

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Masses and Services: Live streaming on www.mcmedia.tv



St Patrick's Day: Friday, 17th March: Beannachtaí Na Féile Pádraig Oraibh Uilig

Vigil Mass: Thursday 7.00pm; Masses on Friday at 9.00am and 11.00am.

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.

"Although I am imperfect in many ways I want my brothers and relatives to know what kind of man I am, so that they may perceive the aspiration of my life.

I am, then, first and foremost a rustic, an untaught refugee indeed who does not know how to provide for the future. But this much I know for sure. Before I was humbled I was like a stone lying in the deep mud. Then he who is mighty came and in his mercy he not only pulled me out but lifted me up and placed me at the very top of the wall. I must, therefore, speak publicly in order to repay the Lord for such wonderful gifts, gifts for the present and for eternity which the human mind cannot measure.

The gift of God and his eternal consolation must be made known, regardless of danger. I must fearlessly and confidently spread the name of God everywhere in order to leave a legacy after my death to my brothers and children, the many thousands of them, whom I have baptised in the Lord.

My only prayer to God is that it may never happen that I should lose his people which he won for himself at the end of the earth. I ask God for perseverance, to that I remain a faithful witness to him for his own sake until my passing from this life".

St Patrick

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday 26th March 11am.
Keep the 43 Confirmation Candidates in your prayers.

First Communion 'Do This In Memory' Celebration:
Sunday 19th March 11.00am.

Killybegs St. Patrick's Day Parade Friday 17th March at 3pm

Cash Prize for the best float on the day. Calling all business & clubs to take part in parade to make it bigger than ever.
For info tel: Barry 087 6997856 / Ann 086 0522834

The Season of Lent 2017

- During Lent there will be Mass at **8.30am on Tuesday** mornings.
- **Trócaire Boxes** are now available.
- **Walk With Me:** A Lenten Journey of Prayer €2. Place donation in either of money boxes in porch.

Charity Concert in aid of the Restoration Fund

The Franklin College Choir, Indiana, U.S.A., consisting of 18 singers, will perform in our Church on **Thursday 30th March at 8pm**, as part of their Charity Concert Tour, visiting Dublin, Kilkenny, Cork, Sligo, Belfast and Killybegs. They will be joined on the night by St Catherine's Voc. School Choir, under the direction of Karen McCrudden. Everyone is welcome. The baskets will be passed around during the evening, the collection going to the Restoration Fund.

Candles at Our Lady's Altar

We are a bit concerned that the heat intensity generated by the candles on Our Lady's Altar may have an adverse effect on the Holy Family Painting hanging directly above the altar. In order to minimize the danger, we would ask that candles be placed on either candelabra beside the altar and only in case of necessity that candles would be placed only on the front part of the altar table. Please do not place any candles above the altar table or near the tabernacle door. This will greatly reduce the danger of any long-term deterioration of the painting.

Church Gate Collection

on St Patrick's Day for Irish Language.

Thank you

The Sweeney family, Ardara, thank everyone who attended wake and funeral, sent Mass Cards and messages of sympathy on the recent death of Danny Sweeney. Mass will be offered for your intentions.
Anna Murrin, Fírbregas

Congratulations and Best Wishes to

*Edel Molloy & Joseph Gildea
Yvonne Mc Partland & Daniel Breslin*
who were married recently.

- **Sunday 12th March 2017:** *Second Sunday of Lent Cycle A*
- **Weekday Readings:** *Second Week of Lent*

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| Saturday | 11th March: | 07.00pm - Molly McCahill (2nd Anniversary) John James & Peter McGuinness (Anniversaries) |
| Sunday | 12th March: | 09.00am - Margaret Broderick (Anniversary) 11.00am - Margaret McGuinness (2nd Anniversary) |
| Monday | 13th March: | 09.00am - Irma Sawyer R.I.P. |
| Tuesday | 14th March: | 08.30am - Special Intention |
| Thursday | 16th March: | 07.00pm - Special Intention |
| Friday | 17th March: | St Patrick, Bishop, Principal Patron of Ireland 09.00am - Patrick Haughey (Anniversary) 11.00am - Cassie O'Donnell (Anniversary) |
| Saturday | 18th March: | 07.00pm - Jim Corbett (1st Anniversary) Pat O'Callaghan (Anniversary) Pat Quinn (Anniversary) Rose & Charlie Conwell (Anniversaries) Josie & Catherine Meehan (Anniversaries) |
| Sunday | 19th March: | 09.00am - Annie Heraghty (Month's Mind Mass) 11.00am - James & Annie Byrne (Anniversaries) |

Adoration: Sunday 6pm - Monday Midnight

Confessions: Saturday 6.30pm.

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

Please note: Mass Monday 9am

Pray for those who died recently: Josephine Gillespie, Ware, England & Aghavevoge, whose funeral took place yesterday Saturday in Killybegs (sister of Seamus Gillespie); Ann O'Donnell, Church Rd; Fr Pat Prendergast, Parish Priest of Glenties, whose funeral took place in Glenties on Thursday; Irma Sawyer who died recently in New Jersey (sister of Christina Kane, Fintra Rd); Pray for: Mary Geary, Nellie & Willie Murphy. *Suaimhneas Síoráí*

TY Variety Concert on Wednesday 15th March in St Catherine's V.S. at 7pm. Doors open 6.30pm.
Adm: Children €3, Students €5, Adults €7.

Killybegs Tidy Town's Committee A meeting in Bay View Hotel, Cocktail Bar on Mon 13th March at 7pm. Members of the public, groups, businesses and other committees are invited to give their input as to what ideas they could pass on to the committee to improve appearance, tidiness etc of Killybegs. Your attendance would be much appreciated.

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Nature: Saving Women's Lives. Service includes low cost counselling providing support for: Fertility Difficulties, Depression in Pregnancy, Post-Natal Depression, Traumatic Birth, Miscarriage & other related illnesses. For contact number tel:074 9741863 or Dr Bourke's Surgery.
Letterkenny Women's Centre: counselling service .
Tel: Brid on 074 9124985
Niall Mor Childcare Centre now enrolling for ECCE Scheme for April & Sept 2017. If your child was born by August 2014 they may be entitled to a free childcare place under this scheme. Tel: 074 9748000.
Free Job Club training programme on Wednesday 29th March for 3 weeks, 10.30am - 1.30pm daily.
Tel: 071 9858959 for more details.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration
12th March - Rosemary Gallagher
19th March - Celia Doherty

Sunday Collection € 1980.00
Ash Wednesday (Church Flowers) € 665.00
Restoration Fund
Envelopes 4th & 5th March €1570.00
Total Restoration Fund: €2,767,367.43
Thanks for your continued generosity.

A First Aid Course in Youth Centre on Wednesday 15th and 22nd March, 4 - 7:30pm for children aged 15-18. €15.

Kilcar Community Singers are Back!
In Blue Haven on Thursday 16th March at 8.30pm. Special Guests: Cór Choláiste na Carraige. Adm €10/€15. Raffle on night.

Kilcar Variety Group 25th Anniversary Show, Jack & the Beanstalk, running until Sunday 12th March in Parish Hall at 8pm. Adm €10 adults, €5 for kids and students.

Homeopathy in the Home 4 week course starts Monday 13th March upstairs in John the Minors, Main St, Carrick, 7-9pm, by Pauline Maguire. €36. Tel. Stacey 085 1943575.