

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

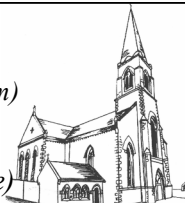
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RIGHT TO LIFE

We continue with another excerpt from Bishop Alan McGuckian's Pastoral Letter on 'Right to Life', for your consideration and reflection.

*My Dear People,
In anticipation of a Referendum on the 8th Amendment of the Constitution I want to write to you on the question of the Right to Life. As Catholics we all hold to the absolute sacredness of all life from conception to natural death. Still, I know that this is a very sensitive, delicate and, indeed, painful topic for many. I offer my reflections with great respect for the integrity of everyone while wishing to make some points clearly and unambiguously.*

Life and Choice

The little human in the womb has life and potential. However, like all babies, before birth or in the early years, he or she has no choice. Powerless to claim their rights, they rely on the rest of us to choose for them and to vindicate their rights. When we use the word 'choice' we need to remember that for the baby waiting to be born the choice is a matter of life and death.

I invite you to pray earnestly that the people of Ireland will 'choose life' and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country.

+Alan McGuckian S.J.
Bishop of Raphoe



The Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulation to the 51 young people who were confirmed last Sunday. It was a very special occasion and we are very grateful to all the confirmed for playing a full part in Sunday's celebration and in the preparation throughout the year. Our thanks to Bishop Alan, Dean Austin Laverty, parents, sponsors, teachers and to all who supported them in this journey of faith. Thanks to all who helped with the celebration: Maeve Murray and the Senior Choir, Ann O'Donnell and the Junior Choir, the musicians Sara and Miriam, the singers Roisín, Lauren, Orla & Dearbhla, Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors, Altar Servers, Patricia our Sacristan, Richard, Derek & Alison of Killybegs Employment Project, the Altar Society and the photo/video experts. Everyone worked together to make it a very special celebration.

The Alzheimer Café, The Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny on Thursday 3rd May 11am - 1pm.
Contact Mary (Secretary) on 087 9449903

First Communion Mass:

Saturday 12th May 11.00am, followed by refreshments in Foresters Hall for everyone. Parents of last year's First Communion class usually look after this party. Please let Ann know in the Parish Office if you can help: 074 9731013.

May First Friday Calls will be on Thursday 10th May & Friday 11th May.

Rota now available for Daily Readers, Altar Servers and Hospital Rota for Eucharistic Ministers.

Doon Well Devotions Bishop Alan McGuckian offering Mass in Termon 9pm Monday 30th April. A Holy Hour 8-9pm. Walk to the Well for Rosary at 12 midnight.

The people of Donegal are invited to join with 7 Churches across Ireland in a "Day of Reparation for the Unborn" on Sunday 13th May in St. Patrick's Church, Donegal Town

Thank you The Molloy family wish to thank the numerous kind people who contacted them on the death of their sister, Nuala. Special appreciation to Fr Colm for his constant availability at the time of her death. Our thanks to the local choir for their beautiful rendition of the hymns and to the two local hospitals' staff for their care during her illness. And of course, the McBrearty family undertakers, for their attention. We hope this will be accepted by all in grateful acknowledgement.

Board of Management Meetings

Niall Mór N.S. Monday 30th April 8pm
Commons N.S. Tuesday 1st May 4.30pm

Social dance, Thursday 3rd May, Inver, 9.30-11.30pm. Music: Shane Shovelin. €7

Anam Cara Parent Evening on Thursday 10th May 7.30 - 9pm in Radisson Blu Hotel.

Killybegs Cruise Ships 2018

Saturday 5th May: MS Silver Muse, arrive 8.00, depart 18.00. Passengers 596.

• **Sunday 29th April 2018:** **Fifth Sunday of Easter** **Cycle B**

• **Weekday Readings:** **Fifth Week of Easter**

Saturday 28th April: **07.00pm** - Bridget & Hugh Gallagher (Anniversaries) John & Susan McGuinness & deceased family

Sunday 29th April: **09.00am** - Special Intention
11.00am - Special Wedding Intention

Monday 30th April: **10.00am** - Special Intentions

Tuesday 1st May: **10.00am** - Special Intentions

Thursday 3rd May: **10.00am** - Special Intention

Friday 4th May: **10.00am** - Special Intention

Saturday 5th May: **07.00pm** - Joe McCrudden (2nd Anniversary) Connie Gallagher (Anniversary) Bernie Cahill (Anniversary)

Sunday 6th May: **09.00am** - John Keeney (1st Anniversary)
11.00am - Jack Gallagher (Anniversary)

Confessions: Saturday 6.30pm.

Adoration: Sunday 6pm to Monday Midnight

Rosary/ Divine Mercy/ Adoration in the Adoration Room Tuesday 7.00pm.

Pray for those who died recently: David Meehan, who died in England. Funeral arrangements later; **Mary Robinson**, who died in England (daughter of Eva and Ray Robinson, Five Points). Funeral arrangements later. House private; **Cahir Gallagher and Nora Kee** whose funerals took place last Sunday. **Pray for: Pat McBrearty. Suaimhneas Siorái.**

World Meeting of Families 21-26 August 2018: Online registration is now open for the Congress (Wed 22- Fri 24 August). We hope to organise transport for Saturday (Croke Park) and Sunday (Phoenix Park) when Pope Francis will be present, as soon as registration for these two days opens. *If you are interested in travelling by coach Saturday or Sunday, please let Ann know in the Parish Office*

A career in the Hospitality and Tourism Sector?

The Traineeship starts 21st May for 48 weeks for a QQI Level 5 Major Award in Hospitality Operations. Email: hospitalityjobs@welfare.ie or tel: 0879852935. Recruitment event on Tues 8th May at 11am at LYIT, School of Tourism, Killybegs.

White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre

A Weekend Retreat for those in recovery from addiction who wish to deepen their relationship with God. 18th - 20th May. €150/€100 T:0749384400/
info@whiteoakscentre.com

Tír Boghaine Teo A.G.M., in Niall Mór Centre on Tuesday 15th May, 7pm.

Niall Mór Centre 9741863 Ring to book a place..

Horticulture & Sustainable Development Course: For more info tel: Adele 086 8207338 / email: adelemcelhinney@donegaletb.ie
Occupational First Aid Refresher Course: One day course Sat 19th May 9.30am - 5.30pm. €90
Chatting to my child about Alcohol and Other Drugs Tuesday 1st May 7pm. Tel: Kathy Cunningham 0874126400 or email kcunningham@dldc.org
Internet Safety for Parents and Families Tuesday 8th May 7pm: For more info tel: Kathy Cunningham
Breast Feeding Group 1st & 3rd Friday 2 - 3.30pm.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

29th April - Patricia Boyle
6th May - Mary Cunningham

Sunday Collection	€1,285.00
Trocaire	€ 20.00
Education of Students	€ 5.00
World Meeting of Families	€ 10.00
Restoration Fund	
Envelopes 14th & 15th April	€1,765.00
Total Restoration Fund:	€2,919,778.43

Thanks for your continued support

Job Club Training in job seeking preparation on Wed 6th June for 3 weeks at School of Tourism, Shore Rd, Killybegs. 10.30am-1.30pm daily. Contact 071 9858959

Áislann Chill Chartha 074 9738376

Big Céili Friday 4th May 8.30-10.30pm.
Tea Room open Saturdays 10am-3pm
Oíche Airneál Friday 27th April 8pm.
Donegal ETB Information Evening on Mon 30th April 7pm. Courses are free: Homework Skills, Maths for Parents, Irish for Parents, Internet Safety & Awareness for Parents, iPad for Parents. Tel: 0868297867.