

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Masses and Services: Live streaming on www.churchservices.tv



Feast of the Epiphany: Tuesday 6th January Masses at 7pm (Monday) 9am & 11am.
The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God and Saviour of the world.

Last Call for 'Last Man Standing'

A football competition in aid of the Restoration Fund: covers 6 weeks of Premiership matches, beginning Saturday 10th January. Pick one winning team for each week, using a team only once. Winner gets €500. Two consolation prizes of €50. Entry fee: €10. *Place card and entry fee in envelope and drop into Parish Office by Friday 9th January.* More entry forms available in Parish Office and Church Porch. Don't forget to enter this exciting competition!

First Friday Calls

This Thursday 8th and this Friday 9th January.

First Communion Parents Group

meets this Thursday 8th January at 8pm in Parish Office. Next celebration Sunday 18th January 11am.

Sunday Missal 2015 €5 Sacristy / Parish Office. Complimentary copy for Readers and all Ministers.

Finance Committee

meets this Monday 5th January at 8pm in Parish Office.

Rosary every Tuesday in Meeting Room at 7pm

Parish & Restoration Envelopes

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

Urgent Notice: Church Parking

It is imperative that regular and emergency access to the Hill is available at all times. Please do not obstruct the flow of traffic and do not park in front of Church gates or on double yellow lines in Chapel Lane.

Live Streaming All church celebrations are streamed live on the internet by logging onto churchservices.tv and then **St Mary's Killybegs**.

Induction Loop is available for hearing-aid users, switch to T position.

Gluten-free Bread for Holy Communion, available on request.

**A New Year Blessing
Beannacht**

On the day when
The weight deadens
On your shoulders
And you stumble,
May the clay dance
To balance you.

And when your eyes
Freeze behind
The grey window
And the ghost of loss
Gets into you,
May a flock of colours,
Indigo, red, green
And azure blue,
Come to awaken in you
A meadow of delight.

When the canvas frays
In the currach of thought
And a stain of ocean
Blackens beneath you,
May there come across the waters
A path of yellow moonlight
To bring you safely home.

May the nourishment of the earth be yours,
May the clarity of light be yours,
May the fluency of the ocean be yours,
May the protection of the ancestors be yours.

And so may a slow
Wind work these words
Of love around you,
An invisible cloak
To mind your life.

John O'Donohue, who died 4th January 2008 at the age of 52, wrote the above blessing for his mother Josie after his father's death and which he renamed 'A New Year Blessing' in his final work 'Benedictus: A Book of Blessings'.

- **Sunday 4th January 2015: Second Sunday of Christmas**
- **Weekday Readings: Before Epiphany**

Saturday 3rd January: 07.00pm - Josie O'Donnell (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday 4th January: 09.00am - Fionnuala Gorman (7th Anniversary)
11.00am - Michael & Mary Carr (Anniversaries)

Monday 5th January: 10.00am - Con Doogan (5th Anniversary)
07.00pm - Ellen McGill (6th Anniversary)

Tuesday Epiphany of the Lord 6th January: 09.00am - Mary & Con Harkin (Anniversaries)
11.00am - Bridget Cooper (Anniversary)
07.00pm - Special thanksgiving intention

Wednesday 7th January: 07.00pm - Special thanksgiving intention
Thursday 8th January: 10.00am - Packie Melly (Anniversary)
Friday 9th January: 10.00am - Thomas Sweeney (Anniversary)
07.00pm - Patrick O'Donnell (Anniversary)

Saturday 10th January: 11.00am - Lucy Lett R.I.P. (Month's Mind Mass)
07.00pm - Bridie Fobister (Anniversary)
Sunday 11th January: 09.00am - Paddy Gallagher (Anniversary)
11.00am - Noel Cahill (Anniversary)

Adoration: Sunday 6pm - Monday Midnight
Confessions: Saturdays 6.30pm

Pray for those who died recently: *Cathal McBrearty, who died in London (formerly from Bogagh, brother of Delia McGuinness); Neilly Ferry, whose funeral took place in Dungloe on New Years Day; Patrick 'Gusty' Cannon, Crove, whose funeral took place in Kilcar on Friday; Lucy Lett, whose Month's Mind Mass is on Saturday 11am (mother of Gene Lett, Carricknagore).*
Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: *Rose O'Donnell, Jackie Kallides, Bridget Byrne, Hugh Josie Boyle, Kathleen O'Boyle and The Crew of 'Evelyn Marie': Paddy Bonner, Hughie Gallagher, Tom Ham, Joe O'Donnell, Johnny Óg O'Donnell, Roland Faughnan.*
Suaimeheas Sioraí.

Thank you

On behalf of Eamon and the Galway Cancer Bus, thanks to everyone who contributed money and clothing. Ann and myself are still taking in bags of both new and used clothes, shoes etc. Also, if there is demand, there may be a bus from Killybegs, collecting patients for Galway on Mondays, meeting with the Letterkenny bus in Donegal Town. If interested ring Kathleen on 0749731273 a.s.a.p.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

4th January - James Gavigan
11th January - Margaret Breslin

Sunday Collection € 1,730.00
Upkeep of Cemetery € 10.00
Restoration & Development Fund:
Envelopes 27th & 28th December € 1,783.00
Total Fund: €2,303,575.38

Junior Strictly Come Dancing 2015

in aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund.
Auditions on Sunday 11th January in Tara Hotel.
Audition times: Fintra N.S.: 10am;
Commons N.S.: 11.30am & Niall Mór N.S.: 1.30pm
A Word from Noel Cunningham, Ciara Mc Hugh and Committee: *The last one was amazing. All of the children learned a great deal. They had fun, learned something very new and also had the opportunity to be part of a group interacting with one another to achieve goals. It was a most rewarding experience. We need parents to encourage the children to come to the auditions on Sunday 11th. We need parents, family and teachers to encourage the children to take part, especially the boys! In fact it was the boys last time who really surprised themselves at how much they enjoyed it! Your support is greatly appreciated.*

Anam Cara Donegal First Parent Evening on Thursday 15th January at Dillons Hotel, Main Street, Letterkenny, 7.30pm to 9pm. Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to all bereaved parents. For info see www.anamcara.ie / email info@anamcara.ie or call 01 4045378.

Yoga classes 6 week beginners 7.30-8.45pm
6 week mixed intermediate 6.15 -7.30pm
starts Thurs 15th Jan in Niall Mór Centre. Cost: €50 or €10 per class. Call Zia on 0876463956

Killybegs Baby and Toddler Group in Foresters Hall Jan 6th 10.30am-12. All welcome

Every moment is a fresh beginning T S Eliot