St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Wishing you love, joy and hope this Christmas. Beannachtaí na Nollag oraibh uilig.

Christmas Masses 2023

• Saturday 23rd December: 7pm



6pm: Christmas Mass (including First Communion Children & Junior Choir)

8pm: Christmas Mass (including Confirmation Candidates

& St Catherine's Voc. School Choir)

10pm: Christmas Mass (with Senior Choir)

 Monday 25th December, Christmas Day: Masses at 9am & 11am.

Rosary at the Crib Christmas Day 6pm.

Entrance Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O come, O come Emmanuel,
To free your captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
(Chorus) Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel,

(Chorus) Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel,

To you shall come Emmanuel
O key of David's city, come

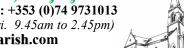
And open wide our heav'nly home;
Make safe the way that leads above,
Protect us ever by your love (Chorus)

Final Hymn: Give Me Joy

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, Give me joy in my heart, I pray. Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising, Keep me praising till the break of day.

Chorus: Sing hosanna, Sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna, to the King of Kings.
Sing hosanna, Sing hosanna,
Sing hosanna, to the King

Give me love in my heart, keep me serving Give me love in my heart, I pray. Give me love in my heart, keep me serving Keep me serving till the break of day. (Chorus)





First Coming

He did not wait till the world was ready, till men and nations were at peace. He came when the Heavens were unsteady, and prisoners cried out for release.

He did not wait for the perfect time. He came when the need was deep and great. He dined with sinners in all their grime, turned water into wine.

He did not wait till hearts were pure. In joy he came to a tarnished world of sin and doubt.

To a world like ours, of anguished shame he came, and his Light would not go out.

He came to a world which did not mesh, to heal its tangles, shield its scorn.
In the mystery of the Word made Flesh the Maker of the stars was born.

We cannot wait till the world is sane to raise our songs with joyful voice, for to share our grief, to touch our pain, He came with Love: Rejoice! Rejoice!

by Madeleine L'Engle



♦ Weekday Readings: Fourth Week of Advent

Masses will be relayed on the webcamera: go to killybegsparish.com for a link to Online Services

Friday 22nd December: 10.00am - Sarahanne & John McCloskey (Anniversaries) 07.00pm - Catherine Bridie McCullagh (Month's Mind Mass)

Saturday 23rd December: 07.00pm - Roselean McGuinness (5th Anniversary)
Fr Dan Doherty (1st Anniversary)

Sunday 24th December: 09.00am - Special Intention

11.00am - John Gallagher, Carricknagore (5th Anniversary)

Christmas Eve 24th December: 06.00pm - Charlie McGuinness (11th Anniversary)

08.00pm - Special Intentions

10.00pm - Intentions of Parishioners & Friends
Christmas Day 25th December: 09.00am - Barney, Martin & Brian Gillespie R.I.P.

11.00am - Special Intentions

Tuesday
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26th December:
28th December:
11.00am - Paddy Byrne (43rd Anniversary)
11.00am - Harry Brady (12th Anniversary)
11.00am - Con Doogan (Anniversary)

Saturday

30th December:

07.00pm - Frances O'Donnell (4th Anniversary)

Seamus Meehan (4th Anniversary)

Patrick O'Donnell (Anniversary)

Michael Boyle (10th Anniversary)

Sunday 31st December: 09.00am - Mary (5th) & Mickey Lafferty (Anniversaries)

11.00am - Dinny Byrne (1st Anniversary)

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this weekend or next weekend.

Pray for: Francis Cunningham, Teelin Rd, Carrick, whose funeral is in Carrick on Sunday at 11am (father of Rónán and Eunan); Irene Hegarty, Funeral Mass in Glencolmcille Friday 29th December 1pm John McNellis, Glen & St Cummins Hill, who died in London; Paul McGuigan, who died recently. Pray for: John O'Boyle, Timothy O'Boyle, Fr Kevin Hegarty, John McFadden, Ethel Blaine, Cassie & Tom McBrearty, Seamus McSorley (3rd Anniv), Annie McGuinness, Carolyn Carr McMonagle (8th Anniv). Suaimhneas Síoraí.

Christmas Table Quiz in Foresters Hall in aid of Children's Hospital Crumlin on Wednesday 27th December 9pm. Spot prizes etc.

Sunday Missal 2024 now available Complimentary copy to all Ministers of the Word & the Eucharist & the Parish Choir.

Killybegs Parish Calendar 2024 more complimentary copies available in Parish

Anam Cara Donegal, Parent Evening on Thursday 11th January at 7:15pm in the Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. Tel: 01 4045378

A thought..

Christ asks for a home in your soul, where he can be at rest with you, where he can talk easily to you, where you and he, alone together, can laugh and be silent and be delighted with one another.



Caryll Houselander

Sunday Collection17th December€ 1,625.00Graveyard Seats Donations€ 50.00Maintenance Fund17th December€ 1,365.00Thank you for your continued generosity.

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