

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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



### Service of Reconciliation

Tomorrow Monday 15th December 7pm.  
Please arrive in time and maintain a spirit of prayer and peace throughout the service.

**Junior Choir practice** after 11am Mass today and on Sunday 21st December.

### Christmas Masses

**7.00pm (Eve):** Children's Christmas Mass  
**11.00pm (Eve):** Christmas 'Midnight' Mass  
**Christmas Day:** Masses at **9.00am** and **11.00am**

**Practices for Children's Mass (Christmas Eve 7pm):**  
Monday 22nd Dec 11am and Tuesday 23rd Dec 11am.

### Parish Christmas Deliveries

We are grateful to everyone involved in delivering to all homes the Christmas Newsletter and the Killybegs Parish Calendar 2015 and also delivering the Church and Restoration envelopes. Anyone who would like a set of envelopes please let Ann know in the Parish Office.

### Killybegs Parish Calendar 2015

Some extra complimentary calendars available in Parish Office for those away from home.

### Last Man Standing

A football lottery in aid of the Restoration Fund: extra entry forms available from Parish Office. Covers 6 weeks of Premiership matches, beginning Saturday 10th January. Entry fee €10, Winner gets €500, two €50 consolation prizes.

**Sunday Missal 2015** €5 Sacristy / Parish office. Complimentary copy for all Ministers.

### A book of Poetry by Aidan Sharkey

Aidan Sharkey, Killybegs/Holland, has released a book of poetry: the eldest of eight children, has been fighting cancer for the last couple of years, his poetry is influenced by the days of his childhood, his years fishing and his eventual move to Haarlem in 1993 where he still lives. If anyone would like a copy contact his brother Barry at: bsharkey1@eircom.net No charge but a donation to a cancer charity would be welcome.

**Maritime and Heritage Centre Fayre** Due to demand, the craft fayre has been extended to Wednesday 17th.

**Bay View Hotel & Leisure Centre** Special Offer on memberships until Christmas Eve.

### Christmas Carol Service

*Wednesday 17th December 7pm*

The local schools join the Parish Choir and the Choral Group. The collection will go to the Capuchin Day Care Centre, Dublin, which provides 600 meals a day to people who are homeless and 1000 food parcels a week for those on the poverty threshold. All welcome.

### 'Do This In Memory'

**First Communion Celebration**  
Sunday 21st December 11am Mass.

### Parish Office Christmas Gifts

There is a large and varied supply of Christmas gifts and cards available in the Parish Office.

**The Perfect Gift...** a limited number of two magnificent aerial photographs of St Mary's Church in its beautiful idyllic setting, mounted on canvas, A3 size, 16x12 inches, €49 each. (Canvas only: €35, for posting.) *An excellent Christmas gift for home or abroad.*

**St Vincent de Paul Special Christmas Collection** will be taken up **after** all Masses this weekend 13th & 14th Dec.

**St Joseph's Young Priests Collection** amounted to €734.90. Thanks to all who contributed and collectors. Also donations of €400.

**Rota** for Monthly Readers and Basket Collectors now available in middle aisle.

**Pioneer Mass** on Thurs 18th Dec at 7pm. Anyone wishing to receive Gold or Silver Pins tel Celia 9731186. New members welcome.

**Donegal Spina Bifida** Thank you so much for your generous contribution to our collection €592 was raised between Killybegs & Kilcar.

**Valerie Hegarty** thanks everyone who supported her Coffee Morning which was a great success. €1146 has been donated to the Jack and Jill Foundation.

**Áislann Fitness Suite**, Kilcar Special Offer only €99. Gift Vouchers available.

- **Sunday 14th December 2014: Third Sunday of Advent (Cycle B)**
- **Weekday Readings: 3rd Week of Advent (Cycle 1)**

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>13th December:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Margaret Gallagher (Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>14th December:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Willie & Áine Murray (Anniversary) <b>11.00am</b> - Sarah & James O'Donnell (Anniversaries)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>15th December:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Deceased members of the Rowan family <b>07.00pm</b> - <b>Christmas Service of Reconciliation</b> <b>10.00am</b> - Mary O'Donnell-Purce RIP (Month's Mind Mass)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>16th December:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - <b>Christmas Carol Service</b>
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>17th December:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Paddy & Bridie Johnston (Anniversaries)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>18th December:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Pioneer Mass
<b>Friday</b>	<b>19th December:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Catherine Sweeney (Anniversary)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20th December:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Sarah McCloskey (Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21st December:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Special Intention <b>11.00am</b> - Micheál Mooney (6th Anniversary)

**Adoration:** Sunday 6pm - Monday midnight. **Confessions:** Saturday 6.30pm

*Pray for those who died recently: Mary Murphy, whose funeral was in Drogheda last week (mother of Seán Murphy, Riverdale Heights); Willie Kerrigan whose funeral took place yesterday (Saturday). Owen Boyle, who died in London (brother of Agnes Friel). Pray for: Bernard & Helen Doogan, Michael Byrne, Noel, Mary & Packie Meehan and Baby John Kelly. Suaimhneas Storaí.*

### Junior Strictly Come Dancing 2015

It's back and it's audition time!  
Calling all 3<sup>rd</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> class pupils for Strictly Come Dancing on Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> March. Parents are invited to bring their children to open auditions on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> January** in Tara Hotel. Funds raised will go to St. Mary's Restoration Fund. Audition times: Fintra N.S.: 10am; Commons N.S.: 11.30am & Niall Mór N.S.: 1.30pm

### The Senior Citizens party

was a great success! Thanks to everyone who joined us. Thanks to Johnny Paul, Breege and staff of the Tara Hotel. Thanks to musicians and singers: Rosaleen Boyle, Kathy Hegarty, Michael Melly, Fred Smith, Denny & Naoise Coleman, Catherine Burke, Maeve McGowan, Maeve Murray, Celia Doherty, Agnes & Barney and Mr & Mrs Claus.

### St Catherine's F.C. Annual Bazaar

in the Tara Hotel on Sunday 14th December 6.30pm. Come along and support your local club. Seamus Coleman prizes, hampers, vouchers and Santa's Grotto for that family snap.

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Boxing Day Swim** in aid of Alzheimer's Donegal Branch and Killybegs Community Hospital. Sponsorship cards available. Contact: *Nuala @ Sweet News; Roisin @ Centra; Theresa @ Fawlyts Bar; Gerald @ Fleet Inn John @ 087-2851776; Pauric @ 087-2230371; Fionnuala @ 087-4175410; Kevin @ Garda Station.* Swim at 2pm. Arrangements to follow.

**Christmas Table Quiz** in Tara Hotel in aid of Cancer Research on Boxing Night at 9.30pm

### Blessed Sacrament Adoration

14th December - Christine Smith  
21st December - Brendan O'Keeney

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	€ 1,600.00
<b>Restoration &amp; Development Fund:</b>	
Envelopes 6th & 7th December	€ 1,541.00
Harvey's Gala Night	€ 100.00
Bridge Street Charity Shop	€ 1,000.00
<b>Total Fund:</b>	<b>€2,295,867.38</b>

**A day in Dungloe with Daniel and other artists** Join Daniel O'Donnell and a host of other artists for an outdoor concert on Sunday 17th May in Dungloe. All proceeds to Dungloe Community Hospital. Tickets go on sale next Saturday 13th Dec. €20 tickets from outlets throughout Donegal and through Ticketmaster.

**Margaret Connell**, Foot Health Practitioner will attend the Family Health Centre on Wednesday 17th December. For appointments tel: 087 1417180

### Niall Mór Centre 074 97 41863

- Department of Social Protection are running a 1 day Safe Pass Course at end of January, anyone in receipt of a social welfare payment can avail of this course free.
- Spanish classes, 16 weeks from January
- Occupation First Aid FETAC Level 5. 3 day course Friday- Sunday in Jan - Feb 2015

**Thank you** Annie Heraghty thanks neighbours, friends and everyone who gave presents and cards on the occasion of her 90th Birthday.