

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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**Masses and Services:** Live streaming [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live) (*link on website*)



### Advent Service of Reconciliation

this Monday 16th December 7.00pm

This service will follow the usual format except that after you have received individual absolution you may depart quietly. Thank you.



### The 3rd Sunday of Advent

reminds us that we are pilgrims of joy.

### A Special Friend

*Jesus is remembered as a special friend of children. Growing up in Nazareth, Jesus was obviously different from other young men of his age. He remained unmarried and enjoyed plenty of time to spend with children and show himself to be their special friend. Jewish society of those days did not particularly value, less still spoil children. The sooner they grew up and started working, the better. They were down at the bottom of the social scale. But Jesus loved and cherished them. Children must have appealed to Jesus because they can be amazingly imaginative and creative. They could appreciate the stories he told and, in particular, catch the point of his parables. Children offer a great deal to adults by teaching them new ways of seeing things, if grownups are open and receptive.*

Fr Gerry O'Collins 1931 - 2024



### Christmas Eve Masses:

**6pm:** with First Communion children & Junior Choir  
**8pm:** with Confirmation Classes & St Catherine's Vocational School Choir.

**10pm:** with Parish Choir  
**Christmas Day Masses: 9am & 11am**

**Parish Choir Practice** Thursday 7.15pm

### Liturgy of the Word for Children

this Sunday 15th December 11am



### Parish Christmas Deliveries

Thank you to all who are involved in the delivery of the Christmas Newsletter/ Parish Calendar 2025/ envelopes (as requested) to each household. Complimentary copies of the Calendar are available.

**Christmas Confessions** Confessions after 10am  
 Mass this week on Tuesday & Thursday.  
 Confessions on Saturday 21st December 11am - 12

### Children's Practices for Christmas

The First Communion Children and Junior Choir and other children are invited to take part in the Christmas Play during the Christmas Eve Mass 6pm  
 There will be 2 practices in the Church:  
 \* *Tuesday 17th December 5.30pm - 6.30pm* (play parts will be decided)  
 \* *Wednesday 18th December 5.30pm - 6.30pm* (Dress rehearsal)  
 Children taking part in the play must be able to attend both sessions.

**Carol Service Collection** €1245 was raised at St Mary's Carol Service and was forwarded to UNICEF. Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

### Entrance Hymn: You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence,  
 I will lift you from all your fear.  
 You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,  
 Be still and know I am here.

*(Chorus) Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
 I have called you each by name.  
 Come and follow me,  
 I will bring you home;  
 I love you and you are mine.*

I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
 I am eyes for all who long to see.  
 In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,  
 Come and rest in me. *(Chorus)*

### Final Hymn: Rejoice in the Lord

Rejoice in the Lord always  
 and again I say rejoice (x 2)

*Rejoice, rejoice and again I say rejoice (x2)*

Rejoice in the Lord always  
 and again I say rejoice (x2)

*Rejoice, rejoice and again I say rejoice (x2)*

Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice.

◆ **Sunday 15th December 2024: Third Sunday of Advent: Year C**

◆ **Weekday Readings: Third Week of Advent**

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

<b>Friday</b>	<b>13th December:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Special Intention
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>14th December:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Tom Rowan (8th Anniversary) Gerard Byrne & Mickey Cannon (Anniversaries) Moira & Barney Murrin (Anniv) & John Murrin R.I.P. James (20th) & Sarah (17th) O'Donnell (Anniv)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>15th December:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Stephen & Nora McTeague (Anniversaries) <b>11.00am</b> - Frank Gallagher (Anniversary)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>16th December:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Special Intention
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>17th December:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Philomena McDevitt, Marcus Lydon (Anniversaries) & deceased members of the Friel family <b>10.00am</b> - Michael Mooney (16th Anniversary)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>19th December:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Sarah McCloskey (Anniversary)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>20th December:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Fr Dan O'Doherty (2nd Anniversary) Margaret Gallagher (3rd Anniversary) Roselean M Guinness (6th Anniversary) Josephine Haughey (9th Anniversary)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>21st December:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Jerry O'Neill (14th Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>22nd December:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - John Gallagher, Carricknagore (6th Anniversary) <b>11.00am</b> - John Gallagher, Carricknagore (6th Anniversary)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday 11am - 6pm.

**Pray for: Eugene 'Dodger' Gamble, Castlefin, whose funeral took place on Thursday (brother of Kieran Gamble, Fintra). Pray for: Paddy Hegarty, Sarah Agnes Hegarty, Rose Boyle, Charlie Boyle. Suaimhneas Siorai.**

**SVDP (Killybegs)** €1,385 was raised in the recent Annual Appeal Collection. Your generosity is very much appreciated in this collection and in all collections during 2024. Many thanks.

**Sunday Collection** 8th December €1,180.00  
**Maintenance Fund** 8th December €1,075.00  
 Donation €1,000.00  
*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

**SeniorLine** is Ireland's (HSE Funded) national telephone service for older people open every day of the year 10am-10pm: Freephone 1800 80 45 91. Feeling isolated, alone, bereaved or far from family

**Missals 2025** are now available. A complimentary copy for Ministers of the Word and Eucharist..

### Niall Mór Centre

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*Bird Houses* handmade by local craftsmen from the Killybegs Men's Shed for sale at the Niall Mór Centre. Large €60, Small €15.  
*St Catherine's V.S.* TY Students handmade wooden Santa signs for sale at the centre also.  
*Christmas Holidays* Fri 20th Dec - Mon 6th Jan.

### A Concert in Memory of Eoin Anthony Arnold

in Blue Haven Friday 20th Dec 8pm with Conor O'Donnell, Grainne Gavigan, Gerry Guthrie, Naomi and Cian Carr with special guest Daniel O'Donnell in aid of Donegal Hospice, Irish Cancer Society, Little Blue Heros, Oscar kids club, Cancer Fund for children. Tickets €40 from Sweet News.

### CLG Na Cealla Beaga

Na Cealla Beaga Seniors Men's teams are hosting St Stephen's Day 'Kick for a Case' in aid of Bridge Street Floor Committee. Thursday 26th December, Eamonn Byrne Memorial Park 12noon. Anyone wishing to play should arrive no later than 11am. All donations are welcome.

CLG Na Cealla Beaga New Year's Eve Ball on Tuesday, 31st December, Bay View Hotel. Doors open 6.30pm followed by a 3 course meal at 8pm. Tickets €37.50. Please contact Christopher or Fionnuala Cunningham or Marie Dawn White to book tickets.

### Áislann Chill Chartha 0749738376

*Áislann National School Children's Disco.* Fri 20th Dec 7 - 8.30pm. Tuck Shop Open. Admission €5.  
*Áislann Fitness Suite* Christmas Special Offer  
 1 Year Adult €149. 1 Year Student/OAP €110.

*Upcoming concerts 2025.* Seeger Sessions Revival: 14th March. Onóir: 4th April.  
 Dublin City Ramblers: 16th May.  
 Gift Vouchers available for all Áislann facilities.

*Neither success or failure is ever final.*