

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

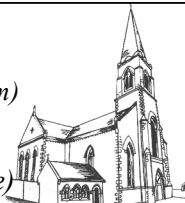
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RIGHT TO LIFE

Bishop Alan McGuckian has issued a Pastoral Letter presenting a very clear and concise outline of important issues relating to the Right to Life. Over the next five weeks we will print excerpts from his Pastoral Letter in this Newsletter for you consideration and reflection.

My Dear People,

In anticipation of a Referendum on the 8th Amendment of the Constitution I want to write to you on the question of the Right to Life. As Catholics we all hold to the absolute sacredness of all life from conception to natural death. Still, I know that this is a very sensitive, delicate and, indeed, painful topic for many. I offer my reflections with great respect for the integrity of everyone while wishing to make some points clearly and unambiguously.

You and I have a right to our life. It isn't given to us by the Irish Constitution or by any law. We have it 'as of right', whether we're wealthy or poor, healthy or sick. All human beings have it. For us as a society to now declare that any category of human beings should have that right taken from them is a seriously backward step. It effectively says that they don't exist or, if they do, they don't count. That is a manifest injustice...

I invite you to pray earnestly that the people of Ireland will 'choose life' and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country.

+Alan McGuckian S.J.
Bishop of Raphoe

The Sacrament of Confirmation

next Sunday 22nd April 11.00am.

Pray for the 51 young people being confirmed.
We ask God's blessing on them and their families.

Please note:

No Liturgy for Children on Confirmation Sunday.

The Irish Kidney Association will hold their Church Gate Collection on Saturday 21st & Sun 22nd April.

Church Opening & Closing Times: Summertime opens at 8am and closes at 8pm (or after evening Mass).

Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday, 22nd April, 11am
First Communion: Saturday, 12th May, 11am
Mass at Drumanoo Mass Rock Wednesday 6th June 7pm
Graveyard Mass: Friday, 27th July, 7.00pm

Top Five Regrets of the Dying

as recorded by Bronnie Ware, an Australian nurse, who worked in palliative care.

1. I wish I had the courage to live a life true to myself, not the life others expected of me.
2. I wish I hadn't worked so hard (relationships were compromised)
3. I wish I had the courage to express my feelings (not dealing with resentment and bitterness led to health difficulties later in life)
4. I wish I had stayed in touch with my friends (regrets about not giving friendships the time and effort they deserved)
5. I wish I had let myself be happier.

Clean-up at Lough Head Shoreline

Killybegs Tidy Towns have organised a clean-up for Monday 23rd April, meeting at the Bridge at 6pm. Help would be appreciated. Please spread the word.

Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages

2018 7 nights B&B and Airport Shuttle service from €279 pp. Book any flight - any time and we provide guaranteed airport shuttle service. Call us for further info and book the dates that suit you.

Contact: 014434510 /
reservations@med-irishcentre.com.

Thank you Brendan & Mary Hickey and family wish to thank all who sympathised with them, sent cards and called on the recent death of his mother Sheila Hickey. Mass will be offered for you intentions.

Are you caring for a family member at home?

A spouse, a partner or a close relative or neighbour? Then you are a Family Carer. Become a member of Family Carers Ireland and benefit from a local and national network that helps family carers who need advice and that informs and influences Government policy relating to home-based care. As a member you can also avail of our exclusive deals. For more info call 05793 22920 or www.familycarers.ie

- **Sunday 15th April 2018:** *Third Sunday of Easter* **Cycle B**
- **Weekday Readings:** *Third Week of Easter*

Saturday	14th April:	07.00pm - Liz Prior (Anniversary) Bill Mc Lean (Anniversary)
Sunday	15th April:	09.00am - Kathleen & Jim Mc Brearty (Anniversaries) 11.00am - Tommy & Evelyn Blaine (Anniversaries)
Monday	16th April:	10.00am - Special Intention (Thanksgiving)
Tuesday	17th April:	10.00am - Special Intentions
Thursday	19th April:	10.00am - Bridget Byrne (100th Anniversary)
Friday	20th April:	10.00am - Special Intentions 07.00pm - Michael Carroll R.I.P. (Month's Mind Mass)
Saturday	21st April:	07.00pm - Josephine Gillespie (1st Anniversary) Johnny McGowan (Anniversary) Pat Rawdon (Anniversary)
Sunday	22nd April:	09.00am - Francie Gallagher & Paddy Gallagher (Anniv) 11.00am - Sacrament of Confirmation James Molloy (2nd Anniversary)

Adoration: Sunday 6pm to Monday Midnight

Confessions: Saturday 6.30pm.

Rosary/ Divine Mercy/ Adoration in the Adoration Room Tuesday **7.00pm**.

Pray for those who died recently: *Rosanna Boyle, Cornaghan, whose funeral took place on Wednesday; Teresa Kelly (formerly Teresa Leslie, Largy), whose funeral takes place in London on Monday 16th April. Pray for: Brendan Hickey, Paul Conway. Suaimhneas Siorai.*

World Meeting of Families 21-26 August 2018: Online registration is now open for the Congress (Wed 22 - Fri 24 August). We hope to organise transport for Saturday (Croke Park) and Sunday (Phoenix Park) when Pope Francis will be present, as soon as registration for these two days opens. *If you are interested in travelling by coach Saturday or Sunday, please let Ann know in the Parish Office*

Ladies Golf evening

There will be an Introduction to Ladies Golf evening on Tuesday 24th April at 7pm at Donegal Golf Club Murvagh. This is an opportunity for any Ladies that are thinking about trying the game out. No booking required just turn up on the night!

Pre-School Vaccines

Patients of Dr Woods & Dr Staunton are invited to attend our practice for the administration of pre-school vaccines from 24th - 27th April. This is applicable to children starting school in September. Tel: 074 97 41122 for appointment.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season 2018

opens Saturday 5th May.

One Day Retreats in May, August & September.
Three Day Pilgrimage from Friday 1st June until Monday 13th August.

Full details on poster in church porch.

BIM Boatyard, Killybegs Reunion Dinner

in the Bay View Hotel on Saturday 9th June at 8pm for former staff and families of deceased staff. Tickets from hotel reception €20. Tel 074 9731950

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

15th April - James Gavigan
22nd April - Margaret Breslin

Sunday Collection	€1,415.00
Trocaire	€ 216.00
World Meeting of Families	€ 680.00
Restoration Fund	
Envelopes 7th & 8th April	€1,980.00
Total Restoration Fund:	€ 2,916,503.43

Found: Rosary Beads found at Brendan Boyle's, Tullid, during the wake. Tel: 9731013.

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Tea Room now open Saturdays from 10am - 3pm. Mon - Fri: 9.30am - 4.30pm.
Kilcar Heritage Committee Fundraising Coffee Morning Friday 20th April 10.30am - 1pm.
Oiche Airneál, Aoine, 27ú Aibreán, 8-10 i.n. Refreshments Served. Free Admission.
Vintage Run in aid of Carrick Day Care Centre & Sheltered Housing. Leaving Áislann Car Park, at 2pm, Sunday 6th May.

Trócaire Boxes: Lent 2018: Please return remaining envelopes this week. Final call!