

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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The Jubilee Prayer - Pope Francis

Father in heaven,
 may the faith you have given us in your son,
 Jesus Christ, our brother,
 and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts
 by the Holy Spirit,
 reawaken in us the blessed hope
 for the coming of your Kingdom.
 May your grace transform us
 into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
 May those seeds transform from within
 both humanity and the whole cosmos
 in the sure expectation
 of a new heaven and a new earth,
 when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
 your glory will shine eternally.
 May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,
 Pilgrims of Hope,
 a yearning for the treasures of heaven.
 May that same grace spread the joy and peace
 of our Redeemer throughout the earth.
 To you our God, eternally blessed,
 be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday 1st March 11am.
 We rejoice with the 28 young people
 and their families celebrating
 the Sacrament of Confirmation.



The Season of Lent 2025

- The Season of Lent begins this week on **Ash Wednesday**. Masses 10am & 7pm, with distribution of ashes after the Gospel. The collection at both Masses will be for the Easter flowers.
- Ashes will be in the Church on Ash Wednesday in front of the altar. Feel free to call in and bless yourself with these ashes as you begin Lent.
- Trócaire Boxes** are now available.
- Walk With Me:** A Lenten Journey of Prayer €2. Place donation in the money boxes in porch or in the Candle Shrines.



Liturgy of the Word for Children

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



Parish Choir Practice Mondays 7.15pm

Final Hymn: God's Spirit is in My Heart

God's spirit is in my heart,
 He has called me and set me apart,
 This is what I have to do, what I have to do.

*He sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
 Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
 Tell blind people that they can see,
 And set the downtrodden free.
 And go tell everyone
 The news that the kingdom of God has come,
 And go tell everyone
 The news that God's kingdom has come.*

Just as the Father sent me,
 So I'm sending you out to be,
 My witnesses throughout the world,
 The whole of the world. (Chorus)

First Communion 'Grow in Love' Celebration this Sunday 2nd March 11am.

We continue to welcome the 28 children preparing for the sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion. During Lent Pope Francis urges us: *'Be courageous, celebrate Reconciliation. Jesus will be there and he will receive you with so much love'*.

Entrance Hymn: Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 Chorus *Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go Lord, if you lead me
 I will hold your people in my heart*
 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my peoples' pain.
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my words to them, Whom shall I send?



- Sunday 1st March 2025: Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**
 - Weekday Readings: Eighth Week of Ordinary Time Cycle 1**
- Masses will be relayed on the webcamera: [go to killybegsparish.com](http://go.to/killybegsparish.com) for a link to Online Services or mcn.live

Friday	28th Feb:	11.00am - Funeral Mass for Anne Kinsella R.I.P. 07.00pm - Columba Cunningham (3rd Anniversary)
Saturday	1st March:	11.00am - The Sacrament of Confirmation 07.00pm - Seamus Doherty (1st Anniversary) Jim Boyle (3rd Anniversary) Aodh O'Donnell (4th Anniv), Josie & Catherine Meehan & deceased Meehan & O'Donnell families Paidin & Anne O'Donnell (Anniversaries)
Sunday	2nd March:	09.00am - Stephen & Jean McTeague (Anniversaries) 11.00am - Cassie & Tom McBrearty (Anniversaries)
Monday	3rd March:	10.00am - Anne Wade & deceased members of Byrne Family, Balbane
Tuesday	4th March:	10.00am - Paul Murrin & Mary Geary (Anniversaries)
Ash Wednesday	5th March:	10.00am - Special Intentions 07.00pm - Special Intentions
Thursday	6th March:	10.00am - Special Intention
Friday	7th March:	07.00pm - Ann Kelly (Month's Mind Mass)
Saturday	8th March:	07.00pm - Mary Teresa Friel (Anniversary) Brendan & Sheila Hickey (Anniversaries)
Sunday	9th March:	09.00am - Special Intentions 11.00am - Jimmy Doherty (Month's Mind Mass)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday 11am - 7pm.

Pray for: Anne Kinsella, Church Rd, whose funeral took place on Friday; Bridie Gallagher whose funeral took place in Co Galway on Wednesday.
Pray for: Jim & Kathleen McGettigan, Pat Boorman. *Suaimeheas Sioraí.*

Trócaire's Lenten Campaign

This year focuses on Guatemala, a country which is one of the least responsible for causing the climate crisis, yet is bearing the brunt of the consequences.

We tell this story through Ilma, Julio and their family. Find our more at trocaire.org.



Ministers of the Word & Eucharist

There will be a meeting for all Readers & Ministers of the Eucharist this **Thursday 6th March at 7.30pm in the Parish Office**, to arrange a new rota for the coming months and for Holy Week. If you can't make it to the meeting, let us know of your availability for the Holy Week Rota. More Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist would be appreciated. If interested, please join us.

Quiz in Wellbrae on Friday 28th Feb 9pm in aid of Cancer Care & Cassie Sheridan Bone Marrow Transplant Fund. Organised by Mary McNulty.

Sunday Collection	23rd February	€1,495.00
Maintenance Fund	23rd February	€1,580.00

Anam Cara, Parent Support Evening
 Thursday 13th March 7.30pm
 in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny.

Aislann Chill Chartha

Classes: Adult Art, Irish Classes, Kids Art.
 Concert: Seeger Sessions on 14th March.
 Tickets available at reception 0749738376.

Donegal ETB's 2025 Further Education and Training Fair in Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny
 Tues 4th March, 7pm -9pm & Wed 5th March 10am -2pm. Tutors and advisers will be available to outline ETB's range of opportunities.

Thank You Margaret and family of the late Junior McGuinness wish to thank everyone who sympathised, sent Mass cards, attended wake and funeral of their late husband, father and grandfather. We are most appreciative of your support. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

*Listen with ears of tolerance.
 See through the eyes of compassion.
 Speak with the language of love. Rumi*