

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

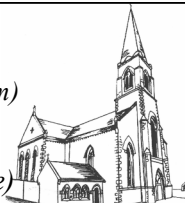
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### The Season of Lent 2019

- The Season of Lent begins this week on **Ash Wednesday**. Masses at **10am & 7pm**, with distribution of ashes after the Gospel. 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. The collection at both Masses will be for Church Flowers throughout the year.
- During Lent there will be Mass at **8.30am on Tuesday** mornings.
- Stations of the Cross this **Thursday 7th March** 7pm and will continue on Wednesdays at 7pm.
- Trócaire Boxes** are now available. Trócaire's Lent motto 2019 is: *Until Love Conquers Fear*. In some places, people still live in fear that their land, their houses and their families will be taken away from them. And it just isn't right. This Lent, please help love conquer that fear.
- Walk With Me:** A Lenten Journey of Prayer €2. Place donation in the money boxes in porch.

Lent is a highway of holiness. Signposts along the way point toward the renewal of our baptismal promises and the joy of Easter Sunday. The ashes on our foreheads are our pilgrim badge marking us as penitents, poor beggars seeking God's grace and mercy. Our prayer is a sign of our hunger and thirst for God. Our fasting is a sign of sorrow for our sin and an openness to conversion and turning back to God. Our almsgiving is a sign of gratitude, for we have received mercy, and through generous giving show mercy.



**First Communion** 'Do This in Memory' Celebration this Sunday 3rd March at 11am.

**First Friday Calls** this Thursday 7th & Friday 8th March. Anyone who would like a call and not presently on the list, please let Fr Colm or Ann know at the Parish Office.

**Thank you** Margaret & Junior McGuinness & family wish to thank those who sympathised with them on the death of Margaret's brother, Paddy McMenamin. Thanks for the Mass cards, those who called to the house, who travelled to the wake in Letterkenny. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**Killybegs Community Care Care of the Aged** A.G.M. Thursday 7th March 8.30pm in Killybegs Hospital. New members welcome.

### PARISH MINISTRIES

We are now planning three sessions during Lent for the renewal of Parish Ministries, aimed at Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Catechists, Collectors & Parish Choir members. This would involve:

- All who are already involved in those ministries. We strongly encourage you to attend all 3 sessions.
- Newcomers, who might consider becoming a Reader or Minister of the Eucharist or Catechist or Collector or joining the Choir. *We urgently need new members. All are welcome.*

**Week One: Thursday 14th March 7.30pm- 9pm** in the Church, with Jack O'Herlihy

**Week Two: Thursday 21st March 7.30pm- 9pm** in the Church, with Fr Kieran Shorten OFM Cap.

**Week Three: Thursday 28th March 7.30pm- 9pm**, Parish Office. Forward Planning. Refreshments.

*During Lent we encourage the congregation to sing along with the Parish Choir at 11am Sunday Mass.*



- Sunday 3rd March 2019:** Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle C
- Weekday Readings:** Week Eight in Ordinary Time / Season of Lent Cycle 1

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2nd March:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Special Intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3rd March:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Special Intention <b>11.00am</b> - Special Intention
<b>Monday</b>	<b>4th March:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Special Intentions
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>5th March:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Special Intention
<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	<b>6th March:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Special Intentions <b>07.00pm</b> - Special Intentions
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>7th March:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Annie Keeney Harvey (1st Anniversary) <b>07.00pm</b> - Stations of the Cross
<b>Friday</b>	<b>8th March:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Special Intentions
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>9th March:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Doris Conwell (1st) & Barney Conwell (Anniversaries) Sheila Hickey (1st Anniversary) Kathleen & Paddy Thornton (Anniversaries) Eileen, Neil & Liam Hegarty & Thomas Sheridan (Anniv) Mary Geary (Anniversary) Paddy & Michael Byrne (Anniversaries)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>10th March:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Onzey Graglia (Month's Mind Mass) <b>11.00am</b> - Ann Wade & deceased Byrne family, Bilbane

**Adoration:** Sunday 6pm - Monday Midnight **Confessions:** Saturday 6.30pm  
**Rosary/ Divine Mercy** Adoration Room Tues 5.45pm - 6.45pm. **Please note: Mass on Monday 9am**

**Pray for:** *Pat Kelly, Aran Islands, who died on Tuesday (brother of Matt Kelly, Lisnaclaya); Joan Grainey, Ballyguin, Co Kerry, whose funeral was on Thursday (sister of the late Eileen Hegarty, Straleeney). Pray for: Tommy Hegarty, Donegal Rd, John James McGuinness, Philomena McDevitt and Mary Teresa Friel. Suaimhneas Storaí.*

**Take Care** when lighting candles at shrines and when disposing of candles in bucket. Dispose of candles gently, please avoid spilling grease. It creates such a mess!

**St Joseph's Young Priests Society** meets Tuesday 5th March, 7pm, in Ard na Carraige Meeting Room.

**Carer needed** for adult male for all or some of the following nights: March 28<sup>th</sup> 29<sup>th</sup> 30<sup>th</sup> 31<sup>st</sup> & April 1<sup>st</sup> From 9pm to 9am. Please contact 087 2803715.

**Zumba Fitness Relunched:** A new 5 week course, €35 of €10 pay per night, Tuesdays 7pm in Ardara Heritage Centre. Tel: Bridget 0879130558

### March Sunday Rota

<b>READERS</b>	
<b>Vigil 7pm:</b>	Schools
<b>09.00am:</b>	John Leslie
<b>11.00am:</b>	Rosemary Kelly
<b>COLLECTORS</b>	
<b>Vigil 7pm:</b>	Donal O'Donnell, Fred Smith, Ann Marie Leslie
<b>09.00am:</b>	Michael Melly, Seamus Gillespie
<b>11.00am:</b>	Lena Gavigan, Kathleen McBrearty
<b>MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST</b>	
<b>Vigil 7pm:</b>	Patricia O'Boyle, Mary Murrin (J), Elis McMorro
<b>09.00am:</b>	Maureen Cunningham, Mary (39)
<b>11.00am:</b>	Mary Gallagher, James Gavigan, Mary Cunningham

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration**  
3rd March - Elis McMorro  
10th March - Mary Murrin (J)

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	€ 1,490.00
Emigrant Collection	€ 145.00
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	
Envelopes 23rd & 24th February	€ 1,540.00
Donation	€ 100.00
<b>Total Restoration Fund:</b>	<b>€ 3,030,897.43</b>

**I.C.A.** Meeting in Niall Mór Centre on Wednesday 6th March at 7.30pm.

**The Donegal Garden Society** talk by Conor Gallinagh Mon 4th March Presbyterian Hall, Donegal Town 8pm. Plant sales 7.30pm. €7.

**Áislann Chill Chartha 0749738376**  
*Creative Writing Classes* Tues 12th March for 8 weeks 7- 8.30pm. €40.  
*Jive Classes* Tues 5<sup>th</sup> March, 8.30 - 10.30pm, €5  
*Country & Western Dance* Sat 16<sup>th</sup> March, €8.

**Dance,** Thurs 7th March, Inver Comm Centre, 9pm - 11pm, Music by Michael Cleary, €7.