

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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St Patrick's Day Masses

Our sincere thanks to everyone who helped with the St Patricks Day Masses. The dancers of the Bonner-Cannon School of Dancing added greatly to the Vigil Mass and the 11am Mass and we are very grateful to them and their families and to Marie Cannon & Oran McNelis. Thanks to the Killybegs Community Council for their PA system. Thanks to everyone who helped prepare the Church and the grounds and to the Parish Choir, Ministers of the Word & Eucharist & Collectors and all who helped to celebrate the faith of our ancestors and our faith too. Go raibh céad míle maith agaibh uilig.



The Cross of Suffering

We invite you to write a name or an intention, personal or global, on the Intentions Card provided, which will be remembered collectively at all Masses for the remainder of Lent. By putting your concerns into words and placing them into the Box of Suffering, we pray that your Cross of Suffering will be transformed into a Beacon of Light through the healing power of God. The box will be placed at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, remaining unopened until its contents will be placed in the Easter Fire on Holy Saturday Night, praying that the Risen Christ will bring hope and healing to all who are suffering.



Celebration of First Confession

Tuesday 25th March, 7.00pm



Pray for the 28 children who are celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on Tuesday evening. May God bless them and their families.

Their Lenten Promises:

Give up hurtful words and say kind words instead.
Give up complaining and be filled with gratitude.
Give up anger and be filled with patience.
Give up worries and trust in God.
Give up bitterness and fill your heart with joy.
Give up selfishness and share with others.
Give up holding grudges and be forgiving.
Give up always talking so that you can listen to others instead.

Next Celebration: Sunday 13th April, 11am (Palm Sunday)

Entrance Hymn: You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here

(Chorus) Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
Come and rest in me. (Chorus)



Liturgy of the Word for Children

- this Sunday 23rd March 11am
- Sunday 6th April 11am



Parish Choir Practice Mondays 7.15pm

Final Hymn: Nearer My God

Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me:
Still all my song shall be, nearer my God to Thee.
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.
Though like the wanderer, the sun gone down,
Darkness be over me, my rest a stone:
Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer my God to Thee
Nearer my God to Thee, nearer to Thee.



The Season of Lent 2025

Trócaire Boxes are now available. This year focuses on Guatemala, a country which is one of the least responsible for causing the climate crisis, yet is bearing the brunt of the consequences. trocaire.org.

Thought for the Day..

At Lent, we should try the key to our heart's door,
It may have gathered rust.
If so, this is the time to oil it,
In order that the heart's door
May open more easily
When the Lord Jesus wants to enter at
Easter time!
Lord, oil the hinges of our heart's door
That they may swing gently
And easily to welcome your coming.

♦ Sunday 23rd March 2025: Third Sunday of Lent Year C

♦ Weekday Readings: Third Week of Lent Cycle 1

Masses will be relayed on the webcam: [go to killybegsparish.com](http://go.to/killybegsparish.com) for a link to Online Services or mcn.live

Friday	21st March:	10.00am - Kate Kennedy (Anniversary)
Saturday	22nd March:	07.00pm - Annie & James Byrne (Anniversaries) Virginia Bowden (Anniversary)
Sunday	23rd March:	09.00am - Special Intention 11.00am - Cahil McLaughlin (60th Anniversary)
Monday	24th March:	10.00am - Baby Maria Gallagher (Anniversary)
Tuesday	25th March:	10.00am - Michael Ó Tuairisg (Anniversary) 07.00pm - Celebration of First Confession
Thursday	27th March:	10.00am - Seamus Tully (Month's Mind Mass)
Friday	28th March:	10.00am - Special Intention
Saturday	29th March:	07.00pm - Anne Kinsella (Month's Mind Mass) Mary Murrin (4th Anniversary) Rosemary McGettigan (4th Anniversary) Francis Cunningham (5th Anniversary) John Curran (5th Anniversary) Jack Murchan (Anniversary)
Sunday	30th March:	09.00am - Breid & James Cunningham (Anniversaries) 11.00am - Joe Meehan (5th Anniversary)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday 11am - 7pm

Pray for: John Dick, whose funeral took place in Bearna, Co Galway, on Tuesday (formerly from Murray Lodge, Killybegs).

Pray for: Margaret Mary Rowan-Mackie. *Suaimhneas Sioraí.*

Congratulations to all baptised recently & welcomed into the Catholic Christian Community

Ayla Grace Gallagher
Orlaith Belle Egan
Oisín Noctor
Jake John Leese



Sunday Collection	16th March	€1,520.00
Church Flowers		€ 490.00
Education of Church Students		€1,590.00
Maintenance Fund	16th March	€1,230.00

Holding on to anger is like grasping a hot coal with the intent of throwing it at someone else; you are the one who gets burned.

April Weekend Rota

Ministers of the Word

Vigil 7pm: Patricia Dowd
09.00am: Phil Carrabin
11.00am: Anne Haughey

Collectors

Vigil 7pm: Fred Smith, Patricia Dowd
09.00am: Michael Melly
11.00am: Pat McGinty, Kathleen McBrearty

Ministers of the Eucharist

Vigil 7pm: Ann Marie Leslie, Patricia O'Boyle
09.00am: Maureen Cunningham, Lisa McGing
11.00am: Teresa Doherty, Marian Breslin

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Knock National Pilgrimage 2025

Evening Session: Saturday 5th April 7pm-9.30pm
Pilgrimage Day: Sunday 6th April 10.30am - 5pm
info@eucharisticadoration.ie T: 0871045200

Sunday Social in Dunkineely Community Centre
Sunday 30th March 8pm - 10pm.
Music: Glenside Country. Adm €10. Refreshments.

Niall Mór Centre

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Monday 24th March & April 7th: 7pm - 9pm
Donegal Women's Collective: Crafting Workshop
Organic Soap Making & Jewellery Making
Thursday April 10th: Flower Arranging Class
Wednesday April 16th-18th: Children's Easter Camp 10am - 2pm
May 2025 (Date TBC): Sugar Crafting Class
Thurs 24th April Wild Foraging Workshop 1-3pm
Thursday May 1st Computer Classes for beginners

Congratulations to Niall Mór N.S. Quiz Team

who followed up their recent success of winning the county Cumann na mBunscol Quiz by winning the County Garda Quiz this week.
A fantastic achievement! Best wishes to Eoghan Boyle, Conor Conaghan, Hugh Leslie and Cian McMonagle on Sunday, 23rd March in Tullamore as they represent both the school & county in the All-Ireland Cumann na mBunscol Final.