

*St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs*

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**A Future Not Our Own**

*In memory of Bishop Oscar Arnulfo Romero 1917-1980*

It helps, now and then, to step back and take a long view.

The kingdom is not only beyond our efforts, it is even beyond our vision.

We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work. Nothing we do is complete, which is a way of saying that the kingdom always lies beyond us. No statement says all that could be said. No prayer fully expresses our faith. No confession brings perfection. No pastoral visit brings wholeness. No programme accomplishes the church's mission. No set of goals and objectives includes everything.

This is what we are about. We plant the seeds that one day will grow. We water seeds already planted, knowing that they hold future promise.

We lay foundations that will need further development. We provide yeast that produces far beyond our capabilities.

We cannot do everything, and there is a sense of liberation in realizing that. This enables us to do something, and to do it very well. It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning, a step along the way, and opportunity for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.

We may never see the end results, but that is the difference between the master builder and the worker.

We are workers, not master builders; ministers, not messiahs. We are prophets of a future not our own. Amen.

*Bishop Ken Untener*

**January First Friday Calls** this week Thursday 11th & Friday 12th January. Anyone not on the list who would like a call let Fr Colm or Ann know.

**Parents First Communion Group** meets tomorrow Monday 8th January 7pm in the Parish Office. Next 'Do this in Memory' Celebration: *Sunday 14th January 11.00am.*

**Parish & Restoration Envelopes** Anyone who would like a set, let Ann know in the Parish Office.

**Sunday Missal 2018: special price €5.** Complimentary copy for all Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist. Available from Sacristy or Parish Office.

**Sacrament of Baptism Congratulations** Welcome to the Catholic Christian Community  
*Isla Rose Murrin  
Jessica Marie Gallagher  
Ethan Finn Smart  
Sophia Lauren Smart*

**Live Streaming** from the church is available on [www.mcmedia.tv](http://www.mcmedia.tv) It can easily be accessed by visiting our website [www.killybegsparish.com](http://www.killybegsparish.com)

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

**Induction Loop available:** switch to T position.

**Crying Room** Adults, with child in arms, are welcome to avail of the Altar Servers Room during all Masses. It is located to the left of the Church Toilets. Audio and visual facilities are provided. The Adoration Room (to the left of the Sanctuary) is also available during Saturday evening Mass at 7pm and the Sunday Morning Mass at 9am. The Children's Liturgy takes place there during the 11am Sunday Mass.

*Gratitude is the best way to close the book of complaints*

- **Sunday 7th January 2018: The Baptism of the Lord Cycle B**
- **Weekday Readings: First Week in Ordinary Time Cycle 2**

**Saturday 6th January: 07.00pm** - Bridget Cooper (Anniversary) Hughie & Justine McGuinness (Anniversaries)

**Sunday 7th January: 09.00am** - Paddy Gallagher (Anniversary) **11.00am** - Rose & James O'Donnell & Denis Byrne (Anniversaries)

**Monday 8th January: 10.00am** - Thomas Sweeney (Anniversary)

**Tuesday 9th January: 10.00am** - Special Intentions

**Thursday 11th January: 10.00am** - Special Intentions

**Friday 12th January: 10.00am** - Special Intentions

**Saturday 13th January: 11.00am** - Mary Hegarty R.I.P. (Month's Mind Mass) **07.00pm** - Mary Byrne, Stragar (1st Anniversary) Mary Brogan (Anniversary) Bridie Fobister (Anniversary) Deceased members of the Ward family Annie Mc Guinness (5th Anniversary)

**Sunday 14th January: 09.00am** - Noel Cahill (Anniversary) **11.00am** - Rose & Charlie Boyle (Anniversaries) Sarah Agnes & Paddy Doc Hegarty (Anniversaries)

**Adoration: Sunday 6pm to Monday Midnight**

**Confessions: Saturday 6.30pm Rosary/Divine Mercy: Tuesday 6.30pm in Adoration Room.**

**Pray for Joseph Cunningham, Straleel, Carrick: Funeral in Dunedin, New Zealand, Saturday, (brother of Margaret Conneely, Fintra). Pray for those whose anniversaries occur: Bridget Byrne, Hugh Joseph Boyle (20th Anniv), Patrick & Anne Gallagher, Island, Kathleen O'Boyle, Nora Leslie and the Crew of 'Evelyn Marie': Paddy Bonner, Hughie Gallagher, Tom Ham, Johnny Óg O'Donnell, Joe O'Donnell, Roland Faughnan. *Suaimhneas Siorai.***

**Adoration** Mondays 3pm-4pm is being designated as an hour of prayer for Vocations to the Priesthood.

**I.C.A. meeting** in the Niall Mór Centre on Wednesday 10th January at 7.30pm.

**Yoga Classes** for 6 weeks starting Thursday 11th January, the Niall Mór Centre Intermediates 6pm-7.15pm and mixed abilities 7.30pm-8.45pm. To book Text or Call Zia on 0876463956.

**Killybegs History & Heritage Committee** Please fill in the comment sheet available in porch, supporting the area around St Catherine's Well and Church being zoned Amenity and Open Space. Please return sheets to the Parish Office.

**Forester Active Retirement** are resuming on Wednesday 10th January. Old and new members welcome, 2.30 - 4.30. € 4 with tea/coffee & biscuits

**Killybegs Community Council** will be looking for new council members for election in March, people who would be interested in representing their area on the council who would have an interest in being more active in their community. They must be free on the second Wednesday of each month for meetings. We would love to see some new faces. Contact: [killybegscommunitycouncil@gmail.com](mailto:killybegscommunitycouncil@gmail.com)

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration**  
7th January - Rosemary Gallagher  
14th January - Celia Doherty

**Sunday Collection**  
23rd/24th December €1,910.00  
30th/31st December €1,170.00  
**Restoration Fund**  
23rd/24th December €1,125.00  
30th/31st December €1,887.00  
**Total Restoration Fund: €2,879,707.43**  
Thank you for your continued generosity

**Anam Cara Donegal**, an organisation that supports bereaved parents: next monthly Parent Evening on Thursday 11th January 7.30pm-9pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. Anam Cara Donegal offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not.

**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 the houses or on the double yellow lines in Chapel Lane.