

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

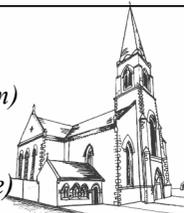
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Masses and Services: Live streaming www.mcnmedia.tv (link on website)



Questioning Covid

And - what - Master Covid, have you achieved?

A world subdued?

A people humbled and afraid?

Many, many deaths...

So much loss, and loss and loss!

Was this your aim Master Covid?

But did you know

That God would move through each of the above?

That a subdued world is also blessed?

That a humbled people would stop and learn

That they could reach out in love

That they could hold each other as you passed through?

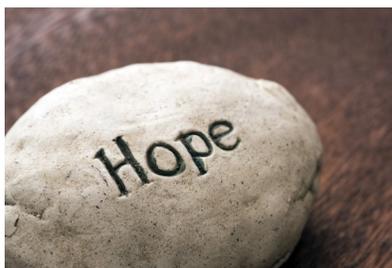
Because, Master Covid, you will pass on

But God will still be here

And we have learned, and learned, and learned

To really care...

Úna M Collins, Holy Faith Sister, Clontarf, Dublin.



Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I hope and pray that we are all learning to abide these pandemic days as we look forward to the roll out of the vaccinations being completed over the coming months and returning to a gradual easing of restrictions, including in relation to public worship. Holy Week and Easter 2021 were celebrated behind closed doors in the chapel while many of you joined us online or tuned into different celebrations. Your home was your chapel. I am very grateful to Patricia O'Boyle, sacristan, for all her help and support in recent weeks and throughout the year. Thanks also to the O'Donnell family, Daffy, Sara, Roisín and Jack helping in different ways while Ann continues to recover slowly and gradually from long covid syndrome. Their help is so very much appreciated. I'm also grateful to Noel Cunningham who helped with the Holy Week celebrations and to all who were of assistance.

St Mary of the Visitation Church is open for private prayer (8am to 8pm, except during Mass times) but it is closed for public worship because of covid restriction, funerals and weddings being the two exceptions (from Monday 26th April, 25 mourners will be allowed, still only 6 allowed for weddings). At times of illness and death the coronavirus has amplified grief. It is so difficult for family members not to be able to be at the bedside of their loved ones in illness or not to be able to wake them at home in the traditional manner or have the traditional Funeral Mass.

A powerful symbol of the Church in action is people lining the streets while the cortège passes (while wearing masks and observing social distancing). Numbers continue to be restricted in the graveyard.

This Easter season the faith is very much alive in the homes and hearts of people unable to publicly celebrate their faith. Our faith is stronger than the coronavirus. May the love of the Risen Christ continue to bring us hope and peace during these pandemic days. Take care.

Fr Colm

♦ Sunday 11th April 2021: Second Sunday of Easter: Year B

♦ Weekday Readings: Second Week of Easter

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

Saturday	10th April:	11.00am - Nancy O'Donnell R.I.P. (Month's Mind Mass) 07.00pm - Jim & Kathleen Mc Brearty (Anniversaries) Denis Nolan (2nd Anniversary) Brendan Hickey & Paul Conway (Anniversaries)
Sunday	11th April:	09.00am - Dr John Kelly (1st Anniversary) 11.00am - Kieran Harvey (1st Anniversary)
Monday	12th April:	10.00am - Dinny Kinsella R.I.P.
Tuesday	13th April:	10.00am - Denis Kinsella R.I.P.
Thursday	15th April:	10.00am - Aodh O'Donnell R.I.P. (Month's Mind Mass)
Friday	16th April:	10.00am - Eddie Friel (25th Anniversary)
Saturday	17th April:	07.00pm - Matt Erskine R.I.P. (Month's Mind Mass) Barney & Doris Conwell (Anniversaries) Eugene Mc Guinness (Anniv) & deceased family members Liz Prior & Billy Mc Clean (Anniversaries) Hugh & Bridget Gallagher (Anniversaries)
Sunday	18th April:	11.00am - Baby Matthew Sheehan R.I.P. (Month's Mind Mass)

Pray for: Patrick John Hegarty, Sussex, England & Straleeney, who died on Thursday (brother of Thomas & Gerard Hegarty); Paddy Doherty, Ballylongford, Co Kerry & Killybegs, whose funeral was on Friday (brother of Jimmy Doherty); Annie Lazar, who died in Kerala, India (mother of Linfy Lazar, former parishioner). [Suaimhneas Siorai](mailto:Suaimhneas.Siorai)

Set of Keys found in Killybegs Main Street. Ring 0876127108

Bruckless National School Enrolment Contact the school: brucklessnationalschool@gmail.com

Killybegs Online Bingo Every Monday 8pm. Books on sale in Curran's Shop until 6pm on Sundays.

TRÓCAIRE: Please return any remaining donations this week. Your support is much appreciated

Sunday Collections		
	28th March	€1770.00
	4th April	€1080.00
Trócaire		€3760.00
Education of Students		€ 195.00
Restoration Fund		
	28th March	€855.00
	4th April	€715.00
	Donation	€100.00
Wedding Donation		€ 50.00
	Thank you for your continued generosity	

Killybegs Employment Project Vacancies
Domestic Worker Killybegs
Caretakers Niall Mór Centre Killybegs
Youth Workers Drop In Killybegs
Caretaker Foresters Community Hall
Retail/Accounts Assistant Atlantic Crafts Kbegs
Maintenance Workers Killybegs
Grounds/Caretaker at Parish Facilities Kbegs
Clubrooms & Parish Maintenance Ardaghay
Caretaker Bruckless Community Centre
[Email kephid2@outlook.ie](mailto:kephid2@outlook.ie) for further info.

LEVEL 5 COVID REGULATIONS

Wash your hands often... keep a distance of 2 metres from others... wear a face covering...

- Mass celebrated here behind closed doors, all Masses live streamed.
- Funerals restricted to 10 people: that number will increase to 25 on Monday 26th April. This applies to the church and the graveyard. In showing solidarity with mourners, please keep a distance of 2 metres and wear a face covering.
- Weddings restricted to 6 people, No Baptisms for now
- The church is open for private prayer every day: 8am - 8pm. Take care.