

**St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs**

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



**The Painting of the Holy Family**

It was a moving, significant and joyful occasion on Friday evening when our treasured painting was unveiled and blessed, returning home after being in London for restoration for the last four years. Caterina Goodhart, the restoration artist, and her husband Christopher gave us an excellent insight into the history and the mystery of the Killybegs 'Murillo'.

An unfinished work dating back to the late 17th century or early 18th century, it was completed by Spanish artist Stephanie Seron in the late 1830s. Acquired by Killybegs landlord Alexander Murray, who was Member of Parliament in Westminster 1838 - 1845, he gifted it to St Mary's Church at its official opening in 1844. It hung in the church until the mid-1930s and put in permanent storage in the church tower when the church ceiling was about to be replaced. It remained there uncared for until May 2011 and as the most recent restoration of the church was beginning it was sent to London for restoration. Caterina and her team brought it back to life through her professionalism and expertise and with great care, patience, perseverance and prayer.

The unveiling was performed by Moira Mallon and Charlie Boyle, who remember the painting hanging in the church in their earlier days, located where the Confession Box currently stands.

*A special one-off Collection to help with 'Murillo' Restoration expenses takes place at all Masses after Communion next weekend 24th/25th October. All donations to the 'Murillo' Fund are very welcome.*

**Accord Marriage Preparation Courses**

Donegal Town: 20th & 21st November  
Letterkenny: 13th & 14th November  
Book: [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie) or 074 9122218

**Niall Mór Childcare Centre** thanks everyone for supporting their Car Boot Sale. A follow early Dec.!

**Áislann Chill Chartha 9738376**

*Now taking names for* Irish Classes, Adult Computer Classes, Knit & Knatter, Upcycling, Pilates and Couch to 5k. Suggestions for other classes and courses welcome. Classes will start subject to numbers.  
*Halloween Kids Cinema Club.* Adm Children €3.  
Tuck Shop available Tues, Wed & Thurs 1 p.m.  
*Halloween Family Fun Day* - Sat 31st Oct 12 - 4 p.m. Adm €5 per child, adults free - family concession.  
*Áislann Christmas Market & Indoor Boot Sale* Sunday 6th December 2015 from 12 - 3pm. Tables provided €15. Booking advisable T: 074 9738376.

**First Communion**

Enrolment of candidates for First Communion takes place today Sunday 18th October, 11am. We welcome the 39 young people being enrolled as candidates for First Communion and pray God's blessing on them and on their families. Keep them in your prayers over the coming months.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation**

*Confirmation Date: Sunday 24th April 2016.*

There are 31 candidates for Confirmation. They will be enrolled as candidates for Confirmation on Saturday 7th November at the 7pm Mass and will look after the Readings, Prayers and Gifts at the 7pm Saturday Mass throughout November. We pray God's blessing on them and their families.

There will be a meeting for all Confirmation parents in the Church on Monday 2nd November 7.30pm. A full attendance would be appreciated.

**Parish Finance Committee**

meets Wednesday 21st October at 8pm.

**Fundraiser for Cancer Care West and Irish Cancer Society**

Afternoon tea, Crafts and Cake Sale and Children's Activities on Saturday 24th Oct in Bosco Centre from 12 noon - 4pm.  
*A Gala Concert* Sunday 25th October in Mill Park 8pm.

**A Coffee Morning & Cake Sale**

this Sunday 18th Oct 11.30am - 2pm in Tara Hotel in aid of Fintra N.S. All Welcome!

**A New Year's Eve Ball**

in aid of interactive sensory equipment for Intellectual Disability/Autism at Clara House, Killybegs, in *Bay View Hotel on Thursday 31st December*. Bubbly reception at 6.30pm. Dinner at 7.30pm followed by dancing & surprises! Tickets €40. Music 'Good 2 Go'.

**Alzheimer Society** Information Night in the Bay View Hotel at 7.30pm on Tuesday 20th October. A talk will be given by Alastair McKinney, Chairperson of the Donegal Branch of Alzheimer Society.

- **Sunday 18th October 2015: Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle B)**
- **Weekday Readings: Twenty-Ninth Week in Ordinary Time (Cycle 1)**

**Saturday 17th October: 07.00pm** - Paddy Byrne & deceased Byrne family, Stragar  
**Sunday 18th October: 09.00am** - Veronica & George Flaherty (Anniversaries)  
**11.00am** - Martin Heraty (13th Anniversary)  
**Monday 19th October: 10.00am** - Special Intention  
**Wednesday 21st October: 07.00pm** - Special Intention  
**Thursday 22nd October: 10.00am** - Kathleen Bray (8th Anniversary)  
**Friday 23rd October: 10.00am** - Special Intention  
**Saturday 24th October: 07.00pm** - Charlie Boyle (Anniversary)  
**Sunday 25th October: 09.00am** - Joe & Teresa McBrearty (Anniversaries)  
**11.00am** - Mary Cunningham (Anniversary)

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

**Confessions:** Saturday 6.30pm

**Pray for those who died recently: Anna O'Riordan, Drumsna, Carrickonshannon, whose funeral was last Monday (sister of Teresa Doherty); Julie McGuire, St Cummins Hill.**

**Pray for: Michael Noel McGuinness, Mary Shovlin, Conlin Rd. Suaimhneas Sioraí.**

The theme of Mission Sunday(today): *Abundant Life*

**Eddie Stones Healing Retreat,**

Saturday 7th November, 11am - 5pm, Ards Friary. This healing day of prayer includes Rosary, talks, reconciliation, Mass and a Healing Service during which Eddie will pray with people individually. Cost: €18 (includes soup & sandwiches). Tel: 074 9138909/ info@ardsfriary.ie

**United Nations Day 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

The Raphoe Justice and Peace Group invite all those concerned by the suffering of refugees and displaced peoples to join us in sharing ideas and plans for supporting these people at an evening in Café Blend, High Rd, Letterkenny on Thurs 22 Oct from 7-9pm. Refreshments provided and all welcome.

**Margaret Connell, Foot Health Practitioner,**

will attend the Family Health Centre on Wednesday 21st October. For appointments tel: 087 1417180

**Killybegs Women's Group**

- **An Evening with Helen Kelly**

Come along to hear some invaluable words of wisdom & advice on Thursday 29th October, 8pm in Bay View Hotel.

- **Monster Annual Indoor Boot Sale** Sunday 22nd November, 12 - 4.30pm in Tara Hotel. To book a table: tel 087 094 9900 immediately

**Fundraising Event for Donegal Hospice & Sligo Oncology Unit.** Pop-Up Museum/Heritage Day on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> & Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Oct in St. John Bosco Centre, Donegal Town 12 noon to 6pm each day. Traditional Irish wake re-enacted. Trad Irish Music. Homemade refreshments. Raffle. Fun filled day of Irish culture. Adm. Adults €5.

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration**

18th October - Anthony McBrearty  
25th October - James Gavigan

**Sunday Collection** €1,395.00  
**Restoration Fund:**  
Envelopes 10th & 11th October €1,765.00  
Donations €1,520.00  
**Total Restoration Fund: €2,453,498.93**  
*Thanks for your continued generosity.*

**Al-Anon Group Meeting**

Wednesdays 7.30pm in Ard Na Carraige Parochial House Meeting Room.

**Bus to 'Paddy the Musical'** in An Grianan Theatre, Letterkenny, on Friday 23rd October. For more info tel: McBrearty's 074 9731056.

**Dr Bourke's Health Centre**

Our female GP Dr Farrah Mydin will now be working on Mondays & Wednesdays 9.30am to 5.30pm at the Health Centre, St Catherine's Road. For appointments please ring 074 9731148.

**Skinderella's Beauty and Reflexology Clinic** is celebrating 25 years in business. I would like to thank the local community and surrounding areas for their loyalty and support over the years. As a thank you I am having light refreshments and goodie bags next week so call in and say hello, Shauna Cooney.

**Pink themed Yoga class**

Wednesday 21st October 6.15-7.30pm in Niall Mór Centre, all welcome. Wear something pink! All donations to Irish Cancer Society. For more info: Zia 0876463956