

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

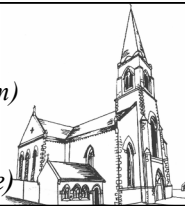
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RIGHT TO LIFE

We publish the concluding excerpt from Bishop Alan McGuckian's Pastoral Letter on 'Right to Life' for your consideration and reflection.

*My Dear People,
In anticipation of a Referendum on the 8th Amendment of the Constitution I want to write to you on the question of the Right to Life. As Catholics we all hold to the absolute sacredness of all life from conception to natural death. Still, I know that this is a very sensitive, delicate and, indeed, painful topic for many. I offer my reflections with great respect for the integrity of everyone while wishing to make some points clearly and unambiguously.*

Two Lives One Love

An expectant mother needs and deserves the care and support of everyone around her particularly if her pregnancy poses a serious crisis for her and her family. A mother may be informed that her baby faces serious challenges or is perhaps terminally ill. She might be pregnant as a result of rape. In such cases recommending abortion might seem like a gesture of compassion. Even in those tragic cases the unborn child needs to be loved and cherished.

A compassionate society will do all in its power to support and love the mother and baby, and encourage responsible support from fathers. This vision of life makes sense to people of all faiths and none. While it is enriched by our Catholic faith, it is our common humanity that convinces us of the right to life of every human being.

I invite you to pray earnestly that the people of Ireland will 'choose life' and that the lives of all women and their unborn children will always be loved, valued, welcomed and respected in this country.

+Alan McGuckian S.J.
Bishop of Raphoe

May Outdoor Rosary

Sunday 6th May at 8pm: Immaculate Heart Grotto.
Wednesday 9th May at 8pm: St Cummins Hill.

Remembering World War 'The Donegal Story' Exhibition in the Dolmen Centre, Kilclooney, Thur 10th - Fri 18th May 9am-4pm & 7pm-10pm (excl Sat & Sun).

Talk on Thurs 10th May at 8pm. Concert Fri 18th May 8pm. If you have items of memorabilia bring them along at 6pm. 18 people born in Killybegs lost their lives in the War.

I.C.A. Meeting Niall Mór Centre this Wednesday 7.30pm

Celebration of First Holy Communion Saturday 12th May 11.00am.

Pray for the 31 children and their families.

Refreshments afterwards in Foresters Hall for everyone. Parents of last year's First Communion class usually look after this party. Please let Ann know in the Parish Office if you can help: 074 9731013.

Sunday 13th May 11am Special Mass for all who celebrated their First Communion.

First Communion Gifts and Cards
available in Parish Office.

May First Friday Calls this
Thursday 10th May & Friday 11th May.

The people of Donegal are invited to join in a "Day of Reparation for the Unborn" on Sunday 13th May in St. Patrick's Church, Donegal Town 3-6pm including Mass.

A pro life public meeting 8th Amendment Clanree Hotel, Letterkenny, Monday 14th May 8pm. Patricia Casey, John Waters, Martin & Sinead Breen. All welcome

Susan McGuinness would like to thank her good friends and neighbours, Rosaleen Boyle for her accordion music, all who sent good wishes, and everyone who helped her celebrate her 80th birthday.

The Irish Kidney Association thank all who contributed to our recent Church Gate Collections in Killybegs, Bruckless, Kilcar, Carrick and Glen. €2028.70 was collected.

Anam Cara Parent Evening on Thursday 10th May 7.30 - 9pm in Radisson Blu Hotel.

The Wildlife Pond a talk by Aengus Kennedy, Monday 14th May, 7.30pm Mountcharles. €7. Tel John 074 97 35804

Dr Bourkes Pre-School Vaccine Clinic on Wednesday 9th & Thursday 10th May 12.30pm-2pm or ring to make appointment.

Tír Boghaine Teo A.G.M. in Niall Mór Centre on Tuesday 15th May, 7pm.

Fintra BOM Meeting Thurs 10th May 5pm

• **Sunday 6th May 2018:** **Sixth Sunday of Easter** **Cycle B**

• **Weekday Readings:** **Sixth Week of Easter**

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| Saturday | 5th May: | 07.00pm - Joe McCrudden (2nd Anniversary) Connie Gallagher (Anniversary) Bernie Cahill (Anniversary) |
| Sunday | 6th May: | 09.00am - John Keeney (1st Anniversary) 11.00am - Jack Gallagher (Anniversary) |
| Monday | 7th May: | 11.00am - Special Intention |
| Thursday | 10th May: | 10.00am - Bernadette & Pat Laffan (Anniversaries) |
| Friday | 11th May: | 10.00am - Special Intentions 07.00pm - Teresa McClafferty (1st Anniversary) |
| Saturday | 12th May: | 11.00am - Celebration of First Holy Communion Anastasia Gillespie (2nd Anniversary) 07.00pm - Tommy White (Anniversary) Sr Philomena Cunningham (Anniversary) James Walsh (Anniversary) |
| Sunday | 13th May: | 09.00am - Rosanna Boyle (Month's Mind Mass) 11.00am - Nora Kee (Month's Mind Mass) |

Confessions: Saturday 6.30pm. **Adoration:** Sunday 6pm to Monday Midnight
Rosary/ Divine Mercy/ Adoration in the Adoration Room Tuesday 7.00pm.

Pray for those who died recently: **Kathleen Erskine**, Conlin Rd, whose funeral was on Wednesday;
Tony O'Callaghan, The Hill, whose funeral took place on Thursday;
David Meehan, School Hill and The Glebe, whose funeral took place on Friday;
Mary Robinson, Five Points & Nottingham, whose funeral took place on Friday;
Mary Breen, Cranny, Inver, former teacher of Niall Mór 1980-2002.
Pray for: Shaun O'Neill, Johnny Hegarty, Aimee Lee Meehan. **Suaímhneas Sioraí.**

*Where Jesus is, there is always humility, gentleness, love and the cross.
He was the first to travel this path of light.* Pope Francis

World Meeting of Families 21-26 August 2018: We hope to organise transport for Saturday (Croke Park) and Sunday (Phoenix Park) when Pope Francis will be present, as soon as registration for these two days opens. *If you are interested in travelling by coach Saturday or Sunday, let Ann know.*

White Oaks Rehabilitation Centre A Weekend Retreat for those in recovery from addiction who wish to deepen their relationship with God.
18th - 20th May. €150/€100 T:0749384400/
info@whiteoakscentre.com

Niall Mór Centre 9741863 Ring to book a place.
Horticulture & Sustainable Development Course:
For more info tel: Adele 086 8207338 /
email:adelemcelhinney@donegalteb.ie
Internet Safety for Parents and Families Tuesday 8th May 7pm: For more info tel: Kathy Cunningham 0874126400 or email kunningham@dldc.org
Saturday Storytime: Sat 26th May 10.30am - 12noon. Suitable for 4 - 8 yrs.
Bricks 4 Kidz Lego Workshop: Sat 9th June 2-4pm, suitable for 5 - 12 yrs. Tel: 0863894833, €15.
Occupational First Aid Refresher Course: held on Sat 19th May from 9:30 am - 5:30 pm. Cost €90

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

6th May - Mary Cunningham
13th May - Kathleen Gillespie

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| Sunday Collection | €1,405.00 |
| Trócaire | € 75.00 |
| World Meeting of Families | € 10.00 |
| Restoration Fund | |
| Envelopes 28th & 29th April | €1,660.00 |
| Total Restoration Fund: | €2,921,438.43 |

A career in Hospitality and Tourism Sector?

The Traineeship starts 21st May for 48 weeks
Email: hospitalityjobs@welfare.ie or
tel: 0879852935. Recruitment event on
Tuesday 8th May, 11am at LYIT, Killybegs.
Job Club Training in job seeking
preparation Wednesday 6th June, 3 weeks.
Tel 071 9858959

Kilcar Country Music Festival continues to Mon 7th May. Also Tractor & Car Vintage display Sunday 2pm. Proceeds to Carrick Day Centre & homeless people. Jiving Exhibition, John Joe's 7pm Sun