conquers FEAR: 'We believe love is the only thing powerful enough to conquer fear, and our commitment to justice and dignity will continue until fear ends and love prevails. Together we can make a difference. Together we can transform lives. Together we can conquer fear.'
- Walk With Me:** A Lenten Journey of Prayer €2. Place donation in either of the money boxes in porch.

Celebrate St Valentine's Day

This year St Valentine's Day is also Ash Wednesday. Pope Francis invites couples (in his document The Joy of Love) to grow in love and to help their children to prepare for their future married life. With this in mind, and inspired by the World Meeting of Families in August, the following resources are available, free of charge, on a table by the spiral staircase:

- A St Valentine's Day Card (with a prayer)
- A St Valentine's Day Token Book: novel ideas to celebrate love / a prayer for those seeking a spouse

National Franciscan Pilgrimage Holy Land 5th-13th October Contact: Premier Travel. Tel. 021-4277700

First Communion Do This in Memory
Celebration: today Sunday 11am.

Parish Finance Committee meets tomorrow, Monday 12th February, 8pm in Parish Office.

Board of Management Meeting
Commons N.S. Tuesday 13th Feb 4.30pm.

Cara Pharmacy Annual Charity Pancake Tuesday Event in store and all proceeds to Killybegs Cancer Support Group. Any donations would be greatly appreciated. All welcome.

Lost *Man's Wedding Ring *Man's Watch
If found, please ring Parish Office

Mental Fitness and Well-being Course in the Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny.

Learning how to face your feelings of anxiety and depression? This is a course which will help you to improve your mental health and well-being. Starts Wednesday 7th March 7.30-9.30pm, 4 weekly sessions. Some techniques of anger management will be included. Course fee is €90/€60 concession. A deposit of €20 is required and fee needs to be paid in full before the first evening. The facilitator is Kathy O'Connor. Classes are open to all adults. Numbers limited. More info: Pastoral Centre 074 91 21853

Want to get fit & active Exercise class on Thursdays in the Voc. School Gym at 7pm. €5. Monies raised to Clara House.

Family Walk Sundays for next 4 weeks from Voc School Gym at 3pm. Donations to Clara House Sensory Suite.

North West Simon Community
Host A Tea & Cake Day Thurs 22nd Feb. Tel: Collette 074 9121613 / 087 0552438. E: collette@northwestsimon.ie / www.northwestsimon.ie

The Christian ideal, especially in families, is a love that never gives up. Pope Francis

- Sunday 11th February 2018: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time** Cycle B
- Weekday Readings: Sixth Week in Ordinary Time / after Ash Wednesday Cycle 2**

Saturday 10th February: 07.00pm - Joseph Cunningham (4th Anniversary)
Crew of MFV Jack Buchan: Georgie Buchan, James White, John Byrne, Denis McClafferty, Benny Armstrong (60th Anniversary)

Sunday 11th February: 09.00am - Edward & Nora Leslie (Anniversaries)
11.00am - Charles O'Donnell (3rd Anniversary)

Monday 12th February: 10.00am - Special Intention (Thanksgiving)

Tuesday 13th February: 10.00am - Special Intention

Ash Wednesday 14th February: 10.00am - Ellen Helferty R.I.P.
07.00pm - Special Intentions

Thursday 15th February: 10.00am - Deceased Cunningham family, Ballyara
07.00pm - Stations of the Cross

Friday 16th February: 10.00am - Special Intention

Saturday 17th February: 07.00pm - Maggie McTeague (Anniversary), John & Helen McBrearty (Anniversaries), Katie & Jim McBrearty (Anniversaries)

Sunday 18th February: 09.00am - Tara McGuinness (Anniversary)
11.00am - Annie Heraghty (1st Anniversary)

Adoration: Sunday 6pm to Monday Midnight

Confessions: Saturday 6.30pm

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

Pray for those who died recently: Annie Olsen, whose funeral was in Denmark yesterday, Saturday (sister of Brid McGuinness, Nora Bonner, Joan McGuinness, Lucy Lowney, Dinny Byrne).

Pray for: Paddy & Mary Haughey.

Suaimeanas Sioraí.

Donegal Special Olympics Annual Church Gate Collection 17th & 18th February.

Bingo on Mondays at 9pm in Foresters Hall. Special Valentine Bingo on this Monday, with Champagne & Roses to be won. Everyone welcome. Bring a friend.

Coffee Morning in aid of Beaumont Hospital Foundation in Tara Hotel on Thursday 15th February 10am-1pm. Hosted by Evelyn Harvey Cassidy.

Niall Mór Centre 9741863 Ring to book a place.
Mid Term Kids Camp: Kids Mid Term Holiday Camp Thurs 15th & Fri 16th Feb 10am - 2pm. €25.
Zumba for Kids: for 6 weeks Thurs 8th Feb €30 5-8 yrs 3:45 - 4:30pm
Pilates: Mon 12th Feb for 5 weeks. Ladies 8-9pm, Men 9-10pm. Tel Martina: 0863846302
Safepass Course: Sat 3rd March, 8am-5pm, €110.

Áislann Centre, Chill Chartha 074 9738376
Fáilte Ireland's Welcome Standard Workshop on Thursday 22nd February in Bayview Hotel, 12 noon-2pm, to explain the guidelines and application process on how to become approved to Fáilte Ireland's Welcome Standard. For more info: Máire Áine Gardiner 086 6057313 maireaine.gardiner@failteireland.ie

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

11th February - Maureen Cunningham
18th February - Mary Gallagher

Sunday Collection €1,255.00
Restoration Fund
Envelopes 3rd & 4th February €1,420.00
Standing Orders for November €1,485.00
Standing Orders for December € 845.00
Total Restoration Fund: €2,901,003.43

Benefit Dance for Stephan McGowan, Kilar, son of John the Chef, in Blue Haven on Sat 17th Feb at 10pm. Music Paddy McDevitt & Band.

The Yoga House New block starts Monday 12th Feb at 6.30pm. Text/ring 087 2066464.

The Power of Positive Thinking for Women. 4 week course, Tues 13th Feb, Inver Comm Centre 7.30-9.30pm. €65 Tel: 0879031389

Killybegs Women's Group

The Belarus Appeal Lorry is coming to Killybegs collecting for the Vesnova Orphanage & others in Belarus. We are appealing for goods that are clean and in good condition. Drop off at Mooney's old shop on Thursday 15th February 4-5pm. Check our Facebook page for more info.