

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

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



**The Season of Lent 2016**

- During Lent there will be Mass at **8.30am on Tuesday** mornings.
- There will be Stations of the Cross on **Thursdays at 7.00pm**
- Trócaire Boxes available in church porch. Please take one & return your donation on Holy Thursday  
In the words of Pope Francis: *a little bit of mercy makes the world less cold and more just.*

**The Catholic Bishops on The General Election**

*We strongly encourage all to vote in the up-coming election. A general election is a moment in which all citizens, and not just political parties, should reflect and take stock of the health of the nation and especially on how we respond to the plight of the most vulnerable. We share the anxiety of many citizens in Ireland at the fact that there is an uncertain social climate in the country regarding vital sectors of people's lives, especially regarding:*

**Health..** most people feel great unease about the current health care system.

**Homes..** there is a crisis of homelessness, not just of those who sleep rough on our streets, but of those who are housed in inadequate and precarious accommodation..

**Education..** the real inequality in Irish schools is not religious in nature but it is the economic inequality where poorer communities and schools with a large percentage of disadvantaged children are not being adequately supported..

**Security..** (there is) a criminal industry of death which unscrupulously floods our streets and our children with drugs.. people feel insecure in their homes both in rural and urban communities..

**Human Ecology..** simplicity in life-style in harmony with nature.. the equal right to life of every person from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

**International responsibility..** welcoming to our communities people who flee from persecution, from economic exclusion or from religious discrimination...

*Politics...is a vocation where the interests of all citizens should be respected.. As bishops we encourage all citizens to engage with and challenge their local candidates about their commitment to the questions we have indicated, and about their understanding of politics as truly working and walking together to foster the common good.*

**Full text of the Bishops' Statement available in porch**

**Rota** for Daily Readers, Monthly Readers and Holy Week now available on table in middle aisle.

**First Communion 'Do This in Memory' Celebration** today Sunday 21st February 11.00am.

**The Lyit School of Tourism, Killybegs,**

presents

**A Four-Course Gourmet Dinner**



**A Fundraising Event**

in aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund  
in the School of Tourism, Killybegs,  
**on Tuesday, 8th March 2016, 7.00pm.**

- Includes Cocktails, Mocktails, Wine
- Raffle Prizes
- A number of items for Auction

**Why not organise a small group for this informal evening's entertainment?**

*Tickets €30 now available  
from Ann in the Parish Office.*

**Tax Rebates**

Tax relief on donations of €250 or over, made to the church annually, can be claimed for the Restoration Fund. Tax relief can now be claimed from both PAYE and SELF ASSESSED. Refunds will be given to us at a specified rate, currently 31%.

A new Enduring Declaration can be signed, valid for 5 years.

We will contact by post all eligible donors, inviting you to sign the Enduring Declaration (valid until 2017).

We hope to process the Tax Rebates for 2013, 2014 & 2015 in the next month.

- **Sunday 21st February 2016: Second Sunday of Lent, Cycle C**
- **Weekday Readings: Second Week of Lent**

**Saturday 20th February: 07.00pm** - Maggie McTeague (Anniversary)  
Neil Quinn (deceased, 100th birthday)  
Agnes McIntyre (Anniversary)  
Mary O'Donnell (Anniversary)

**Sunday 21st February: 09.00am** - Michael Quinn (Anniversary)  
**11.00am** - Connell McBrearty (Anniversary)

**Monday 22nd February: 10.00am** - Marie Kelly R.I.P.

**Tuesday 23rd February: 08.30am** - Special Intentions

**Thursday 25th February: 10.00am** - Special Intention  
**07.00pm** - Stations of the Cross

**Friday 26th February: 10.00am** - Special Intentions  
**07.00pm** - Keith Gallagher R.I.P. (30th Birthday)

**Saturday 27th February: 07.00pm** - James O'Donnell (Anniversary)  
Peter Breslin (Anniversary)  
John James & Peter McGuinness (Anniversaries)  
Philomena McDevitt (Friel) (Anniversary)

**Sunday 28th February: 09.00am** - Special Intentions  
**11.00am** - Anne Wade & deceased members Byrne family, Stragar

**Adoration:** Sunday 6pm to Monday Midnight. **Confessions:** Saturdays, 6.30pm.

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

**Please note:** No Mass on Wednesday

**Pray for: Margaret Molloy** whose funeral took place in Ardara yesterday (Saturday) (mother of Mary Molloy, Niall Mor N.S). **Pray for: Margaret McGuinness, Sarah & Margaret Carr. Suaimhneas Storaí.**

**Last Man Standing:**

Congratulations to Christopher Mulligan on being the outright winner of this competition, picking up first prize of €400.

Congratulations to runner-up Eamon Óg McHugh, who received €100. Sincere thanks to all participants. €1,500 profit goes to Restoration Fund.

**Primary Schools Enrolment** for September 2016.  
Niall Mór N.S. Mon 22nd - Thurs 25th February during school hours.

**Thank you** Brigid Campbell would like to thank neighbours friends & family for their kind messages, flowers and many cards, gifts and gifts by post on the occasion of her 90th birthday. Mass will be offered for your intentions ( Thursday 10am).

**Diabetes Ireland Public Information Meeting**

*Managing My Type 2 Diabetes Effectively,* in Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny, on Sunday 21st February, 2.30pm - 5pm  
Adm is free. Family and friends are welcome.  
Call 071-9146001 for more information.

**Free Coffee Morning in Niall Mór Centre**

on Monday 22nd February 11am - 1pm.  
to mark the launch of DLDCs  
Lifelong learning Outreach Service.

**INHFA Meeting** in Blue Haven this Tuesday 23rd February at 8.00pm regarding commonage etc.

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration**

21st February - Christine Smith  
28th February - Brendan O'Keeney

**Sunday Collection** € 1,540.00

**Restoration Fund:** Envelopes 13th & 14th February € 1,540.00

**Total Restoration Fund: €2,525,359.78**

*Thanks for your continued generosity.*

**St Joseph's Young Priest's Society**

Meeting Friday 26th February 7.30pm  
in Ard na Carraige Meeting Room.

**Killybegs Community Care A.G.M.**

Thursday 25th February in Killybegs Hospital  
at 8pm. New members welcome.

**Family Carers Ireland** are providing the

QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support modules in Donegal Town in March. For more info contact our training department 05793 70221.

**The Millennium Room Training Restaurant**

in the School of Tourism is open to the public on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.  
Service is from 12.30pm to 1.30pm.  
Booking essential. Tel: (074) 9186600