

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

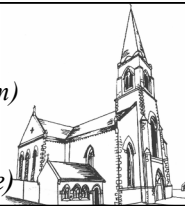
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RIGHT TO LIFE

We continue with another excerpt from Bishop Alan McGuckian's Pastoral Letter on 'Right to Life', for your consideration and reflection.

My Dear People,

In anticipation of a Referendum on the 8th Amendment of the Constitution I want to write to you on the question of the Right to Life. As Catholics we all hold to the absolute sacredness of all life from conception to natural death. Still, I know that this is a very sensitive, delicate and, indeed, painful topic for many. I offer my reflections with great respect for the integrity of everyone while wishing to make some points clearly and unambiguously.

We can allow ourselves to be desensitized.

When we change or delete a law we run the risk of blinding ourselves over time to the truth behind it even though all the evidence we need is before our eyes. In our day we see more clearly than ever before how everything begins at conception. There is no later stage in a baby's development where we can say: 'up until now the foetus was not a person and now it has become a baby'. At every point, from conception on, the baby has within him or herself the full potential to be whatever destiny might allow. All he or she needs is time and nurturing.

The Science is clear

The scientific evidence was never clearer than it is now. It's a great irony that we in Ireland are for the first time in history losing our clarity about the right to life of the unborn. Knowledge about the mysterious workings of DNA and the stunningly vivid evidence of ultrasound images of little persons in the earliest weeks in the womb should be making us more committed than ever to the protection of unborn life. Something is going on in the national psyche. Is it really what we want?

I invite you to pray earnestly that the people of Ireland will 'choose life' and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country.

+Alan McGuckian S.J.
Bishop of Raphoe



The Sacrament of Confirmation today Sunday 22nd April 11am

We welcome Bishop Alan McGuckian as he celebrates The Sacrament of Confirmation for the first time in the parish.

Please pray for the 51 young people being confirmed. We ask God's blessing on them and their families.

First Communion:

Saturday, 12th May, 11.00am
Mass at Drumanoo Mass Rock:

Wednesday, 6th June, 7.00pm

Graveyard Mass:

Friday, 27th July, 7.00pm

Blessing of the Fleet Mass:

Saturday, 28th July, 7.00pm

Please note change of date for Fleet Mass.

Rota now available for Daily Readers and Hospital Rota for Eucharistic Ministers.

Rota for Altar Servers April - October available in school during the week.

Killybegs Cruise Ships 2018

Thursday 26th April: MS Astor:

Arrive 8.30, Depart 15.30

Passengers 620, Crew 278.

Are you caring for a family member at home?

A spouse, a partner or a close relative or neighbour? Then you are a Family Carer. Become a member of Family Carers Ireland & avail of our great deals. For more info call 05793 22920 or www.familycarers.ie

Annual Vintage Field Day

in aid of Donegal Hospice & Sligo Oncology Unit in Trummon, Laghey, on Sunday 29th April 11am - 5pm.

• **Sunday 22nd April 2018:** **Fourth Sunday of Easter** **Cycle B**

• **Weekday Readings:** **Fourth Week of Easter**

Saturday 21st April: 07.00pm - Josephine Gillespie (1st Anniversary)
Johnny McGowan (Anniversary)
Pat Rawdon (Anniversary)

Sunday 22nd April: 09.00am - Francie Gallagher & Paddy Gallagher (Anniv)
11.00am - **Sacrament of Confirmation**
James Molloy (2nd Anniversary)
02.00pm - **Funeral Mass for Cahir Gallagher R.I.P.**
04.00pm - **Funeral Mass for Nora Kee R.I.P.**

Monday 23rd April: 10.00am - Special Intentions

Tuesday 24th April: 10.00am - Vincent Cunningham (1st Anniversary)

Thursday 26th April: 10.00am - Seamus & Kathleen Scott (Anniversaries)

Friday 27th April: 10.00am - Oliver Cunningham (7th Anniversary)

Saturday 28th April: 07.00pm - Bridget & Hugh Gallagher (Anniversaries)
John & Susan McGuinness & deceased family

Sunday 29th April: 09.00am - Special Intention
11.00am - Special Wedding Intention

Confessions: Saturday 6.30pm. **Adoration:** Sunday 6pm to Monday Midnight
Rosary/ Divine Mercy/ Adoration in the Adoration Room Tuesday 7.00pm.

Pray for those who died recently: **Cahir Gallagher**, Conlin Rd, whose Funeral Mass takes place today, Sunday, at 2pm; **Nora Kee**, New Row, whose Funeral Mass takes place today, Sunday, at 4pm.
Pray for: Constantine Murrin. **Suaimhneas Storaí.**

World Meeting of Families 21-26 August 2018: Online registration is now open for the Congress (Wed 22- Fri 24 August). We hope to organise transport for Saturday (Croke Park) and Sunday (Phoenix Park) when Pope Francis will be present, as soon as registration for these two days opens. *If you are interested in travelling by coach Saturday or Sunday, please let Ann know in the Parish Office*

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season 2018

opens Saturday 5th May.

One Day Retreats in May, August & September.

Three Day Pilgrimage from Friday 1st June until Monday 13th August.

Full details on poster in church porch.

Áislann Chill Chartha 074 9738376

Big Ceili Friday 4th May 8.30-10.30pm. Music by Clement Gallagher. €8, refreshments served.

Niall Mór Centre 9741863 Ring to book a place..

Horticulture & Sustainable Development Course: Learn how to plant, improve how to use a computer, to know about soil, use tools properly, improve your communications. Design a garden. Gain an understanding on how to recycle and compost. Gain an award of Level 3 in Employability Skills. This course will be commencing in May, it is part time and free to eligible adults. For more info tel: Adele 086 8207338 / email: adelemcelhinney@donegalctb.ie
Occupational First Aid Refresher Course: One day course Sat 19th May 9.30am - 5.30pm. €90
General Data Protection Regulation Training: Sat 28th April 9.30am - 1pm. Tel: Kathy 087 4126400
NB: Jewellery found on Wed 11th April. tel: 9741863

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

22nd April - Margaret Breslin
29th April - Patricia Boyle

Sunday Collection €1,215.00

Trocaire € 40.00

Education of Students € 40.00

Restoration Fund

Envelopes 14th & 15th April €1,510.00

Total Restoration Fund: €2,918,013.43

Thanks for your continued support

Ladies Golf Evening An Introduction to Ladies Golf on Tuesday 24th April 7pm at Donegal Golf Club Murvagh.

Pre-School Vaccines Patients of Dr Woods & Dr Staunton are invited to attend for pre-school vaccines 24th - 27th April. For children starting school in September. Tel: 074 97 41122.

Job Vacancies: Gallagher's Bakery require Staff. Full-time positions available for General Operatives. CV to hr@promiseglutenfree.com or by post: HR Department, Gallagher's Bakery, Ardara. For info: Catriona 0749537511

Clean-up at Lough Head Shoreline

Killybegs Tidy Towns have organised a clean-up for Monday 23rd April, meeting at the Bridge at 6pm. Help would be appreciated. Please spread the word.