

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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### Thoughts for Lent

- Lent stimulates us to let the Word of God penetrate our life and in this way to know the fundamental truth: who we are, where we come from, where we must go, what path we must take in life. *Pope Benedict XVI*
- Fasting is the soul of prayer, mercy is the lifeblood of fasting. So if you pray, fast; if you fast, show mercy; if you want your petition to be heard, hear the petition of others. If you do not close your ear to others, you open God's ear to yourself. *St Peter Chrysologous*
- Lenten practices of giving up pleasures are a good reminder that the purpose of life is not pleasure. The purpose of life is to attain a perfect life, all truth and undying ecstatic love - which is the definition of God. In pursuing that happiness, we find happiness. *Fulton J Sheen*
- O Lord, make this Lenten season different from the other ones. Let me find you again. Amen.
- Lent comes providentially to awaken us, to shake us from our lethargy. *Pope Francis*

### First Communion

The next 'Grow in Love' Celebration: this Sunday 11th February 11am

**Mass of Thanksgiving** with Bishop McGuckian on Monday 26th February at 7pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny, to mark his departure from the Diocese. Followed by refreshments. All welcome.

### Entrance Hymn: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost but now I'm found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

T'was grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed.

Though many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come,  
T'is grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace that will lead me home.



### The Season of Lent 2024

- The Season of Lent begins this week on **Ash Wednesday**. Masses **10am & 7pm**, with distribution of ashes after the Gospel. The collection at both Masses will be for the Easter flowers. Ashes will be 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.
- Trócaire Boxes** are now available.
- Walk With Me:** A Lenten Journey of Prayer €2. Place donation in the money boxes in porch.



**Parish Choir Practice** Monday 7.15pm

### The Sacrament of Confirmation: Special Notice

Sunday 25th February 11am.

There are 41 candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation and each family is being allocated one seat, which means the Church will be full to capacity with Candidates, their families and teachers. *We would ask those attending Mass that weekend to go to the 7pm Vigil Mass or 9am Mass to avoid 'overcrowding' at the 11am Mass. We want this Mass to be special for all who are being confirmed and for their families.*

### Final Hymn: How Great is Our God

*How great is our God! How great is his name!  
How great is our God! For ever the same.*



He rolled back the waters of the mighty Red Sea.

and he said: "I'll never leave you.  
Put your trust in me". (Chorus)

He sent his Son, Jesus, to set us free  
and he said: "I'll never leave you.  
Put your trust in me". (Chorus)

He gave us his Spirit, and now we can see  
and he said: "I'll never leave you.

**Killybegs Parish Hall** Damhsa le Clement  
Thursdays 8-10pm, refreshments served.

- Sunday 11th February 2024:** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
- Weekday Readings:** Sixth Week in Ordinary Time / Season of Lent Cycle 2

Masses will be relayed on the webcam: go to [killybegsparish.com](http://killybegsparish.com) for a link to Online Services

<b>Friday</b>	<b>9th February:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Francisco, Onzy & Mary Graglia (Anniversaries)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10th February:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - John Quinn (Month's Mind Mass) Laura Beirne (6th Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11th February:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Margaret Leslie (Anniversary) <b>11.00am</b> - Charles (9th) & Conal (4th) O'Donnell (Anniversaries)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>12th February:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Tony Gallagher (45th Anniversary)
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>14th February:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Special Intention <b>07.00pm</b> - Special Intentions
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>15th February:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Paul Murrin (Anniversary)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>16th February:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Baby Rían Vince (Anniversary)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>17th February:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Jackie & Ann McGettigan (Month's Mind Mass)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>18th February:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Tara McGuinness (Anniversary) <b>11.00am</b> - Manus & Annie Heraghty (Anniversaries)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament **Monday 11am - 7pm.**  
Monday: Mass 9am; No Mass on Tuesday; Friday: Mass 10am.

**Pray for:** Maeve Cannon Winters who died in Birmingham. Burial of ashes in Kilcar at a later date (cousin of Maeve McGowan).

**Pray for:** Crew of the Jack Buchan (66th Anniversary), Peter Cunningham, Ardara. *Suaimeheas Sioraí.*

### Liturgy of the Word for Children

We propose to reintroduce gradually the Liturgy of the Word for Children at the Sunday 11am Mass, initially on the first Sunday of the month: *Sunday 3rd March & Sunday 7th April at 11am.* The children (aged 4 upwards) would go to the Adoration Room with the Catechists after the Opening Prayer, celebrate in word, song, prayer and different activities and return after Communion time. We need more volunteers to help out (giving you the title 'catechist'). To prepare for the first session, there will be a meeting in the Parish Office on *Monday 19th Feb at 6.45pm.* If you can help out, please come along to this meeting. In the past, the children & helpers really enjoyed these Sunday sessions.

**Thank You** The family of the late John Griffin, Mountcharles, wish to thank everyone who sympathised, sent Mass cards, attended wake and funeral of their late father and grandfather. We are most appreciative of your support. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

### The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

27th - 31st May

**Pilgrimage to Fatima** 12th - 19th September

**Pilgrimage to San Giovanni Rotondo, Assisi & Rome** 11th - 18th September

See details on noticeboard.

**Chiropody Clinic** in Atlantic Marine Building  
Mon 12th Feb. Tel: Patricia Murphy 086 3776581

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	4th February	€ 1,100.00
<b>Maintenance Fund</b>	4th February	€ 1,355.00

### Primary School Enrolments 2024/ 2025

Schools are accepting new enrolments for 2024/2025 school year from *Monday 29th January - Thursday 29th February*

**Niall Mór N.S.:** See [www.niallmor.ie](http://www.niallmor.ie) under the Policies/Admissions tab or tel: 074 9731794

**Commons N.S.:** See [www.commonsns.com](http://www.commonsns.com) under the Parents tab or tel: 074 9731919 / commonsns@gmail.com

**Fintra N.S.:** see [www.fintrans.scoilnet.ie/blog](http://www.fintrans.scoilnet.ie/blog) under the enrolment tab or tel: 074 9731668

### Aislann Chill Chartha 0749738376

*Mid-term Disco* for National School Children.  
Friday 16th February 7.30-9pm. €5. Tuck Shop.  
*Sandy Kelly Concert* Friday 1st March 8pm. €30.

### Niall Mór Centre: 0749741863

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Kids: *Valentine's & St Patrick's Crafts, Sensory Play, Baby & Toddler Group, Easter camp, Messy Play, Piano lessons, Lego Time and Summer Camps.*

Adults: *Spring gardening, Upcycling, Watercolour Painting, Heritage in the Hinterland, Safepass, Yoga, Slimming World, the Desmond programme, People 1st, Grow and more.*

We are currently gauging interest for the following: Wreath Making, Culture Nights and Bee Keeping.