

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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**Masses and Services:** Live streaming on **www.mcmedia.tv**



**During Advent, take time to be aware that in the very midst of our busy preparations for the celebration of Christ's birth in ancient Bethlehem, Christ is reborn in the Bethlehems of our homes and daily lives. Take time, slow down, be still; be awake to the Divine Mystery that looks so common and so ordinary, yet is wondrously present.**  
Edward Hays

### Important Christmas Celebrations

**Christmas Carol Service:**  
Wednesday 16th December 7.00pm  
**Service of Reconciliation:**  
Thursday 17th December **7.30pm**  
**Christmas Children's Mass:**  
Christmas Eve 7.00pm

### Parish Christmas Deliveries

- We would like to deliver the Parish Christmas Newsletter and the complimentary Parish Calendar 2016 to each household the week beginning Monday 7th December.
- At the same time the Church Envelopes and the Restoration Envelopes will be delivered.
- We are appealing for help with the deliveries. There will be a meeting this **Thursday 3rd December 7.30pm** in the Parish Office for all who can help.

**The Jubilee Year of Mercy:** The Holy Year of Mercy begins in Rome on 8th December. Our motto for the Holy Year:  
*Merciful like the Father.*

**'Walk with Me'**, from the Parish Office €1: reflecting on the mercy of God during Advent.

**The Killybegs 'Murillo'**  
a beautifully-produced A4 print of our treasured painting is now available with flyer, for €5. Some framed prints for €15.

### December Sunday Rota

#### READERS

**Vigil 7pm:** Pat Connaghan  
**9.00am:** Breege McGuinness  
**11.00am:** Lena Gavigan

#### COLLECTORS

**Vigil 7pm:** Donal O'Donnell, Rosaleen Carry, Ann Marie Leslie  
**9.00am:** Michael Melly, Rose McBreaty  
**11.00am:** Rosemary Kelly, Kathleen McBreaty

#### MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

**Vigil 7pm:** Brid Callaghan, Mary Hegarty, Celia Doherty  
**9.00am:** Christine Smith, Linda Gallagher  
**11.00am:** Mary Gallagher, James Gavigan, Celia McGee

### Parish Office Christmas Gifts

There is a large and varied supply of Christmas gifts and cards available in the Parish Office.



**Christmas First Friday Calls**  
on Thursday 10th & Friday 11th December with Holy Communion and Anointing.

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society**  
Church Gate Collection 5th & Sun. 6th Dec.

**Congratulations to Alecoe Haughey,**  
Niall Mór N.S. & Altar Sever, who features in the recently released film 'A Christmas Star'.

**Boards of Management:** We are grateful to everyone who participated in the process of forming new Boards of Management for Niall Mór, Commons and Fintra National Schools. The term for the new Boards begins 1st December 2015 and expires 30th November 2019. The function of the Board is to manage the school on behalf of the Patron, following the regulations of the Department of Education and Skills, for the benefit of students and their parents, providing an appropriate education for all students. It involves overseeing all relevant school policies relating to admission, education and discipline. The Board is responsible for the upholding of the ethos, culture and traditions of the school, for the efficient use of resources, maintaining a high standard of accommodation and facilities, for appointments and for making reasonable provision for students with special educational needs. The Board fosters a good relationship between itself and the Principal and teachers, staff, pupils, parents, Parent Association, patron, the department and the whole school community, working together for the education and wellbeing of all students. Meetings are held at least once a school term, with up to five meetings during the school year. We are grateful for all the valuable work that board members do, in a voluntary capacity, for students and the whole school community. It is very much appreciated.

- **Sunday 29th November 2015: First Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)**
- **Weekday Readings: First Week of Advent**

**Saturday 28th November: 07.00pm** - John O'Donnell (2nd Anniversary)  
**Sunday 29th November: 09.00am** - Pat Conneely (Anniversary)  
**11.00am** - Anna Marie Murphy (Anniversary)  
**Monday 30th November: 10.00am** - Lily Maguire (1st Anniv) & Matt Maguire (35th Anniv)  
**Wednesday 2nd December: 07.00pm** - Anna & Frank McCallig (Anniversaries)  
**Thursday 3rd December: 10.00am** - Special Intention  
**Friday 4th December: 10.00am** - Packie Melly (Anniversary)  
**Saturday 5th December: 07.00pm** - Margaret Gallagher (10th Anniversary)  
**Sunday 6th December: 09.00am** - Philip & Barry Gallagher (Anniversaries)  
**11.00am** - Rosemary nee Gillespie Rafferty & Raymond (Anniv)

**Adoration:** Sunday 6pm - Monday midnight

**Confessions:** Saturday 6.30pm

**Pray for: Colm Tully**, who died in London on Friday night (brother of Charlie and Willie Tully; funeral arrangements later); **Thomas McGinty**, whose funeral took place in Letterkenny yesterday, Saturday (brother of Pat McGinty, St Cummins Hill); **Michael Flannery**, Dingle, who died last week (brother-in-law of Mary Breslin, Largy). **Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Paul Boyle, Frankie McBreaty, Molly Love, Madge Murrin, Mary B Gallagher, Meenmore, Dungloe. **Suaimhneas Sioraí.**

**Congratulations to St John's Church**  
on celebrating their 190th Anniversary, with a wonderful Tree Festival. Service today Sunday 29th November 11am. Tree festival continues Sunday 12 noon - 7pm. All welcome. Donations welcome.

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration**  
29th November - Celia Doherty  
6th December - Elis McMorrow

**Sunday Collection** €1,360.00  
**Restoration Fund:**  
Envelopes 21st & 22nd November €1,470.00  
**Total Restoration Fund: €2,471,142.93**  
(Murillo collection to date € 8,090.00)  
*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

**Santa and Christmas lights switch on**  
on Saturday 5th December at 8pm  
**Christmas Craft Fair**  
Sat. 5th December 6pm - 8.30pm in Bay View Hotel.

**I.C.A. meeting in the Niall Mór Centre**  
Wednesday 2nd December at 7.30pm.

**Margaret Cunningham**, Kille, wishes to sincerely thank everyone who supported her Coffee Morning on Hospice Day. Total raised €453. Many thanks.

**Killybegs International Carpet & Fishing Centre Christmas Craft Fayre**  
Thurs 3rd - Fri 11th December. Tel 074 97 41944.

**The Clients of Killybegs Day Hospital**  
Annual Craft and Cake Sale in Day Hospital, on Friday 4th December 2pm - 4pm.  
Your support would be very much appreciated.

**Killybegs Community Care Senior Citizens Party**  
in Tara Hotel on Sunday 6th December at 1pm. Mr & Mrs Claus, music, singing, craic agus ceol. All welcome. Leave names in Post Office / tel Celia 085 2806365 / Ann Marie 087 6127108.

**Rosary & Divine Mercy: Tuesday 6.30pm**  
in Adoration Room. All welcome.

**Billy's Annual Fund Raising Dance for Cancer Patients** in Abbey Hotel  
Wednesday 9th Dec, 9pm - 1am. Tickets €10.

**Bay View Hotel 4 Course Christmas Lunch**  
with dancing and spot prizes on Wed 9th Dec 12.30-4.30pm. €17.50. Tel: 074 9731950.

**The Carers Association** are providing the QQI (FETAC) Level 5 Healthcare Support Award training in your area in January. For more info contact 057 9370221.

**Áislann Chill Chartha Christmas Market & Indoor Boot Sale.** Sunday 6th December from 12 - 3 p.m. Christmas Classic film 'ELF' in Cinema at 1pm. Free Adm. 0749738376. **Áislann Health & Fitness Suite** End of Year Special Offer. Gift Vouchers available for Fitness Suite, Library Membership & Cinema.

**Congratulations & Best Wishes to**  
Thomas Browne & Patricia Mulvey who were married recently.

**Anam Cara Parent Evening on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December, 7.30pm - 9pm, Mount Errigal Hotel.**