

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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### Catholic Schools Week 2017

begins Sunday 29th January.

Theme: *Learning with Pope Francis to Care for Our Common Home*

As we close the door on the Year of Mercy, we are now being called into action to care for our world and to care for each other. The Church reminds us that we have a duty of care to the world and everything in it, for 'she must above all protect mankind from self-destruction'. Pope Francis facilitates the type of learning that reminds us that we can change the world by changing our ways through receiving a good education. For Pope Francis, a good education begins in the home. It is within our families that we learn to respect human life and the world: 'In the face of the so-called culture of death, the family is the heart of the culture of life'. In the name of the Father, by the example of Jesus and through the ongoing presence of the Holy Spirit, we continue to encounter God in our world, not just through the people we meet, but also through the physical world. We are stewards of creation and, therefore, it is our job to be aware of the many issues that damage our world: pollution, climate change, drought, loss of biodiversity and the reducing respect for the dignity of all of God's creation.

### Bluestack Special Needs Foundation

Church Gate Collection on Sat 28th & Sun 29th January

**Thank you.** The family of the late Patrick Ward would like to thank everyone who sympathised with them on their recent bereavement. Special thanks to the Gardaí, Killybegs Coast Guard, Donegal Mountain Rescue, Ambulance Service, Shovlin Undertakers, Celebrants Fr Colm Ó Gallchóir & Dean Laverty and all our kind neighbours & friends. A Mass will be offered for your intentions. Month's Mind Mass: Church of the Holy Family, Ardara, on Saturday 4th February at 11am.

**Adoration Rota** now available in middle aisle.

### Night Classes for St Catherine's Vocational School

Enrolment Monday 23rd January 6-8pm  
Start Wednesday 1st February 7.30pm  
Choir: singing for fun; Wire Sculpture; Flower Arranging; Cooking; Computing for Beginners; Advanced Computing  
Cost of 8 week class €95. Unwaged or their adult dependant (spouse) may receive a reduction of €30.

**Family Carers Ireland** are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support Award in your area based on demand in February 2017. One Day workshops also available. For more info contact 0579322920.

### Unveiling of Stained-Glass Windows in the Adoration Room

took place last week, depicting Mary and Joseph finding Jesus with the teachers in the Temple. They were tastefully framed by Doherty Joinery, Killybegs, and are a pleasing addition to the Adoration Room.

### First Communion Celebration

today, Sunday 22nd January, 11am.

### Primary Schools Enrolment

For new entrants September 2017

Fintra N.S: Mon 6th - Fri 10th February  
Commons N.S: Mon 6th - Fri 10th February  
Niall Mór N.S: Mon 6th - Fri 10th February during school hours.

### Guidelines for Getting Married

Each partner must complete the *Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Form*. The following documents are required to complete this form:

- Baptismal Certificate
- Confirmation Certificate
- Pre-Marriage Course Certificate. (Pre-Marriage Courses: [www.accord.ie](http://www.accord.ie))
- Letter of Freedom
- Receipt of three month notification from the Civil Registrar of Marriages (Stranorlar Registrar: Marie Greene on 074 9189554 / 9189558)

**The Pre-Nuptial Enquiry Form** is completed for both parties (includes those who are not Catholic) and has two sections: **Section A**, which deals with the freedom to marry of both parties, to be completed as soon as possible after the couple have booked their wedding.

**Section B** is completed after the Marriage Preparation Course has taken place and it establishes that the individuals understand what Christian Marriage is and accepts it.

- ◇ The required age for a lawful marriage in Ireland is 18 years of age. It also applies to both witnesses.
- ◇ The Church and the State require a minimum of three months' notice.

- **Sunday 22nd January 2017: Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** Cycle A
- **Weekday Readings: Third Week of Ordinary Time** Cycle 1
- **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18th to 25th January**

**Saturday 21st January: 07.00pm** - Charles McCahill (Anniversary)  
Katie McBrearty (Anniversary)  
Deceased members of the Ward family

**Sunday 22nd January: 09.00am** - Tommy Murphy (Anniversary)  
**11.00am** - Rose (1st) and Charlie Boyle (Anniversaries)

**Monday 23rd January: 10.00am** - Special Intention  
**07.00pm** - Requiem Mass for Daniel Harkin R.I.P.

**Thursday 26th January: 10.00am** - Patrick & Una Gillespie (Anniversaries)

**Friday 27th January: 10.00am** - Vincent Mallon & Marcel Gorotti (Anniversaries)

**Saturday 28th January: 07.00pm** - Annie McBrearty, Bridget & John Harkin (Anniversaries)

**Sunday 29th January: 09.00am** - Francisco Graglia (2nd Anniversary)  
**11.00am** - Patrick & Anne Gallagher (Anniversaries)

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

**Confessions:** Saturday 6.30pm.

No Mass on Tue. or Wed.

**Rosary/Divine Mercy:** Tuesday 6.30pm, in the Adoration Room.

**Pray for those who died recently: Danny Sweeney**, who died in London on Thursday, formerly from Ardara (brother of Anna Murrin, Fírbregas); **Mary Byrne**, Stragar, whose funeral took place Tuesday; **Daniel Harkin**, (brother of Mary Harkin, Stragar) Requiem Mass Monday 7pm. Funeral in London Monday 30th January; **Seamus Doherty**, Kincasslagh, who died recently.

**Pray for: Minnie Murrin, Michael McBrearty, Annie & Paddy Carrabin. Suaimhneas Síoraí.**

**Table Quiz** in Tara Hotel on Friday 3rd February in aid of St Catherine's Band. Thanks for support.

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### Information Evening

Cllr Niamh Kennedy will hold an Information Evening for the communities on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January in the Bay View Hotel at 8pm. If there are any topics you would like discussed publicly contact Niamh: [kennedyniamhm@gmail.com](mailto:kennedyniamhm@gmail.com) / 087 2062336  
Topics include Tourism, Tidy Towns, Fundraising/funding sources, Village Enhancement. All welcome.

**'Step into your Future'** Are you an adult interested in returning to education or are currently engaged in learning and considering progression onto further study? Donegal ETB Further Education & Training Fair, Mt Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny on Wed, 25th January 11am - 3pm. Open and free to all adults.

### Niall Mór Centre 074 97 41863

**southwestdonegalcdp1@gmail.com** & Facebook  
*Killybegs Walk and Talk Group:* Thursdays 10am.  
*Citizens Advice/Info:* Mondays 10am - 12:30pm.  
*Scrabble Morning:* Monday 10.30am-12:00, €2pp.  
*Basket-making Workshop:* Held on a weekend in January, to be confirmed. If interested ring Centre.  
*Games & Fun Activities:* a 2-day activities camp on Thurs 23rd & Fri 24th Feb 10am - 2pm for mid-term break. Centre is holding a 2 day activities camp for National School Children at €25 per child.

### Blessed Sacrament Adoration

22nd January - Brendan O'Keeney  
29th January - Anthony McBrearty

Sunday Collections	€ 1,560.00
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	
Envelopes 14th & 15th January	€1,535.00
Ton of Mackerel	€ 7,200.00
Donation	€ 1,100.00
<b>Total Restoration Fund:</b>	<b>€2,661,241.78</b>

### Irish Classes for Beginners

will commence in GAA Rooms, Fintra, on Friday 27th January at 7.30pm. Contact Pat Connaghan 087 2058568. All welcome.

**Hear 4 U** is a confidential Listening Service where you can speak about any problem over the phone (or get further information) any day from Monday to Friday from 10.30 am to 1.30 pm or you may get an appointment to meet up with one of the team - just telephone or text 0873488192.

### Community Radio Station

A meeting will take place in Inver Community Centre on Friday 27th January at 7pm in relation to a new community radio station from Inver to Killybegs. Everyone welcome.

**A Comedy Play** "The Widows Paradise" will be held in Ardara GAA Clubhouse on Fri 27<sup>th</sup>, Sat 28<sup>th</sup> at 8pm and Sun 29<sup>th</sup> at 4pm.