

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

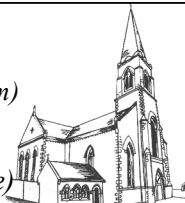
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A New Year Prayer for 2019
*Bless all who worship you, almighty God,
 from the rising of the sun to its setting:
 from your goodness enrich us,
 by your love inspire us,
 by your Spirit guide us,
 by your power protect us,
 in your mercy receive us,
 now and always.*

Sacred Space Prayer

Rosary at Croaghlin Mass Rock
 on New Year's Eve at 11.45pm

January First Friday Calls
 on Thursday 3rd & Friday 4th January

Sunday Missal 2019 Special Price: €5
 Complimentary copy for all Readers and
 Ministers of the Eucharist.
 Available from Sacristy or Parish Office.

Christmas Gratitude

So many people gathered in Church at Christmas-time to pray, worship and celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and to savour the joy of his love. Christmas is a time of grace and good-will and it is comforting to know that Jesus Christ comes to us in our sorrow, loneliness, and brokenness, as well as in times of joy and happiness, bringing light and healing to our lives.

Sincere thanks to everyone who helped with our Advent and Christmas preparations and celebrations. Being present at the Carol Service brought joy to our hearts. We are indebted to the young people of St Catherine's Vocational School, and Niall Mór, Commons & Fintra National Schools, as well as our Parish Choir. Thanks to the staff, students and all the helpers involved and a special word of gratitude to Miss McCrudden from the Vocational School. Our thanks to all the priests who helped with the Advent Reconciliation Service which always seems to strike a chord.

We're grateful to everyone involved in the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve, including all the parents who helped. It's always such a special celebration. The children excelled in the Christmas Play and in the Junior Choir, under Ann O'Donnell's inspired direction. There were well over 80 involved altogether. The individual singers were excellent: Lauren McHugh, Aimee & Lauren Hegarty, Orla McGuinness, Dearbhla Diver, Jenna Curran and a beautiful rendering of O Holy Night by Dearbhla Diver and Kelly McGinley. Musicians Sara O'Donnell, Janet Boyle, Miriam Curran, Eabha McGuinness & Aisling McGettigan were invaluable. Maeve Murray again got a standing ovation for her rendering of O Holy Night. Our parish is served so well by the Parish Choir throughout the year and when Maeve Murray is unavailable Maeve McGowan is always at hand. We appreciate the service and commitment given by all of them.

Our sincere thanks to all involved in the Christmas Masses: the Choir, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, Gift Bearers and Sacristan Patricia O'Boyle. Patricia carries out her tasks as Sacristan with attentiveness and care throughout the year. Patrick, Betty & John Boyle looked after the Crib this year again: awe-inspiring and meticulous. Our thanks also to the Christmas Tree Team, Charlie Boyle and the Altar Society.

Our gratitude to all involved in the express delivery of Church & Restoration Envelopes, Parish Calendar & Christmas Newsletter. The whole operation was coordinated by Ann O'Donnell, Parish Secretary, whose cheerfulness and efficiency in the Parish Office are much appreciated.

We are grateful to everyone who supports the parish financially throughout the year. Your ongoing generosity to the Restoration Fund is much appreciated. Our sincere thanks to all parish committees and organisations who do such good work throughout the year, including Maureen Cunningham who looks after the candles. Thank to our 'money counters' who are at hand on a weekly basis, as are all who open and close the church. The execution of these weekly tasks is very much appreciated. Our thanks to Colin & Ann Marie and participants of Killybegs Employment Project who look after the church and grounds and graveyard throughout the year. Marzena & Jackie keep the interior of the chapel in pristine condition while Richard and Derek keep the grounds in great trim. Special thanks to Canon John Gallagher who is very obliging throughout the year. On a personal note, my sincere thanks for your gifts, generous Christmas offerings and good wishes. *Go raibh mile maith agaibh. Wishing you good health & peace for 2019.*

Beannachtaí na hAithbhliana oraibh uilig, **Fr Colm**

• **Sunday 30th December 2018: The Holy Family**

• **Weekday Readings: Before Epiphany**

Saturday 29th December: 07.00pm - Bridie Meehan R.I.P.
 Sean Murphy (2nd Anniversary)
 Paddy Ward (2nd Anniv) & deceased family members
 Barney Murrin (Anniversary)
 Fionnuala Gorman (Anniversary)
 Deceased members of the Ward family.

Sunday 30th December: 09.00am - John Gallagher, Croaghlin (Month's Mind Mass)
11.00am - Con Doogan (Anniversary)
11.00am - Patrick O'Donnell (Anniversary)

Monday 31st December: 11.00am - Funeral Mass for Moira Mallon R.I.P.
Tuesday 1st January: 11.00am - Funeral Mass for Ena O'Doherty R.I.P.
Wednesday 2nd January: 07.00pm - Georgie Murray (Month's Mind Mass)
Thursday 3rd January: 07.00pm - Josie O'Donnell (6th Anniv) & deceased members
Friday 4th January: 07.00pm - Bridget Cooper (Anniversary)
Saturday 5th January: 07.00pm - Michael Hugh Byrne (anniversary)
 Patrick Byrne (Anniversary)

Sunday Epiphany of the Lord 6th January: 09.00am - Edward & Nora Leslie (Anniversaries)
11.00am - Michael Boyle (Anniversary)



No Adoration this weekend. **Confessions:** Saturday 6.30pm
Rosary/ Divine Mercy/Adoration Adoration Room Tues 5.45pm - 6.45pm.
Pray for: Moira Mallon, who died Saturday afternoon. Being waked at her daughter's (Patricia Faherty) from Sunday 4pm. Funeral Mass Tuesday 11.00am.

Pray for: Ena O'Doherty, Glencar, Letterkenny: Funeral Mass in Killybegs on Wednesday 2nd January at 11am (wife of the late Gerry O'Doherty, formerly The Green, Killybegs);

John Gallagher, Carricknagore, whose funeral took place on Christmas Eve;

Mick McCallig, Bruckless, whose funeral took place in Bruckless on St Stephen's Day.

Pray for: Ethel Blaine, Freda Gillespie. Suaimhneas Storaí.

Thank You

Maeve and the family of the late Georgie Murray would like to thank everyone who attended Georgie's wake and funeral and helped out in anyway during this sad time. A special thank you to Fr Colm, Janet and the Choir who made it very special. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

January Sunday Rota

READERS
Vigil 7pm: Patricia Dowd
09.00am: Eleanor Gallagher
11.00am: Anne Haughey

COLLECTORS
Vigil 7pm: Donal O'Donnell, Fred Smith,
 Ann Marie Leslie
09.00am: Seamus Gillespie, Mary Harkin
11.00am: Kathleen McBrearty, Pat McGinty

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Vigil 7pm: Elis McMorrow, Bríd Callaghan,
 Mary Hegarty
09.00am: Christine Smith, Linda Gallagher
11.00am: James Gavigan, Rosemary Gallagher,
 Mary Cunningham

Bingo in Foresters Hall on Sat 29th Dec, 8pm.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration


No Adoration this weekend
 6th January - Brendan O'Keeney

Sunday Collection	€ 1,545.00
Restoration Fund	
Envelopes 22nd & 23rd December	€ 1,970.00
Donation	€ 300.00
Murillo Donation	€ 100.00
Last Man Standing	€ 2,240.00
Total Restoration Fund:	€2,994,104.43

Parish & Restoration Envelopes

Anyone who would like a set of envelopes please let the Parish Office know.

Last Man Standing: 284 Entries

Congratulations to 
Calum Fallon & Donnfhlaith Ni Thuairisg
 who were declared the winners after Tie Bread Question 2, receiving €300 each.
 Full details on our website (newsletters) & Noticeboard. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the competition. A total profit of €2240 goes to St Mary's Restoration Fund.