St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Masses and Services: Live streaming www.mcn.live (link on website)



#### **Easter Thanks from Fr Colm**

The Easter Season has begun, fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday, during which we reflect on the many appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples, pondering the mystery of God raising his Son to new life, the mystery of light conquering darkness, the mystery of love overcoming hatred. During the Easter Season, we pray that the power of love and compassion will make its presence felt in our conflict-ridden and grief-stricken world.

We are grateful to everyone who attended, helped with and participated in the liturgies of Lent and Holy Week, calling us to renew our faith in God's love for us and in God's faith in us: Palm Sunday, Monday's Service of Reconciliation, the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the simplicity and starkness of the Good Friday liturgies, the Stations that night drawing us more deeply into the mystery of love in suffering, and the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses proclaiming the power of love in overcoming fear, death and destruction.

Thanks to the Ministers of the Word & Eucharist, Collectors, Gift-bearers and to all who helped with the decoration of the Church especially the Easter Garden team. Thanks to Brid Murphy for the wonderful outdoor Easter Garden. James Gavigan looked after the palms and the Easter fire with his usual gracefulness, Conor Conaghan doing the Cross on Good Friday. We are grateful to the Senior Choir who made a huge effort during Holy Week & who worked so well together. Our thanks to musicians Maeve McGowan, Frank Urquhart, Iuliia Vakhlamova & Miriam Curran. The First Communion children & others took part so enthusiastically in their celebrations on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, while Aimee & Lauren Hegarty & the Junior Choir, accompanied by Miriam Curran, under Ann O'Donnell's direction, greatly enhanced the celebrations. Sincere thanks to the Parents' First Communion Group for their help with the practices, celebrations & their imaginative displays for Lent & Easter from Tracey Meehan's artistic hands and to all who helped. Thanks to Maureen Cunningham who looks after the candle shrines throughout the year. Ann O'Donnell, the Parish Secretary, coordinated everything with her usual efficiency & cheerfulness and Patricia O'Boyle, our Sacristan, was ever attentive in attending to so many tasks. Thanks to Lawrence for looking after the grounds & Siobhan & Diva the interior of the church.

May the love of the Risen Christ continue to sow seeds of hope, peace & joy.

### Christ is Risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

'On the first day of the week, at the first sign of dawn, the women went to the tomb with the spices they had prepared. They found that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb..' (Luke 24:1-2)

When we are all despairing; when the world is full of grief; when we see no way ahead, and hope has gone away.

### Roll back the stone.

Although we fear change; although we are not ready;

although we'd rather weep and run away.

### Roll back the stone.

Because we're coming with the women; because we hope where hope is vain; because you call us from the grave and show the way.

Roll back the stone.

Janet Morley

He is Risen

# Liturgy of the Word for Children

this Sunday 7th April 11am. If we get more volunteers, we can have the sessions more frequently.

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

## **Entrance Hymn: A New Hymn of Praise**

A new hymn of praise, let us sing to the Lord
Allelulia, Allelulia, Allelulia
This is the day the Lord has made;
Ransom for sin his life he gave. (C)
To save us he was crucified,
Raising our hearts when hope had died (C)
Bringing him gifts of bread and wine,
We receive back his life divine. (C)
So live within us, make us one;
Stay with us Lord, 'til life is done. (C)



♦ Weekday Readings: Second Week of Easter

Masses will be relayed on the webcamera: go to killybegsparish.com for a link to Online Services

Easter Friday 5th April: 07.00pm - Keith Gallagher (22nd Anniversary)
Easter Saturday 6th April: 07.00pm - Antoinette Daly R.I.P.

Mary Murrin (3rd Anniversary)

Peter (2nd) & Seamus (4th) Callaghan (Anniversaries)

Matt & Kathleen Erskine (Anniversaries)

Special Intention

Sunday 7th April: 09.00am - Jim & Kathleen Mc Brearty (Anniversaries)

11.00am - Kevin O'Boyle (1st Anniversary)
& deceased members Conyard family

Monday The Annunciation 8th April: 10.00am - Special Intention

Tuesday 9th April: 10.00am - Denis Kinsella (6th Anniversary)
Thursday 11th April: 10.00am - Seamus Doherty, Kilcar (Anniversary)
Friday 12th April: 10.00am - Kieran Harvey (4th Anniversary)
Saturday 13th April: 07.00pm - Esther Molloy (2nd Anniversary)

Doris & Barney Conwell (Anniversaries) Liz Prior & Billy Mc Clean (Anniversaries) Hugh & Bridget Gallagher (Anniversaries)

Sunday 14th April: 09.00am - Special Intention

11.00am - John Murrin (2nd Anniversary)

Please note: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday 11am to 7pm.

Pray for: Vincent Burns, whose funeral was in Bundoran last week (brother of Tony Burns, Bridge St). Suaimhneas Síoraí.

Summertime: Church opens 8am, closes 8pm

Irish Charity Bóthar are dedicating their Easter Appeal to humanitarian aid for Palestine. Cheques or Postal Orders may be sent to Bóthar, Regus Castletroy, Business Reply, Limerick, V94 Y6FD. Donations 1800 26 84 63 or online at Bóthar, ie.

### Aislann Chill Chartha Tel: 074 9738376

Ashley Campbell daughter of the late Glen Campbell and Thor Jensen as Campbell/Jensen in concert on Sat 13th April 8pm. Tickets €20.

Cursillo There will be an Ultreya in the Niall Mor Centre on Friday 12th April 8pm. All welcome.

### Final Hymn: Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and his righteousness,

And all these things shall be added unto you: allelu, alleluia

Chorus: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find;

knock and it shall be opened unto you:

allelu, alleluia (Chorus)

We do not live by bread alone but by ev'ry word

that comes forth from the mouth of God:

allelu, alleluia (Chorus)

 Sunday Collection
 31st March
 € 2,515.00

 Trócaire
 € 4,105.00

 Maintenance Fund
 31st March
 € 1,845.00

 Thank you for your continued generosity.



Parish Choir Practice Monday 7.15pm

First Communion Grow In Love Celebration:
Sunday 14th April 11am.

Parents' Liturgy Group meets in Parish Office
Monday 8th April 8pm.

A thought.. Happiness, Contentment, Inner Peace..

Have you ever gone looking for something only to realise you had it with you the whole time.



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Piano Lessons, Summer Camps
Family: Baby & Toddler Group, Pre Natal Clinic,

Sensory Mornings.