

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

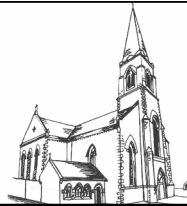
Parish Office: Mon to Fri. 9.15am to 2.45pm. Tel: 074 9731013

Parish Secretary: Ann O'Donnell

Email: info@killybegsparish.com Website: killybegsparish.com

Parish Priest: Fr. Colm Ó Gallchóir: Tel: 074 9731030

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



The Season of Lent 2017

- During Lent there will be Mass at **8.30am on Tuesday** mornings.
- Stations of the Cross on **Thursdays at 7.00pm**
- **Trócaire Boxes** are now available.
- **Walk With Me:** A Lenten Journey of Prayer €2. Place donation in either of money boxes in porch.

A Daily Prayer during Lent

*I am embraced with the love of God.
I am protected by the light of God.
I am held in the heart of God.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Finance Committee meets tomorrow
Monday 6th March at 8pm in Parish Office.

First Communion Parents Group meets
Monday 6th March 7.30pm in Parish Office.
Next celebration: Sunday 19th March 11am.

Franciscan Brothers Appeal

Brother Brian Johnson is grateful for the wonderful reception he received last weekend and for the **€2662** donated. He writes:

It was a privilege to be with you. In spite of the many demands on your resources you are most kind and good and we are most grateful to all of you for your tremendous generosity.

I know that you will continue to remember our work in your prayers. Prayer is the 'glue' that holds it all together and keeps us mindful of the gifts we have received from a bountiful God.

We will be good guardians of the great trust you have placed in us and will use wisely and effectively, every cent you have given us, in the elimination of poverty and hunger among the people with whom we work in Kenya and Uganda.

You are remembered in the daily prayers of the Brothers. I will remember you also with a climb of Croagh Patrick and a small fast.

May the Lord bless and reward all of you in abundance. And may Lent be a time of special graces for all of you.

Candles at Our Lady's Altar

We are a bit concerned that the heat intensity generated by the candles on Our Lady's Altar may have an adverse effect on the Holy Family Painting hanging directly above the altar. In order to minimize the danger, we would ask that candles be placed on either candelabra beside the altar and only in case of necessity that candles would be placed only on the front part of the altar table. Please do not place any candles above the altar table or near the tabernacle door. This will greatly reduce the danger of any long-term deterioration of the painting.

Thank you Margaret McGuinness would like to thank Junior & family for a lovely celebration of her special birthday and all her neighbours and friends. She appreciates the Mass Bouquets and wonderful presents.

Eddie Stones Healing service in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny, Sunday 12th March 3pm. Adoration, confessions and prayers for healing. Everyone welcome.

Killybegs St. Patrick's Day Parade Friday 17th March at 3pm

Cash Prize for the best float on the day. Calling on all business & clubs to take part in parade to make it bigger than ever. For info tel: Barry 087 6997856 / Ann 086 0522834

Jim Browne's Testimony

How Medjugorge helped him in his battle with alcoholism: Bruckless Church Thurs 9th Kilclooney Church, Fri 10th March 7.30pm.

- **Sunday 5th March 2017:** *First Sunday of Lent Cycle A*
- **Weekday Readings:** *First Week of Lent*

Saturday	4th March:	07.00pm - Maureen McCauley (3rd Anniversary) Paddy & Kathleen Thornton (Anniversaries) Peter & Nancy Hodgman (Anniversaries)
Sunday	5th March:	09.00am - Eileen, Neil & Liam Hegarty & Thomas Sheridan (Anniversaries) 11.00am - Special Intention
Monday	6th March:	11.00am - Funeral Mass for Ann O'Donnell R.I.P.
Tuesday	7th March:	08.30am - Joe & Bridie Boyle (Anniversary)
Wednesday	8th March:	07.00pm - Special Intention
Thursday	9th March:	10.00am - Anne Wade (Anniversary) & deceased members of Byrne family, Balbane 07.00pm - <i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Friday	10th March:	07.00pm - Special Intentions
Saturday	11th March:	07.00pm - Molly McCahill (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday	12th March:	09.00am - Margaret Broderick (Anniversary) 11.00am - Margaret McGuinness (2nd Anniversary)

Adoration: Sunday 6pm - Monday Midnight

Confessions: Saturday 6.30pm.

Rosary/Divine Mercy: Tuesday 6.30pm, in the Adoration Room.

Pray for: Ann O'Donnell, Church Rd, whose Funeral Mass takes place tomorrow Monday 11am;
Pray for: Mary Smith, Annie Byrne, Josie & Catherine Meehan, Tommy Hegarty (Donegal Rd).
Suaimeas Sioraí

Thank you Eamon of the Cancer Bus sincerely thanks Ann Marie and P.J. Leslie, the card players & visiting card players, from the Commons NS and donations received. €1270 was raised for the bus to Galway for treatment. This service is free of charge for all patients. For info: 0749731273.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

5th March - Kathleen Gillespie
12th March - Rosemary Gallagher

Sunday Collections	€ 1,530.00
Restoration Fund	
Envelopes 25th & 26th February	€ 1,547.00
Total Restoration Fund:	€2,765,797.43

Killybegs History and Heritage

The Planning permission granted by Donegal Co. Council for an industrial and commercial development adjacent to St. Catherine's Well will be appealed to An Bord Pleanála for the third time to protect the sanctity and the source of the water going into the well. For info tel: Patricia 0873119020

Adult swimming lessons in Bayview Hotel begin Tuesday 7th March for ladies, Thursday 9th March for gents at 10pm. Also advanced mixed fitness swimming on Mondays at 10pm. Tel 0749732567 for info.

Niall Mór Centre 074 97 41863

southwestdonegalcdp1@gmail.com & Facebook
Manual Handling Course: 10th March 1-5pm. €40.
Basic IT Course: 12 week course, Mondays 2 - 4pm.
Learn to Speak English: in March subject to demand. 7pm - 9pm. Tel Kathy 074 9732623 for both.
Story Sacks: Free course starting Tuesday 14th March 9.30am - 12.30pm to help parents introduce and progress reading to their child at home. Contact Adele on 0719851276 / 0868207338.
Japanese Paper Craft: Workshop on Saturday 6th May 10am - 1pm. Please book at reception. €20pp.

Community Employment Scheme in
Carrick Day Centre has vacancies.
Tel: Sean 0876182891 / Eithne 0749739354

Killybegs GAA Operation Reformation
final 5km on Sun 5th March, registration from 11am in the Bay View, starts 12 noon.
Prize giving after in the Bay View Hotel.

Kilcar Variety Group 25th Anniversary
Show Jack & the Beanstalk from Wednesday 8th to Sunday 12th March in Parish Hall at 8pm. Adm €10 adults, €5 for kids and students.

Donegal Garden Society
Weaving a Willow Garden Obelisk/Support with Tom O'Brien, basket maker from Fermanagh. Learn how to weave a garden support structure/obelisk for use with peas/beans or sweet pea. on Monday 6th March at 7.30pm in The Garden Shed Salthill House, Mountcharles. Fee €7. More info tel: John 074 97 35804

Nature is the art of God

Charity Concert in aid of the Restoration Fund

The Franklin College Choir, Indiana, U.S.A., consisting of 18 singers, will perform in our Church on **Thursday 30th March at 8pm**, as part of their Charity Concert Tour, visiting Dublin, Kilkenny, Cork, Sligo, Belfast and Killybegs. They will be joined on the night by St Catherine's Voc. School Choir, under the direction of Karen McCrudden. More information next week.

Thank you to all who contributed to the Church Gate Collection for Mary's Meals. Thanks also to the collectors. €1200 was raised which will feed 77 people for a year.

TY Variety Concert on Wednesday 15th March in St Catherine's V.S. at 7pm. Doors open 6.30pm.
Adm: Children €3, Students €5, Adults €7.