

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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



Carol Service Thank You

O Night Divine, O Night when Christ was Born.
Words from the most famous of all Christmas carols, O Holy Night, which capture the mood of Wednesday evening's Carol Service, as children and adults created a spirit of joyful expectation with the season of Advent unfolding.

Our sincere thanks to everyone who attended and participated in our Carol Service. Many family members were present with great anticipation. The children and young people and staff from Niall Mór, Commons & Fintra National Schools, along with St Catherine's Vocational School and our Parish Choir, gave an inspirational presentation of song and music, interspersed with readings and prayers. No effort was spared in preparing for this memorable celebration and we are very grateful to the teachers & all school staff & pupils for their uplifting endeavours. Thanks to the Parish Choir who also excelled and to our readers. Many musicians participated to the appreciation of all present. Special thanks to Ann from the Parish Office who coordinated the whole celebration and to Patricia our Sacristan and to Rev Susan Elliott for her graceful presence. With the blessing of our Christmas Crib and the Christmas Tree, and as O Holy Night was sung in candlelight, we were filled with joy, hope & gratitude.

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Advent Service of Reconciliation

Monday 16th December 7.00pm

Christmas Eve Masses:

6pm: with 1st Communion children & Junior Choir

8pm: with Confirmation Classes

& St Catherine's Vocational School Choir.

10pm: with Parish Choir

Christmas Day Masses: 9am & 11am

Children's Practices for Christmas

The First Communion Children and Junior Choir and other children are invited to take part in the Christmas Play during the Christmas Eve Mass 6pm
There will be 2 practices in the Church:

* Tuesday 17th December 5.30pm - 6.30pm
(play parts will be decided)

* Wednesday 18th December 5.30pm - 6.30pm
(Dress rehearsal)

Children taking part in the play must be able to attend both sessions.



The 2nd Sunday of Advent

reminds us that we are pilgrims of peace.

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

Monday 9th December. Mass at 10am. *It is not a holy day of obligation, being celebrated on 9th December.*

Parish Christmas Deliveries

Killybegs Parish Calendar 2025

& the Christmas Newsletter 2024

will be delivered to each household (along with Church/Restoration Envelopes as requested). We hope the usual helpers could oblige with deliveries and new helpers would be very welcome.

If you can, please come to the Parish Office this
Monday 9th December from 5pm - 7pm
or Tuesday 10th December 10am - 3pm.

Complimentary copies of the Calendar are available.

First Friday Calls: Fr Colm will be doing the

Christmas Calls this week. Anyone not on the list who would like a call, please contact Ann or Fr Colm.

Entrance Hymn: O Come, O Come Emmanuel

O Come, O come Emmanuel,
To free your captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.

(Chorus) *Rejoice, rejoice, O Israel.
To you shall come Emmanuel.*

So royal branch of Jesse's tree,
Redeem us all from tyranny;
From pain of hell your people free,
and over death win victory. (Chorus)

Final Hymn: You Are Mine

I will come to you in the silence,
I will lift you from all your fear.
You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice,
Be still and know I am here

(Chorus) *Do not be afraid, I am with you.
I have called you each by name.
Come and follow me,
I will bring you home;
I love you and you are mine.*

I am hope for all who are hopeless,
I am eyes for all who long to see.
In the shadows of the night, I will be your light,
Come and rest in me. (Chorus)

♦ Sunday 8th December 2024: Second Sunday of Advent: Year C

♦ Weekday Readings: Second Week of Advent

Masses will be relayed on the webcam: [go to killybegsparish.com](http://go.to/killybegsparish.com) for a link to Online Services or mcn.live

Friday	6th December:	07.00pm - Mary Ann O'Boyle (8th Anniv) & deceased family
Saturday	7th December:	07.00pm - Donal Cannon (4th Anniversary) Peter Gerald Breslin (30th Anniversary) Terence Joseph Duffy (Anniversary)
Sunday	8th December:	09.00am - Maeve McNulty (Anniversary) 11.00am - Maude Gallagher (17th Anniversary)
Monday	9th December:	10.00am - Con McBreaty (30th Anniversary)
Tuesday	10th December:	10.00am - Paudge, Sheila & Mary McGee (Anniversaries)
Thursday	12th December:	10.00am - John Sharkey (Anniversary)
Friday	13th December:	10.00am - Special Intention
Saturday	14th December:	07.00pm - Tom Rowan (8th Anniversary) Gerard Byrne & Mickey Cannon (Anniversaries) Moira & Barney Murrin (Anniv) & John Murrin R.I.P. James (20th) & Sarah (17th) O'Donnell (Anniv)
Sunday	15th December:	09.00am - Stephen & Nora McTeague (Anniversaries) 11.00am - Frank Gallagher (Anniversary)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday 11am - 7pm.

Pray for: Molly Love, Packie Melly.
Suaimehnas Síoraí.

Parish Choir Practice Monday 7.15pm

St John's Carol Service

Wednesday 11th December 8pm. All welcome.

S.V.D.P. (Killybegs) Annual Appeal Collection
will be taken up **after Mass** this weekend.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Sunday 15th December 11am



Senior Citizen's Party

this Sunday 8th Dec 1pm in Bay View Hotel.

Cursillo Collection €390.85. Many thanks. Ultreya
in Niall Mor Centre Friday 13th December at 8pm.

Niall Mór U.S.
in conjunction with
Parents' Association
**CHRISTMAS
CONCERT**
TUESDAY, 10TH DEC @ 6.30PM
ST. CATHERINE'S VOCATIONAL SCHOOL GYM

Please support this concert in aid of Niall Mór N.S. this Tuesday 6.30pm Raffle & Donation Bucket

Information Evening
AI-Anon with AA participation
on Wed 11th Dec at 7pm in Niall Mór Centre.
This is open to everyone and everyone is welcome.

Sunday Collection	1st December	€1,265.00
Maintenance Fund	1st December	€ 1,430.00
Donation		€5,000.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Bruckless Carol Service Church of Sts Joseph & Conal, Thurs 12th Dec 7.30 pm. All are welcome.

Congratulations & Best Wishes

to John Paul Kane & Fiona Moloney
who were married recently.

I.N.H.F.A.: A.G.M. in Bay View Hotel Tuesday
10th Dec 8pm. There are a number of important
topics to be discussed. All welcome.

A Concert in memory of Eoin Anthony Arnold, in
Blue Haven Friday 20th Dec 8pm with Conor
O'Donnell, Grainne Gavigan, Gerry Guthrie,
Naomi and Cian Carr with special guest Daniel O'
Donnell in aid of Donegal Hospice, Irish Cancer
Society, Little Blue Heros, Oscar kids club, Cancer
Fund for children. Tickets €40 from Sweet News.

Niall Mór Centre Calendar of Events:

0749741863 info@niallmorcentre.com
Donegal Woman's Collective A Fun Christmas
Workshop, Mon 9th Dec 7.30pm to 9.30pm €10.
Christmas Creations with Norrin
Wednesday 11th December 2.30pm- 4pm €15.
Driver CPC Training- Module One
Friday 13th December 9am - 5pm. €75

Senior Citizens Community Dinner & Dance
Blue Haven, Thurs 12th Dec 2pm. Tickets €30
Carrick Day Centre 074 9739354 / 087 6419749.