

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Easter Thanks

It was a memorable week of liturgical celebration, beginning with the blessing of palms and concluding with the celebration of the Mass of the Resurrection on Easter Sunday. It was great to be blessed with such good weather. The highpoint of the celebrations was the Easter Vigil, with the baptism of six members of the Tubbs family: Shantelle, Caine, Madison, Alfie, Isabelle and Esme. Congratulations to them on being welcomed into God's family through the Sacrament of Baptism. The Reconciliation Service on Tuesday evening struck a chord with so many, with the thoughtful reflection by Monsignor Joe Chambers. Those who were Confirmed a week earlier took a full part in the Holy Thursday Celebration of the Lord's Supper. Fr Brendan McBride joined us for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, immediately preceded by the Street Stations. The morning Stations of the Cross for children and the evening Stations are always inspiring and well attended.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who was involved in all the preparations including the Altar Society and the Easter Garden Team, led by Charlie Boyle. Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Servers and Collectors played their full part. Maeve Murray and the Senior Choir made such a substantial contribution to all the celebrations. Janet's contribution on the violin was very much appreciated. The Junior Choir, under Ann O'Donnell's care, worked wonders as well. And it was very uplifting to have two group of young singers present: Roisín & Kelly; Dearbhla, Orla, Jack & Eoin. And Sara O'Donnell provided the perfect musical accompaniment, along with Miriam. We are grateful to them all.

A particular feature of Lent and Holy Week was the artwork in the Sacred Space, mostly produced by Brian & Naomi Fleury and one by Roisín O'Donnell. Their excellent productions are very much appreciated. Patricia O'Boyle does great work as sacristan and James Gavigan was called on a number of times for important tasks which he carried out with such dignity. The church interior and grounds are maintained by Community Employment members and we are very grateful to them. There were plenty on hand to help with the children's celebrations, including the Parents First Communion Group, and it was worth all the effort. Also, the countless hours spent sewing together the Garment of Suffering and the Stoles for the newly-baptised are much appreciated. Ann, the Parish Secretary, coordinated everything superbly. Pleasure in the job puts perfection in the work! May we continue to grow in faith and wisdom, guided by the Spirit of the Risen Christ.

- **Sunday 27th April 2014: Second Sunday of Easter (Cycle A)**
- **Weekday Readings: 2nd Week of Easter**

Saturday	26th April:	07.00pm - Pat Rawdon (10th Anniversary)
Sunday	27th April:	09.00am - Oliver Cunningham (3rd Anniversary) 11.00am - Dora & Tom Keeney (Anniversaries)
Monday	28th April:	10.00am - Special Intention
Tuesday St Catherine of Siena	29th April:	10.00am - Special intention
Friday	2nd May:	07.00pm - Shaun O'Neill (1st Anniversary)
Saturday Ss Philip & James	3rd May:	07.00pm - Connie Gallagher (Anniversary)
Sunday	4th May:	09.00am - Special Intention 11.00am - Bernie Cahill (15th Anniversary)

Confessions: Saturday 6.30pm;
Adoration: Sunday 6pm - Monday midnight

Please note: Mass on Tuesday at 10am.
No Mass Wednesday & Thursday. Mass Friday 7pm.

Pray for those who died recently: Michael Gwizdak who died in America last week, son of Maureen (nee Laverty) and Joe Gwizdak; **Mary McGuinness**, Brooklyn, New York, who died on Thursday (sister in law of John Paul McGuinness, Larcy).

Pray for: Anna Nolan, Larry Tourish, Constantine Murrin, Ann Boyle, Trim. *Suaimhneas Síoraí.*

Killybegs Flowers and Gifts

Relocation sale. All giftware must go.
4 days only! From Tuesday 29th April.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

27th April - Anne Rodgers
4th May - Máire McGuinness

First Communion Gifts

A wide selection now available in Parish Office.
Also Mass Cards including for exams, anniversaries, birthday, thank you, intentions.. and more.

Pre School Vaccine Clinic will take place in Dr Bourke's Surgery on Wednesday 7th May & Thursday 8th May between 12.30-2pm.

Tea Day in aid of Alzheimer's Society of Ireland in recently refurbished Ship Shape Launderette, Bridge St Killybegs on Thurs 1st May 11am-1.30pm. All welcome. **Official Re-opening of Ship Shape Launderette** at 6.30pm on Thursday 1st May. All invited to look around and enjoy the refreshments.

A fundraising dance for the Niamh Kennedy Campaign in the Bay View Hotel on Friday 2nd May. Music by Retro. Draw on the night for a jersey signed by Seamie Coleman. Admission €10.

Blood Donor Clinic at Bay View Hotel. Thursday 1st May 2.30pm-5pm & 7pm-9.30pm

Car Boot Sale in Áislann Chill Chartha Sunday 27th April 2 - 5 p.m. Tel: 074 9738376.

Sliabh Liag Hillwalkers next walk Sunday 27th April. Grade A. Meet: 9.50am at Fintra School. Duration: 4 to 5 hours. Tel Paddy 0876737614

Sunday Collection	€ 1,890.00
Trócaire	€ 3,215.00
Restoration & Development Fund:	
Envelopes 19th & 20th April	€ 2,370.00
Donation	€ 100.00
Total Fund:	€2,197,104.38

FETAC Level 5 course in Traditional Stone Wall Constructions Skills at Killybegs. For applications apply to local SOLAS (formerly FÁS) office or to Letterkenny or Gweedore.

Bus to Lough Derg, Sunday 11th May
Contact McBrearty's 074 9731056

Outreach Officer in Foresters Hall on Friday 2nd May 11am - 1pm. No app necessary. For information tel: 074 9128010

Thank you We would like to thank you all most sincerely for all the kindness shown to us since Mike's death, to those who sent sympathy cards, Mass cards, letters and flowers, the huge crowd that attended his memorial Mass. Thanks to those who donated to our fundraising page www.justgiving.com/iain-marshall2 There is an irreplaceable void in our lives, however, it brings comfort to know that so many people are thanking of and praying for us. With love, Maureen, Molly and Patrick Gulvin.

Parents First Communion Team meets this Monday 28th April at 8pm in the Parish Office.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Sarah Gillespie and Sean Byrne; Dominic Mullin & Carmel Gallagher who were married recently.

Trócaire Boxes: Lent 2014. If there are any remaining envelopes please return them this week.

First Communion Saturday 17th May 11am
Graveyard Mass Friday 25th July 7pm

Accord Donegal Town
Marriage Preparation Course Dates 2014
May 9th / 10th; June 13th / 14th.
Book online www.accord.ie / 074 9723944.

Vigil for Life Merrion Sq, Dublin on Saturday 3rd May 3pm-4pm.

Induction Loop is available in the Church for hearing-aid users, switch to T position.

A clean-up at Loch Head is being organised by Killybegs Gun Club and all help will be appreciated. Convening at 10am on Saturday, May 3rd, at Loch Head. Bags and gloves will be provided.

Vocations Discernment Day in Ards Friary on Saturday 3rd May 10am - 3pm for young men discerning a calling to the priesthood. Tel: Fr Rory Brady 087 9141606.

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