

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

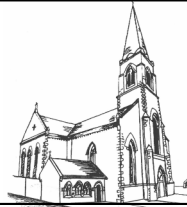
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**Masses and Services: Live streaming on [www.mcmedia.tv](http://www.mcmedia.tv)**



**A Christmas Thought**

*"Come to me, families from around the world,  
Jesus says, and I will give you rest,  
so that your joy may be complete.  
Take home this Word of Jesus,  
carry it in your hearts,  
share it with the family"*

Pope Francis

*May Christmas infuse our hearts with trust  
and encircle us with hope, wherever we are.*

*Beannachtaí na Nollag oraibh uilig sa bhaile agus igcéin.*

**Christmas Carol Service**

Sincere thanks to everyone who participated in a very uplifting service especially all from Commons, Fintra & Niall Mór National Schools, St Catherine's V. S. and the Parish Choir. Thanks to the Readers and the Collectors. The total collection was €841.85 which will be forwarded to the Donegal/ Galway Cancer Bus Fund. Thank you.

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to**

Katrina Byrne and Justin O'Dwyer  
Siobhán McGilloway and Eamon Doherty  
Caroline Given and Barry Gallagher  
who were married recently.

**Killybegs Parish Calendar 2016:** Some extra complimentary calendars available in Parish Office.

**Parish and Restoration Envelopes**

Anyone who would like a set of envelopes please let Ann know in the Parish Office.

**Last Man Standing**

A football lottery in aid of the Restoration Fund. Entry forms available from Parish Office. Covers 6 weeks of Premiership matches, beginning Tuesday 12th January. Entry fee €10, Winner gets €400, two €50 consolation prizes.

A clarification on rules regarding Tie Break Questions:

- Highest scoring Team in Week 6 means singular highest scoring teams (joint highest does not count)
- Total goals scored in Week 6 or the nearest to the total.
- If there is more than one winner, total prize money (€500) will be shared.

**Christmas Masses**

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

**Rosary at Crib** on Christmas Day 6pm.

**Junior Choir Practice** for Christmas Eve this Sunday 20th December after 11am Mass.

**Practices for Children's Christmas Mass:**  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 5pm and  
Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December, 11am.

**A Christmas Gift**

We have received a beautiful gift of an exquisite Brass Candle Stand which we had restored and has been placed at Our Lady's Altar beneath The Holy Family Painting. *May the light of the Holy Family bring great graces of healing and peace to those who light a candle and pray for God's blessing for themselves and for those for whom they pray.*

**The Killybegs 'Murillo'**

a beautifully-produced A4 print of our treasured painting now available in the Church at Our Lady's Altar with flyer: €5.  
Postcards: €1  
*Also available in Parish Office:*  
Framed Prints: €15.  
Framed Postcard: €6.

**Parish Office Christmas Gifts**

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



**St Joseph's Young Priests Society**

Church Gate Collection raised €700.29. Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

**The Staff of Killybegs Community Hospital**

wish everyone a happy Christmas and a healthy New Year. Thanks to those who held fundraising events and for everyone's support. The recent Cake & Craft Sale was well supported. Your kindness & generosity are very much appreciated.

- **Sunday 20th December 2015: Fourth Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)**
- **Weekday Readings: Fourth Week of Advent/Christmas Season**

**Saturday 19th December: 07.00pm** - Mary Ann McGill (Anniversary)  
**Sunday 20th December: 09.00am** - Brendan Fitzgerald (1st Anniv) & Rose (9th Anniv)  
**11.00am** - Micheál Mooney (Anniversary)  
**Monday 21st December: 10.00am** - Tom & Cassie McBrearty (Anniversaries)  
**Tuesday 22nd December: 07.00pm** - Thomas McGinty R.I.P.  
**Wednesday 23rd December: 10.00am** - Annie McGuinness (3rd Anniversary)  
**Thursday 24th December: CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**07.00pm - Children's Mass**  
Charlie McGuinness, Brooklyn & Lary (Anniversary)  
**11.00pm - Christmas 'Midnight' Mass**  
Intention of the People  
**Friday 25th December: CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**09.00am** - Special Intention  
**11.00am** - John McGilloway (Anniversary)  
**Saturday 26th December: 07.00pm** - Sarah McCloskey (Anniversary)  
**Sunday 27th December: 09.00am** - James & Sarah O'Donnell (Anniversaries)  
**11.00am** - Ethel & Charlie Blaine (Anniversaries)

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

**Confessions:** Saturday 6.30pm and after this week's Masses on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday.

**Pray for: Lily McCreá, who died in Scotland (aunt of Thomas McBrearty, The Commons); Mary Cox nee Murrin, Conlin, who died in England (sister of the late Thomas & Charlie Murrin); Pray for: John McFadden, John O'Boyle, Timothy O'Boyle, Fr Kevin Hegarty, Cassie McBrearty, Packie & Mary Meehan, Noel Meehan, Baby John Kelly, Kevin, Brendan & John Beirne. Suaimhneas Sioraí.**

**Christmas Bingo**

on Monday 21st December at 9pm in Foresters Hall. Hampers and prizes galore to be won!

**Christmas Table Quiz** in Tar a Hotel on Boxing Night at 9.30pm. Proceeds to Donegal/Galway Cancer Bus.

**Pat & Margaret McGinty** wish to thank all those who sympathised with them on the death of Pat's brother Thomas. To those who attended the wake and funeral and sent Mass & sympathy cards. Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

**Boxing Day Swim, Fintra Beach** at 2pm sharp. Swimmers meet at 1.30pm. In aid of Patient Comfort Fund, Killybegs Hospital and Donegal Alzheimer's Society. Sponsorship Cards available in Sweet News, Hegarty's Centra or tel: Fionnuala 087-4175410. Please support.

**Fashion Illustration & Expression Workshop**

hosted by designer Timothy Mullin on Wed 6th & Thurs 7th January 7 - 9pm in Niall Mór Centre. For more info & pricing: timothymullindesign@gmail.com / 086 2661459

**Rosary & Divine Mercy: Tuesday 6.30pm** in Adoration Room. All welcome.

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration**

20th December - Anne Rodgers  
27th December - Máire McGuinness

**Sunday Collection** €1,440.00  
**Restoration Fund:**  
Envelopes 12th & 13th December € 1,651.00  
Donations € 1,500.00  
Donations to Murillo € 150.00  
**Total Restoration Fund: €2,481,225.93**  
(Murillo collection to date € 9,250.00)  
*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

**The Carers Association Course:**

'Safety and Health at Work' in Donegal Town 30th Jan. Contact training unit 057 93 70221.

**Thank You** to Michael Gallagher (Sparks) and Kevin O'Donnell for their very kind donation of €6,700 towards the running of the Cancer Bus.

**Christmas Concert** with Kilcar Community Singers in Blue Haven, Sunday 20th December at 8pm. Adm Adults €10, Students/Child €5.

**Killybegs Flowers**

Orders now being taken for Christmas floral arrangements, wreaths etc. Tel 9732040

**Sunday Missal 2016**

Complimentary copy for all Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist available from Sacristy or Parish Office.