

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

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



**Trócaire's East-Africa Hunger Crisis Appeal**  
*Collection this weekend at all Masses, after Communion, in aid of people facing hunger crisis in East-Africa in Kenya, South Sudan, Somalia & Ethiopia*  
 The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has announced that special collections at all Masses this weekend will take place across Ireland to fund life-saving aid for people currently affected by the devastating hunger crisis in East-Africa.  
 The money raised will be donated to Trócaire, the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland, which is delivering emergency food, water and health care to the 25 million people affected.

**A Mass of Thanksgiving** for the Episcopal Ministry of Bishop Philip Boyce takes place in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny, this Wednesday, 26th July, 7.30pm.  
 There will be refreshments afterwards in the Loreto Secondary School canteen area.  
 Everyone is welcome.

**The Episcopal Ordination of Monsignor Alan Mc Guckian S.J.** as Bishop of Raphoe takes place in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny, on Sunday 6th August 3.00pm.  
 Each parish in the Diocese has been allocated six places in the Cathedral for this celebration. We will endeavour to distribute our invitations in a fair and representative way, taking gender balance into account.

**Adoration:** People needed for the following hours:  
*Sundays 11pm - 12 midnight; Mondays 4am - 5am.*  
 If you can help, ring Ann in the Parish Office.

**World Meeting of Families 21-26 August 2018**  
 Apply to Volunteer:  
[www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer](http://www.worldmeeting2018.ie/volunteer)  
[volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie](mailto:volunteer@worldmeeting2018.ie) / 015676800

**Congratulations and Best Wishes to**  
 Neil Murray & Emma McCann  
 who were married recently.

**Thank you**  
 The Sweeney family, Ardara, wish to thank everyone who sympathised with them on their recent bereavement of Raymond Sweeney. Thanks for the Mass Cards and Sympathy Cards. It was much appreciated.  
 Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**Graveyard Mass with Blessing of the Graves this Friday 28th July 7.00pm**

- ◆ The Blessing of the Graves takes place after Communion. This year, while Fr Colm reads the Prayer of Blessing, we invite you to bless your own grave with holy water. Fr Colm will bless the water at the beginning of Mass: please bring a bottle of water yourselves or collect one as you enter the graveyard.
- ◆ We encourage everyone to maintain the graves of their loved ones as best you can. A skip is now in place and it is strictly for graveyard use only. Please remove all excess material from the graveyard and if a contractor is doing work for you, please instruct them accordingly.
- ◆ The Gate Collection at the Mass will help with the upkeep of the graveyard. Please support this valuable and ongoing work.
- ◆ **"Alive or dead, we belong to the Lord".**

**Blessing of the Fleet Mass**  
 Saturday, 5th August, 7pm in the Auction Hall.

**Irish Wheelchair Association Donegal** sincerely thank everyone for kindly donating to their recent Church Gate Collections. All your help and support has been greatly appreciated.

**Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny**  
 Are you finding life tough? Do you suffer from stress, anxiety or depression? Have you experienced bereavement and finding it difficult to cope?  
 The Pastoral Centre offers counselling for adults, children and adolescents in a confidential environment. We also have a bereavement program that runs for 8 weeks and will begin in September. We run a suicide support program for 8 weeks that begins late September. This is suitable for anyone who has lost someone to suicide. Groups are small so that people feel safe and supported in a confidential space.  
 If you are interested in Counselling or any of the groups please contact the Pastoral Centre at: 074 9121853, or check our website at: [www.raphoepastoralcentre.ie](http://www.raphoepastoralcentre.ie)

- **Sunday 23rd July 2017:** *Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A*
  - **Weekday Readings:** *Sixteenth Week of Ordinary Time Cycle 1*
- Saturday 22nd July: 07.00pm** - Daisy Hegarty (2nd Anniversary)  
 Mona & Aidan McGinley (Anniversaries)  
 Mary & Michael Carr (Anniversaries)
- Sunday 23rd July: 09.00am** - Brian Gillespie (Anniversary)  
**11.00am** - Special Intention
- Monday 24th July: 10.00am** - Special Intention
- Tuesday 25th July: 10.00am** - Special Intentions
- Thursday 27th July: 10.00am** - Special Intention (Thanksgiving)
- Friday 28th July: 07.00pm** - Graveyard Mass
- Saturday 29th July: 07.00pm** - Daniel Byrne (Anniversary)
- Sunday 30th July: 09.00am** - John Paul & Agatha McGuinness (Anniversaries)  
**11.00am** - Eamonn Curran (Anniversary)

**Adoration: Sunday 6pm to Monday Midnight**  
**Rosary/Divine Mercy: Tuesday 7.30pm in Adoration Room. Confessions: Saturday 6.30pm**

**Pray for those who died in a tragic road accident in the early hours of Friday morning:**  
**Racheal Battles, Ballyloughlin, Bruckless; Funeral Mass in Bruckless Monday 2.30pm;**  
**Mairéad Mundy, Ballyloughlin, Bruckless; Funeral Mass in Bruckless Monday 11am;**  
**Margaret McGonagle, Castlereagh, Bruckless; Funeral Mass in Bruckless Monday 11am.**  
**Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Willie Kennedy, Mary T McNally, Annie Murray, Michael McHugh, Joseph McHugh, Ardara. Suaimhneas Sioraí.**

**A Thought...** Remember always that you are just a visitor here, a traveller passing through. Your stay is but short and the moment of your departure unknown. Take small account of might, wealth and fame, for they soon pass and are forgotten. Instead, nurture love within you and strive to be a friend to all.

**Social Dance** in Inver Community Centre Thurs  
 3rd August 9.30pm. Music by Shane Shovelin.  
 Adm €7. Light refreshments served. All welcome.

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration**  
 23rd July - Patricia Boyle  
 30th July - Mary Cunningham

**5-day Bus Tour to Wexford**  
 10th - 14th August. For further info contact  
 McBrearty's 9731056

**Sunday Collection** € 1,615.00  
 Retired Clergy € 6.00  
**Restoration Fund**  
 Envelopes 15th & 16th July € 1,715.00  
**Total Restoration Fund: € 2,804,998.43**  
 Thanks for your continued generosity.

**Youth 2000 Festival** 17th - 20th August  
 Cistercian College, Roscrea, Co Tipperary  
 Donation only - free buses - ages 16-35.  
 To book: [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie) / 016753690

**Killybegs Employment Project Ltd**  
 Positions available:  
*General Maintenance Workers* for Killybegs, Bruckless and Dunkineely areas.  
 To check if you are eligible contact the DSP Referral Officer at 0749740066.

**The HSE** seeks to recruit Temporary Home Help Workers in Killybegs, Dunkineely, Inver & Mountcharles areas. Informal enquiries to Ms Dympna Boner, Apt 1, Curagorm House, Water St. Donegal Town. Tel: 074 9722715.

**Killybegs Cruise Ships 2017**  
**Saturday 29th July:**  
 MS Aegean Odyssey (British /USA)  
 378 Passengers / 174 Crew; 1pm - 8pm.  
**Sunday 30th July:** MS Boudicca (British)  
 856 Passengers / 325 Crew; 2.30pm - 8pm.

**Donegal Garden Trail** (Donation to Charity)  
 Open Garden at Martin and Carmel McLaughlin's  
 Cille, Kilcar, Sunday 23rd July 12-6pm.

**Niall Mór Centre 074 97 41863**  
*Children's Summer Camps:*  
**Week 2: Mon 14th - Fri 18th Aug 10am-2pm. €50.**  
**Weight Watchers: Mondays 5:45pm - 7pm**  
**Slimming World: Tuesdays 6pm - 7pm**  
**Citizens Advice: Mondays 10.30am - 12noon**

**SWDCR Dance** in aid of South West Donegal Community Radio in Bay View Hotel on Friday 28th July 9pm. Music by Anne Biddie plus SWDCR DJs. Adm. €10.