

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
- **Sunday 24th December, Christmas Eve:**
 Morning Masses at 9am & 11am

 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,
 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

- ◆ **Sunday 24th December 2023: Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B**
- ◆ **Weekday Readings: Fourth Week of Advent**
Masses will be relayed on the webcam: 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 26th December:** 11.00am - Paddy Byrne (43rd Anniversary)
- Thursday 28th December:** 11.00am - Harry Brady (12th Anniversary)
- Friday 29th December:** 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.*
 Caryl Houselander



Sunday Collection 17th December € 1,625.00
Graveyard Seats Donations € 50.00
Maintenance Fund 17th December € 1,365.00
Thank you for your continued generosity.

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