

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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### Prayer for Spring



God of love,  
 you enter into our spring  
 seasons,  
 into our deepest places of inner dwelling,  
 into the heart of our transformation.  
 You give us glimpses of the truth.  
 May we allow our experience of spring  
 to speak to us of necessary change and growth.  
 Grant us an openness to the continuous process  
 of letting go and moving on  
 that is a part of the human condition.  
 We are grateful that you are our faithful companion  
 on this journey.  
 Amen Dan McDonald SJ

### The Bishop's Plea to the U.S. President

Let me make one final plea, Mr President.  
 Millions have put their trust in you.  
 And as you told the nation yesterday you have felt  
 the providential hand of a loving God.  
 In the name of our God, I ask you to have mercy  
 upon the people in our country who are scared.  
 And we're scared now...  
 ..Our God teaches us that we are to be merciful to the  
 stranger for we were all once strangers in this land.  
 May God grant us the strength and courage  
 to honour the dignity of every human being;  
 to speak the truth to one another in love  
 and walk humbly with each other and our God.  
 For the good of all people in this nation and the  
 world.  
Mariann Edgar Budde  
 Episcopalian Bishop of Washington

### Entrance Hymn: Come Back To Me

Come back to me with all your heart  
 Don't let fear keep us apart  
 Trees do bend 'though straight and tall  
 So must we to others call.

*Chorus: Long have I waited for your coming  
 home to me and living deeply our new life*

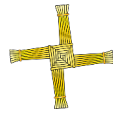
The wilderness will lead you  
 To your heart where I will speak  
 Integrity and justice  
 With tenderness you shall know (Chorus)

You shall sleep secure peace  
 Faithfulness will be your joy. (Chorus)



### Feast of St Brigid: Saturday 1st February

Blessing of Crosses at 11am Mass &  
 7pm Mass.



### Saint Brigid's Blessing:

May Christ bless the house wherein we dwell.  
 Bless every fireside, every wall and door.  
 Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof.  
 Bless every hand that toils to bring its joy.  
 Bless every foot that walks portals through.  
 May Brigid bless this house that shelters us.

### Presentation of the Lord

Sunday 2nd February  
 Blessing of candles at all Masses:  
 7pm (Vigil), 9am & 11am.



**Memorial of St Blaise** Monday 3rd February  
 Blessing of Throats after 10am Mass.

**First Communion 'Grow in Love' Celebration**  
 Sunday 9th February 11am.  
*Celebration also Sunday 2nd March 11am.*

### Liturgy of the Word for Children

- Sunday 9th February 11am.
  - Sunday 23rd February 11am
- New helpers would be welcome.



### Highland Radio Hotel Manager of the Year

Vote Christine Cunningham, Tara Hotel  
 via Highland Radio Facebook page

**Parish Choir Practice** Mondays 7.15pm

### Final Hymn: Christ Be Beside Me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
 Christ be behind me, king of my heart.  
 Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
 Christ be beside me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
 Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
 Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
 Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,  
 Christ be in all tongues telling of me,  
 Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
 In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.



- ◆ **Sunday 2nd February 2025: The Presentation of the Lord** Year C
- ◆ **Weekday Readings: Fourth Week of Ordinary Time** Cycle 1

**Masses will be relayed on the webcam: go to [killybegsparish.com](http://killybegsparish.com) for a link to Online Services or [mcn.live](http://mcn.live)**

**Friday 31st January: 10.00am** - Con O'Donnell (Anniversary)  
**Saturday St Brigid 1st February: 11.00am** - Alicia Curran (Month's Mind Mass)  
**07.00pm** - Annie McBrearty, John & Bridget Harkin (Anniv)  
 Conal & Mary Breslin, Largy (Anniversaries)  
 & deceased family members  
**Sunday 2nd February: 09.00am** - Fr Jim Callahan R.I.P  
**11.00am** - Garry Rawdon (5th Anniversary)  
**Monday St Blaise 3rd February: 10.00am** - Rian Vince (14th Anniversary)  
**Tuesday 4th February: 10.00am** - Bláithín O'Riordan (2nd Anniversary)  
**Thursday 6th February: 10.00am** - Bernie Keeney (Anniversary)  
**Friday 7th February: 07.00pm** - Kyle Mooney (2nd Anniversary)  
**Saturday 8th February: 07.00pm** - Cisco, Onzy & Mary Graglia (Anniversaries)  
**Sunday 9th February: 09.00am** - Margaret Leslie (Anniversary)  
**11.00am** - Charles (10th) & Conal (7th) O'Donnell (Anniv)

*No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday (Public Holiday)*

### Suaimhneas Síoraí.

**Donegal County Council** is seeking photographs  
 of Donegal people at work in Scotland between  
 1940 and 1990 for an upcoming exhibition.  
 Participants are encouraged to share images,  
 stories, documents or objects that reflect the  
 working lives of Donegal people in Scotland. More  
 info contact: [donegalScotland@donegalcoco.ie](mailto:donegalScotland@donegalcoco.ie) or  
 0749163824. Exhibition to be launched Spring 25

**Divine Mercy Conference** RDS, Dublin, Saturday  
 22nd February. Bus leaving Letterkenny. To book a  
 seat T: 087 77488174. To book a conference  
 ticket: [www.divinemercuryconference.com](http://www.divinemercuryconference.com)

### Killybegs Employment Project Ltd: Vacancy

Position: Assistant Supervisor.  
 Function: To assist in ensuring the effective and  
 efficient administration and co-ordination of the  
 human, financial and material resources of the  
 project. 39 hours per week, Monday to Friday.  
 Closing date 3rd February.  
 Apply: email [kepltd2@outlook.ie](mailto:kepltd2@outlook.ie) or post to:  
 Foresters Community Hall, Bridge St, Killybegs  
 F94 E718. Please attach C.V.

### Primary School Enrolments 2024/ 2025

Schools are accepting new enrolments  
 for 2025/2026 school year from  
*Tuesday 4th February - Friday 28th February*  
**Niall Mór N.S.:** forms available online  
[www.niallmor.ie/enrolment](http://www.niallmor.ie/enrolment) or from school office.  
 Tel: 074 9731794  
**Commons N.S.:**  
 See [www.commonsns.com](http://www.commonsns.com) under the Parents tab or  
 Tel: 074 9731919 / [commonsns@gmail.com](mailto:commonsns@gmail.com)  
**Fintra N.S.:** see [www.fintrans.scoilnet.ie/blog](http://www.fintrans.scoilnet.ie/blog)  
 under the enrolment tab or Tel: 074 9731668

**Sunday Collection** 26th January € 1,225.00  
 Ton of Mackerel € 2,000.00  
**Maintenance Fund** 26th January € 1,045.00  
*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

**Anam Cara**, the organisation that supports  
 bereaved parents, monthly Parent Support Evening  
 on *Thursday 13th February at 7:30pm* in  
 Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny.  
 For an online support group meeting  
 call 01 4045378 / email [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

### Áislann Chill Chartha 0749738376

*Courses starting February:*  
 Adult Art ( Both oil and watercolour), Knitting &  
 Crochet, History & Genealogy, Gaeilge  
 Aisling Fitness Suite membership €149/€110.  
*Kilcar International Film Festival 2025,*  
 February 1st to 3rd (limited tickets);  
*Upcoming concerts 2025.*  
 Seeger Sessions Revival: 14th March;  
 Onóir: 4th April; Dublin City Ramblers: 16th May.  
 Gift Vouchers available for all Aislann facilities.

### Niall Mór Centre

0749741863 [info@niallmorcentre.com](mailto:info@niallmorcentre.com)

*Irish Language Lessons* Thursdays at 11am  
*Safepass - Safety Training* course by Safetech  
 Friday 7th February 8am-4pm.  
*Driver CPC Training* course Module 2  
 Sunday 9th February 9am-5pm.  
*Emergency First Aid/ CPR* Sat 22nd Feb, 10 - 4pm  
*Watercolour Landscape Art Classes* from 7.30pm-  
 9.30pm, for 6 weeks starting Thursday 6th March.  
*Move To The Music with Lucia*- A Gentle Fitness  
 Class to Music of the 50's/60/70/80/90's Fridays at  
 10.30am-11.30am. Starts 14th February.