St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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World Meeting of Families 2018

Tuesday 21st August 7.30pm: Diocesan Opening (Evening Prayer) at St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny. The Legion of Mary will represent our parish at this celebration, carrying the Parish Banner. All welcome. Saturday 25th August 6.30pm: Festival of Families Concert in Croke Park with Pope Francis. All tickets ordered through the Parish Office have now been collected. Sunday 26th August: Knock Shrine: from 8.30am there will be a 'Gathering Event' until the arrival of the Holy Father. The Holy Father will move through the assembly in the Pope Mobile arriving at the Apparition Chapel at 10am for private prayer. Afterwards His Holiness will deliver a short address and lead pilgrims in the Angelus Prayer. After the departure of Pope Francis, there will be a concelebrated open-air Mass. Please note that this will be a part of the official ticketed event.

Sunday 26th August 3pm: Solemn Eucharistic Celebration in the Phoenix Park. Main celebrant: Pope Francis. *Tickets ordered through the Parish Office may be collected from the Parish Office on Monday.*You are strongly encouraged to use public transport for this event.

The Donegal Resettlement Programme and co-ordinators are inviting you to meet some of the 25 Syrian Families recently arrived in Donegal. A fun programme for all families of Letterkenny and Donegal will start 12pm-3pm in Aurora Leisure Centre in Letterkenny on Thursday 23rd August. The Islamic Association will offer tea/coffee and finger food. There will be use of an outdoor safe play park, face-painting, a magician and in-door football. As Pope Francis says: let's welcome families, integrate them, protect and promote them. All are invited to bring a favourite dish to share and to befriend families. All welcome.

St Catherine's V. S. Return to School Dates

Tues 28th Aug: 1st Year Students (8.50am - 1.00pm)
Wed 29th Aug: 1st Years & 4th Years (TY) (8.50 - 3.50pm)
Thurs 30th Aug:1st, 2nd, TY & 5th Year Students
Friday 31st Aug: All mainstream students incl Repeat LC
Friday 31st Aug: Viewing of L.C. Scripts (6pm - 9pm)
Sat 1st Sept: Viewing of L.C. Scripts (9am -12noon)
Mon 10th Sept: PLC Students (9.40am)

The McFadden family

wishes to thank everyone for coming to the recent Coffee Morning, To all who donated, baked, helped out and face painting. €4,250 was presented to the Cystic Fibrosis Unit, University Hospital Galway. Thank you all for your support.

Croaghlin Mass Rock Thanks

About 100 people gathered at Croaghlin Mass Rock last Wednesday evening 15th August for our annual celebration of Mass at this sacred site. There was heavy rain late afternoon but we were blessed with a dry evening and a pleasant breeze. Our thanks to the Mass Rock Committee and to all who helped prepare the Mass Rock area including the hedge-cutting, flowers, the Mass Rock plaque, the chairs and flags. Our thanks to all who helped with the readings, prayers, gifts and collection. Thanks to the Ministers of the Eucharist. the Altar Servers, Patricia our Sacristan, and Ann our Parish Secretary, and to Maeve and the Choir. Dessie O'Keeney kindly provided transport and Meehan's Mobile Kitchen was at hand for the refreshments. Our sincere thanks to all who helped and provided scrumptious food. This annual celebration continues to deepen our appreciation of our heritage of faith

Irish Wheelchair Association Church Gate Collection Sat 25th & Sun 26th Aug.

Re-opening of Primary Schools
Commons N.S. Thursday 30th August.
Junior Infants finish at 12 noon.
Fintra N.S. Thursday 30th August
Junior Infants finish at 12.30pm.
Niall Mór N.S. Monday 3rd September
Junior Infants finish at 12 noon.

Parents & Friends of People with Intellectual Disability Thanks to everyone who contributed and collected at the Church Gate Collection raising €804.

Henry Girls Concert

South West Donegal Community Radio presents The Henry Girls with support artist Hannah Doogan, Kilcar Parish Hall, Sat.18 Aug 8.30pm. Adm (refreshments) €15/€5

Good luck to Killybegs U14 & U16 Girls at All Ireland Coastal Rowing in Wexford.

Best Wishes to St Catherine's Band at the Rose of Tralee Festival.

Sunday 19th August 2018: Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Weekday Readings: 20th Week in Ordinary Time

Saturday 18th August: 07.00pm - Martin Howley (3rd Anniversary)

Sarah & Barney Gallagher & Bernadette Quinn (Anniv)

Frank Carr R.I.P. (100th Birthday)

Sunday 19th August: 09.00am - Special Intention

11.00am - Susan Conaghan (8th Anniversary)

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20th August: 11.00am - Funeral Mass Peggy Breslin R.I.P.
10.00am - Special Intentions
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Friday 24th August: 10.00am - Special Intentions
Saturday 25th August: 07.00pm - Margaret & Frank Brennan (Anniversaries)

Michael Hamilton (Anniversary)

Sunday 26th August: 09.00am - Seán Ó Gallchóir (Anniversary) 11.00am - Dinny Kinsella (Anniversary)

Confessions: Saturday 6.30pm

Adoration: Sunday 6.00pm to Monday Midnight

Rosary/ Divine Mercy/Adoration in the Adoration Room Tuesday 6.45pm - 7.45pm.

Pray for: Peggy Breslin, Ballybofey and formerly Ardara Rd, whose remains will be brought to the chapel this evening Sunday 19th August 7.00pm; Funeral Mass Monday 11am.

Kevin McBrearty, Harbour View Drive, whose funeral took place last Monday.

Pray for: Paddy & Kathleen Thornton. Suaimhneas Sioraí

Community Care Care of the Aged

Summer Outing today, Sunday 19th August. Bus leaving Tara Hotel, Shore Rd 12.30pm. Happy travelling!

Bluestack Sports Hub Do you or does someone you know have a disability?

Interested in getting involved in sport or physical activity? Come along and have your say!

Public Consultations (hosted by S3 Solutions)

Monday 20th August at Niall Mor Centre, 7.30pm.

Killybegs History and Heritage Committee

are holding two events during Heritage Week (a) a talk by local Historian Helen Meehan on the social and economic effect of prominent Donegal Women during 1918 on Wed 22nd August, 8 - 9pm in Carpet Factory. Adm free, refreshments served. (b) A guided tour of the Church and graveyard and the latest conservation works at St Catherine's Church on Friday 24th Aug. Meet 2pm at car park at St Catherine's Well. Admission free.

Áislann Chill Chartha Tel: 074 9738376

For National Heritage Week Saturday 18th - 25th August: *An Exhibition* from the extensive archive of poetry by the late Michael O'Donnell, Kilcar, 1925–2013. Michael O'Donnell, Donegal Person of the Year 2005, was a gifted storyteller, prolific writer and poet and the author of several books.

An Evening of Remembering Michael's collection of poetry and writing Friday 24th August in cinema room 7.30-9pm. Refreshments served. Adm free.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

19th August - Brid O'Callaghan 26th August - Christine Smith

Sunday Collection €1,200.00 Restoration Fund

Envelopes 11th & 12th August $\in 1,855.00$ Donation $\in 100.00$

Total Restoration Fund: €2.954.272.43

Thanks for your continued support

Killybegs Seafood Shack Open 7 days a week until end September. Phone orders welcome.

Tel: 089 2393094.

Bingo Mondays at 9pm in Foresters Hall.
All welcome.

Baby Massage 5 week course starts Monday 10th September 10.45am at Niall Mór Centre. Tel Eileen: 087 7647993

Big Fish Drama Group smash hit play "School House Rules" by Ultan Pringle in Balor Arts Centre 22nd & 23rd August, 8pm. Tickets: 0749731840/ www.balorartscentre.com. €10/€8.

Vintage Coffee/Tea Day in Carrick 'An Teach Ostan' Thursday 23rd August 10am - 4pm in aid of #bungalowforbrendan. Profoundly disabled 13yr old boy. His mam is trying to buy a suitable adapted home for them. Please support. Tel Rachel 087 9562854