

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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The Sacrament of Confirmation 2024

Congratulations to the 41 young people who were confirmed last Sunday by Bishop Alan, his last Confirmation in the diocese, taking up a new appointment as Bishop of Down & Connor. It was a very special celebration and we are grateful to the confirmandi who played a full part in the celebration and in all the preparations. Our sincere thanks also to Bishop Alan, to all the parents, sponsors, family members, teachers and principals, school secretaries and to all who helped and all who supported the young people in their journey of faith. Special thanks to the Parish Senior Choir who greatly enhanced the celebration with their singing and music (with Maeve, Frank & Iuliia) and to the Junior Choir who sang their hearts out, with Kate Oria doing a solo. Thanks to the Ministers of the Eucharist, sacristan Patricia, parish secretary Ann, ushers and the chief photographer Alan Hennigan alanhennigan@gmail.com and Plunkett Smith. It was a very uplifting celebration and we pray God's blessing on all who were confirmed and their families.



The Cross of Suffering

We invite you to write a name or an intention, personal or global, on the Intentions Sheet provided, which will be remembered collectively at all Masses for the remainder of Lent. By putting your concerns into words and placing them into the Box of Suffering, we pray that your Cross of Suffering will be transformed into a Beacon of Light through the healing power of God. The box will be placed at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, remaining unopened until its contents will be placed in the Easter Fire on Holy Saturday Night, praying that the Risen Christ will bring hope and healing to all who are suffering.



Liturgy of the Word for Children

The Liturgy of the Word for Children, aged 4 upwards, begins again today Sunday at the 11am Mass. The children are invited to go to the Adoration Room and the Catechists (adult volunteers) will welcome them and celebrate with them in word, song, prayer, drawing, colouring and different activities.

Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Ann at the Parish Office.



Church Gate Collection Sat 9th / Sun 10th March in aid of The Family Group of the Irish Pilgrimage Trust. This group takes families and young children with terminal illness or life limiting conditions to Lourdes at Easter. All monies raised for parent and child's fares.

Final Hymn: Only in God

Only in God is my soul at rest
 In him comes my salvation
 He only is my rock
 My strength and my salvation
*Chorus: My Stronghold my saviour
 I shall not be afraid at all
 My stronghold my saviour
 I shall not be moved*
 Only in God is found safety
 When enemies pursue me
 Only in God is found glory
 When I am found meek and found lowly. (*Chorus*)
 Only in God is my soul at rest
 In him comes my salvation.



First Confession This celebration takes place this Tuesday evening 5th March 7pm. There are 35 children making their First Confession and we pray that they and their families will continue to grow in love and faith and peace.

The Parents' Liturgy Group meets this Thursday 7th March 7.30pm in the Parish Office.

The next 'Grow in love' celebration: Sunday 24th March 11am (Palm Sunday)

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
*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*)



◆	Sunday 3rd March 2024:	Third Sunday of Lent	Year B
◆	Weekday Readings:	Third Week in Lent	
Masses will be relayed on the webcam: go to killybegsparish.com for a link to Online Services			
Friday	1st March:	10.00am - Con McGuinness (19th Anniversary)	
Saturday	2nd March:	07.00pm - Aodh O'Donnell (3rd Anniversaries) Josie & Catherine Meehan (Anniversaries) Sheila & Brendan Hickey (Anniversaries)	
Sunday	3rd March:	09.00am - Bridget Molloy, Jim & Annaleen Cunningham (Anniv) 11.00am - Funeral Mass of Seamus Doherty R.I.P. Ann Boyle (5th Anniv) Anthony & Kathleen McCabe, John & Charlie McCabe (Anniversaries)	
Monday	4th March:	10.00am - John Harkin R.I.P.	
Tuesday	5th March:	10.00am - Kate & Joe Kennedy (Anniversaries) 07.00pm - Celebration of First Confession	
Thursday	7th March:	10.00am - Special Intentions	
Friday	8th March:	07.00pm - Willie McCallig (Month's Mind Mass) & Gerry McCallig (14th Anniversary)	
Saturday	9th March:	07.00pm - Jim Boyle (2nd Anniversary) Mary Anne Murphy (Anniversary) Mary Geary (Anniversary) Eileen & Neil Hegarty, Liam, Kim & Patrick John Hegarty & Thomas Sheridan (Anniversaries)	
Sunday	10th March:	09.00am - Maggie McTeague (Anniversary) 11.00am - John, Bridgit, Grace & Teresa McBride (Anniversaries)	

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: *Monday 11am - 7pm. Mass: Friday 7pm.*

Pray for: Seamus Doherty, The Commons, whose funeral takes place today Sunday 11am; Denis Carbery, Kille, Kilcar, whose funeral took place on Thursday; Nuala Doyle McGlone, who died in Scotland Tuesday (sister of Tom Doyle).
Pray for: Aine (Agnes) Byrne, Kilcar, Ann Sandy. **Suaimehneas Sióraí.**

Don't let your happiness depend on something you may lose.



The Season of Lent 2024

- **Trócaire Boxes** are now available.
- **Walk With Me:** A Lenten Journey of Prayer €2. Place donation in the money boxes in porch.

Slieve league Special Needs Support Group

Are you 18yrs or older and have a few hours to spare to volunteer and help with fun activities with children with Special Needs? Join us at our next meeting Tuesday 12th March in Aislann Chill Chartha 8.30pm. Email: slspecialneeds@gmail.com

Parish Choir Practice Monday 7.15pm

Mad Hatters Fancy Dress Tea Party

Saturday 2nd March, Foresters Hall 7.30pm for St. Catherines Band, Killybegs. Music, food, raffle & prizes..€10pp. To book a table ring Roisin 0870611064 / Sinaoife 0877496219 by Fri.

Foot Clinic, Atlantic Marine, on Tuesday 5th March. To book contact Patricia 0863776581

Sunday Collection	11th February	€ 1,225.00
	25th February	€ 895.00
Emigrants		€ 120.00
Upkeep of Cemetery		€ 150.00
Maintenance Fund	11th February	€ 1,255.00
	25th February	€ 1,035.00

Alone Donegal We are seeking volunteers in your area to help older people who'd like extra social contact. (1 hour a week) Full training and support provided. Sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>
 For more info: Helena.madden@alone.ie or call 086 0145829 or 074-9321598.

Mary's Meals Art Sale in Frosses Sat 9th & Sun 10th March. 150 paintings have been donated.

Aislann Chill Chartha 0749738376

Job Vacancy - Café Assistant / Cook (Riverside Café) closing date for applications 26th Feb, 5pm. *The Story of Tweed in Southwest Donegal.* A presentation & short film. Thurs 7th March, 7pm

Adult Céilí Dance Class starting Friday 1st March 8pm - 9.15pm in the Foresters Hall. €7. Contact Grace O'Callaghan 0871875620