

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

Parish Office, Killybegs, Co. Donegal, F94 CY56 Tel: +353 (0)74 9731013
 Parish Secretary: Ann O'Donnell (Office Open: Mon to Fri. 9.45am to 2.45pm)
 Email: info@killybegsparish.com Website: killybegsparish.com
 Parish Priest: Fr. Colm Ó Gallchóir: Tel: 074 9731013
 Masses and Services: Live streaming www.mcimedia.tv (link on website)



A Blessing for the New Year: John O'Donohue



As a bird soars high
 In the free holding of the wind,
 Clear of the certainty of ground,
 Opening the imagination of wings
 Into the grace of emptiness
 To fulfil new voyagings,
 May your life awaken
 To the call of its freedom.

As the ocean absolves itself
 Of the expectation of land,
 Approaching only
 In the form of waves
 That fill and pleat and fall
 With such gradual elegance
 As to make of the limit
 A sonorous threshold
 Whose music echoes back along
 The give and strain of memory,
 Thus may your heart know the patience
 That can draw infinity from limitation.

As the embrace of the earth
 Welcomes all we call death,
 Taking deep into itself
 The tight solitude of a seed,
 Allowing it time
 To shed the grip of former form
 And give way to a deeper generosity
 That will one day send it forth:
 A tree into springtime,
 May all that holds you
 Fall from its hungry ledge
 Into the fecund surge of your heart.



In Praise of Killybegs Parish Choir

The Killybegs Parish Choir has excelled throughout the year and the Christmas Season just gone was particularly demanding. We are grateful to the singers and the musicians, 28 in all. Celine Conaghan as Principal Organist gives generously of her time and giftedness, in playing the organ and developing the choir's repertoire. Frank Urquhart on guitar and Maeve McGowan and Iuliia Vaklam as organists play a vital part. We are grateful to them and to all individual members of the choir, including Ann O'Donnell as coordinator. The Parish Choir sings at the 11am Sunday Mass and makes a special effort at Christmas and Easter, for Funeral Masses and on special occasions. They meet for Choir Practice on Mondays in the Church at 7.15pm and new members are always welcome.

*May the beauty which they create in song and praise
 echo always in our hearts.
 May their voices and music resonate
 with the love and grace of God.
 May they always sing with joy,
 confidence and gratitude,
 communicating with the deepest part
 of the human soul.
 May they always sing with the freedom
 of the ever-new waves of the sea,
 with a sense of wonder as they celebrate with us
 the mystery of God-with-us.*

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, allelu, 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)



First Communion Parents' Group
 this Thursday 11th January 7.30pm, Parish Office
Next Grow in Love Celebration:
 Sunday 28th January 11am.

- ◆ **Sunday 7th January 2024:** *The Baptism of the Lord* Year B
- ◆ **Weekday Readings:** *First Week in Ordinary Time* Cycle 2

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

Friday	5th January:	07.00pm - Deceased members Ward family
Saturday	6th January:	12.00 noon - Kathleen O'Donnell (Month's Mind Mass) 07.00pm - Eileen Kennedy (1st Anniversary) Rita Durkan R.I.P. (Birthday) Angela McBrearty (Anniversary) Brendan (3rd) & Rónán (3rd) O'Keeney & Fionnuala Gorman (Anniversaries) Hugh (65th) & Brigid (30th) Cunningham (Anniversaries) Rose & James O'Donnell, Fintra (Anniversaries) Michael Hugh & Patrick Byrne (Anniversaries)
Sunday	7th January:	09.00am - Nora & Edward Leslie (Anniversaries) 11.00am - Philomena Byrne (2nd Anniversary)
Monday	8th January:	10.00am - Jody Gysling (2nd 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:	07.00pm - Mary & Jim Brogan (Anniversaries) Noel Cahill (14th Anniversary) Hughie & Justine McGuinness (Anniversaries) Bridget Cooper & Michael Cooper (Anniversaries)
Sunday	14th January:	09.00am - Eileen Shovlin (1st Anniversary)

Pray for: *William Fobister, Church Rd, whose funeral took place on Wednesday;*
Séan Murphy, Castlecommon, whose funeral took place last Sunday;
Rose Diver (formerly Rose Gavigan, Ballywogs, wife of the late Phonsie Diver) who died in Birmingham. Arrangements for her Funeral Mass in Killybegs to follow.
Pray for: *Hugh Josie Boyle, Patrick Ryan, Patrick & Anne Gallagher, Bridget Byrne, Moya Duffy (3rd Anniv), Kathleen O Boyle, Crew of 'Evelyn Marie': Paddy Bonner, Hughie Gallagher, Johnnie O'G Donnell, Tom Ham, Joe O'Donnell, Roland Faulkner. **Suaimehneas Siorai.***



Parish Choir Practice Monday 7.15pm

Entrance Hymn: Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin,
 my hand will save.
 I, who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?

*Chorus Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?
 I have heard you calling in the night.
 I will go Lord, if you lead me
 I will hold your people in my heart*

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my peoples' pain.
 I have wept for love of them.
 They turn away,
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my words to them,
 Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Sunday Collection	31st December	€ 965.00
Donation		€ 500.00
Maintenance Fund	31st December	€ 1,460.00

The Epiphany of the Lord

Saturday 6th January
Masses: Vigil Friday 7pm and Saturday 12 noon.

Áislann Chill Chartha 0749738376

Active Age games class resumes Thursday 11th January 10.30-12.30. €5. Refreshments
Exhibition of Palestinian Paintings. Peace-building cross-border, cross-community, interfaith, bilingual exhibition. Seeger Sessions Fri 26th January, €25.

Cursillo An Ultreya, Niall Mór Centre, Friday 12th January 8pm. All Cursillestas welcome.

Killybegs Parish Calendar 2024
 complimentary copies available in Parish Office.

Anam Cara Donegal, Parent Evening on Thursday 11th January at 7:15pm in the Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. Tel: 01 4045378