

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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



### Tax Rebates

€ We are very happy to announce that, following our claim to the Office of the Revenue Commissioners for Tax Relief on your donations to the parish, we have received the following refunds:

Charitable Donations Scheme 2013: €29,692.88

Charitable Donations Scheme 2014: €30,250.40

Charitable Donations Scheme 2015: €28,695.37

In total, by virtue of your contributions to the parish during the years 2013, 2014 and 2015, a total sum of **€88,638.65** has been refunded to the parish.

€ This comprises of tax that you had already paid to the Revenue Commissioners which has been refunded to the parish by virtue of the Charitable Donations Scheme

We applied for tax rebates on donations adding up to €250 or over, per year, at a rate of 31%, for both PAYE and SELF-ASSESSED, once an Enduring Declaration (valid for 5 years) was signed by all eligible donors.

We are grateful to everyone concerned for your cooperation and support which has resulted in a major boost to our Restoration Fund. We continue to repay the €950,000 loan which we negotiated in October 2012 and which now stands at €572,000.

€ Your ongoing generosity to the parish has echoes of the miracle of the loaves and fishes. Thank you.

### Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Depart Belfast, 22-27 May. €699pps. Tel 0749125090

Monday - Friday 12.30pm - 3.30pm.

### Discernment Weekend 10th-12th March

Dominican Contemplative Nuns welcome single young women (20-40) to our retreat house at Siena Monastery, The Twenties, Drogheda. Email: [siena3@eircom.net](mailto:siena3@eircom.net) / 0419838524 / [www.dominicannuns.ie](http://www.dominicannuns.ie)

### Study Theology by distance learning

with the Priory Institute. Apply before 28th February. Tel 014048124. [www.prioryinstitute.com](http://www.prioryinstitute.com)

### Diocese of Raphoe Justice and Peace Group

If you would like to play a part in welcoming refugees to Co Donegal, the Diocese of Raphoe Justice & Peace Group would be most grateful if you could contact us at [donegalrefugeeresponse@gmail.com](mailto:donegalrefugeeresponse@gmail.com) or text Jim 086 0566893. Please send us your name, mobile number and how you would like to help.

### A thought from Pope Francis...

*It is a matter of reaching out to everyone, of needing to help each person to find his or her proper way of participating in the ecclesial community and thus experience being touched by an 'unmerited, unconditional and gratuitous mercy'.*

*No one can be condemned forever, because that is not the logic of the Gospel! Here I am speaking not only of the divorced and remarried, but of everyone, in whatever situation they find themselves.*

Amoris Laetitia - The Joy of Love

### First Communion

**'Do This in Memory' Celebration:**  
this Sunday 12th February 11am.

### St Mary's Graveyard

Our graveyard is a sacred space where our loved ones are laid to rest.

Please do not drive vehicles through it unnecessarily nor allow dogs to disturb the graves or foul the grounds. We ask everyone to respect these sacred grounds.

### Thank you

The family of the late Eddie Joe Shovlin, Largy, would like to thank the doctors & nurses from Áras Gweedore Nursing Home, Fr Boyle, Fr Ferry, the undertakers, the choir and all who travelled to the wake and funeral, sent Mass cards and all who sympathised.

### 100th Anniversary of Fatima Apparitions

Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage  
10th July for 7 nights, €764. More info tel: Parochial House Bruckless 9737015 / Geraldine Shovlin 0872820946

### Foresters Active Retirement

have arranged for a Solicitor to give a talk and answer any questions on Wills etc. in the Hall at 3.30pm on Wednesday 15th Feb.  
Have your questions ready.  
On Friday 24th February we will be going to the Bay View for a meal at 6pm. Give your name to a member of the committee.  
Old and new members welcome.

- **Sunday 12th February 2017: Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A**
- **Weekday Readings: Sixth Week of Ordinary Time Cycle 1**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>11th February:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Anna & Tommy Molloy (Anniversaries) Joseph Cunningham (Anniversary) Nora & Fred Wagner (65th Wedding Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>12th February:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Tony Gallagher (Anniversary) <b>11.00am</b> - Charles O'Donnell (2nd Anniversary)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>13th February:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Mike Gulvin (3rd Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>14th February:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Special Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>16th February:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Special intention
<b>Friday</b>	<b>17th February:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Julie Higgins R.I.P.
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18th February:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Mary Byrne (Month's Mind Mass) Maggie McTeague (Anniversary) Tara McGuinness (Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19th February:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Special Intention <b>11.00am</b> - Connell McBrearty (Anniversary)

**Adoration:** Sunday 6pm - Monday Midnight

**Confessions:** Saturday 6.30pm.

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

**Pray for those who died recently: Gabriel Kyles, formerly from Bridge Street, whose funeral took place in Glencolmille on Wednesday.**

**Pray for: Sarah Carr, Margaret Carr, Tom McBrearty, Eddie Sweeney, Edward Leslie Suaimhneas Storaí.**

### Killybegs St. Patrick's Day Parade

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm**

Time to start working on your floats as we are 5 weeks away from the big day. Cash Prize for the best float on the day and as you know the standard is always very high, so get planning now.

We are calling on all business & clubs to take part in our parade to make it bigger than ever.

Tel: Barry 087 6997856 / Ann 086 0522834 for info.

### Niall Mór Centre 074 97 41863

[southwestdonegalcdp1@gmail.com](mailto:southwestdonegalcdp1@gmail.com) & Facebook  
*Journey to Freedom:* Una Clarke is holding a Life Changing Christian Weekend Program on 4th & 5th March 10am - 5pm. €60pp. Tel: 086 0815608  
[unaclarke1@gmail.com](mailto:unaclarke1@gmail.com).

*Introduction to Mind Strength:* 6 week course  
Thursday 16th Feb, 7 - 9 pm, €20pp.

*Mid Term Children's Fun Camp:* a 2-day activities camp on Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th Feb 10am - 2pm. €25  
*Killybegs Walk and Talk Group:* Thursdays 10am.  
*Personal Youth Development Programme (PYDP):*

by Donegal Youth Service for 16-25 yr olds to promote their personal and social skills and develop and grow their employability options through a suite of training programmes. Accredited training. Tel: Michelle Wylam on 074 9129630 / 085 2519287 or email [michelle.wylam@donegal-youthservice.ie](mailto:michelle.wylam@donegal-youthservice.ie)

### Children's Valentines Disco

in aid of St Catherine's Band on Sunday 12th Feb. in Bay View Hotel 4-6pm. Adm €5. Family price also.

### Blessed Sacrament Adoration

12th February - Margaret Breslin  
19th February - Patricia Boyle

**Sunday Collections** € 1,365.00

**Restoration Fund**

Envelopes 4th & 5th February € 1,521.00

Tax Rebates for years '13,'14, '15 €88,638.65

Stain Glass Windows Donation € 250.00

**Total Restoration Fund: €2,761,030.43**

Thanks for your continued generosity.

### Belarus Orphanage Appeal

The second lorry will come back to Donegal next week. We will keep collecting: nappies (children's & adults). The following must be washed/clean & in good condition: adult & children's clothes, shoes, bedding, blankets, towels, wipes, toiletries (soap/shampoos/bubble baths), nappy creams, soft toys/teddy bears. No hard toys or books. Cannot take prams/car seats/walkers/baths/ changing units/ etc - problems getting through customs. Collection date will be posted on Killybegs Women's Group Facebook page or contact any committee member.

### Mad Hatters Party

in aid of St Catherine's Band on Sat 4th March 8pm in Bruckless Community Centre. €10pp tables of ten. Bring own food & drink. Music on the night. For more info: Patrice 0876233503 / Patricia 0868497900