

St. Mary's Parish, Killybegs



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**Beannachtaí Na Féile Pádraig Oraibh Uilig
St Patrick's Day Saturday 17th March**

Vigil Mass Friday 7.30pm

Masses on Saturday at 9am and 11am

All Masses in Foresters Hall

Irish Dancers will be at 7.30pm & 11am Masses.

Preparing for First Communion

this Sunday 11th March at 12 noon
in Foresters Hall.

First Confession will be celebrated in the
Church on Tuesday 8th May at 7pm.
Please note change of date.

The Restoration of the Church The Church will be ready by the end of April but we will not occupy it on a full-time basis until the first weekend of June, when the Official Opening will take place. The Bishop will preside at the Ceremony of Rededication on Friday 1st June at 7.00pm. Everyone is welcome to this celebration. First Communion, First Confession and a number of Marriages will take place in the Church during May. We will continue with the present arrangement for Sunday Masses and weekday Masses, Baptisms and Funerals, until the end of May.

The erection of the spire is planned for Bank Holiday Monday, 19th March, weather permitting.

A Commemorative Book will be produced to mark the Restoration and Development of the Church. It is planned to have it ready by November. If anyone has photos of the Church or stories or items of interest that might be included please contact the Parish Office.

*Patrick, may you wrap your protective arms around us
on whatever part of this earth we occupy
at this point of time. Amen.*

Church Seating Sponsorship

More sponsors very welcome. €1000 for a seat or €500 for half seat. Contact Ann in Parish Office or Fr Colm.

Weekend Masses and St Patrick's Day Masses in Foresters' Hall.

Masses in The Tara Hotel Function Room this week Monday 10am, Thursday 10am and Friday 10am.

Ard na Carraige Prayer Room: Open 8am - 8pm.

The Parish Office, Monday to Friday 9am - 3pm

Donegal RNLI Lifeboats: Both the Killybegs and Donegal Town branches of the RNLI are to be amalgamated to provide more effective support for the Lifeboats in the South West of the county. The Donegal Town branch raised €10,962 in 2011, The three Donegal lifeboats based in Arranmore, Bundoran and Lough Swilly saved 84 lives last year. The RNLI has always received great support from the Killybegs area. The Donegal Town branch would like to welcome our supporters in Killybegs, Dunkineely, Kilcar, Carrick and Glen at our AGM in the Church of Ireland Parish Centre (opposite Donegal Castle) on **Tues 13th March at 8pm.** This is an amalgamation of resources and a meeting will be held in Killybegs as soon as possible.

International Eucharistic Congress

Carrick, Kilcar & Killybegs are organising a bus (complimentary) to the Closing Mass & Ceremony in Croke Park on Sunday 17th June. Application forms for tickets (€10) available in Parish Office. All forms must be completed by Monday 19th March.

Finance Committee meets this Monday 12th March at 8pm in the Parish Office.

The Smyth family would like to thank everyone who supported the Jumble / Bake Sale in aid of N.W. Hospice. €4000 was raised.

Killybegs Cubs and Beavers Cake Sale on Good Friday at 4pm in Old Niall Mór Centre.

Table Quiz on Friday 16th March in Tara Hotel at 10pm sharp. Proceeds to Senior Men's & Ladies' Teams. Teams of 4. Please come early to guarantee a table.

Yoga Workshop @ Sankalpa. Saturday 24th March from 10.30am - 3pm. More info / to book contact: Lynda 9737891

Tickets available for **Strictly Come Dancing** on Sat 24th March. Contact Sarah Tully, Linda McCabe or Fionnuala Cunningham.

MASS TIMES & INTENTIONS

• **Sunday 11th March 2012: Third Sunday of Lent Cycle B**

• **Weekday Readings: Third Week of Lent**

Saturday 10th March: 07.30pm - Margaret Broderick (Anniversary)

Sunday 11th March: 09.00am - Tom McBrearty (Anniversary)

11.00am - Paddy Haughey (Anniversary)

12 noon - Special Intention

Monday 12th March: 10.00am - James & Maureen O'Callaghan (Anniversaries)

Thursday 15th March: 10.00am - Willie & Nellie Murphy (Anniversaries)

Friday 16th March: 10.00am - Pat O'Callaghan (Anniversary)

07.30pm - Anna & Peter Michael Molloy (Anniversaries)

Saturday 17th March: St Patrick's Day

09.00am - Special Intention

11.00am - John James McGuinness (Anniversary)

07.30pm - Margaret McGuinness (Anniversary)

Sunday 18th March: 09.00am - Josie & Catherine Meehan (Anniversaries)

11.00am - Pat Quinn (1st Anniversary)

Adoration - Sunday 6.00pm to Monday midnight

Confessions - Saturday evenings 6.45pm in Prayer Room

Stations of the Cross Thursday 7.30pm

Pray for those who died recently: Susanna Readdie, Cashelfeean, Dunkineely, whose funeral Mass and burial took place in Bruckless on Wednesday (sister of John Keeney, Balbane);

Jim Blaine, formerly from Carn, Bruckless, whose funeral took place in Kildare on Wednesday.

Pray for Gerry O'Boyle, Marie Breslin. Solas síoraí.

The St Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday 17th March at 3pm with entertainment on The Diamond from 2pm. This year there will be a prize for the best float, all groups are welcome to enter - assemble at the Vocational School by 2.30pm.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

11th March - Marian Breslin

18th March - Caroline O'Gorman

Sunday Collection € 1,887.00

Restoration & Development Fund:

Envelopes 3rd & 4th March: € 1,190.00

Sponsorship of Pews € 1,500.00

Total Fund: € 1,780,492.50

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Tír Boghaine Teo will be running a Social Farming Project. Information Morning at Fiontarlann, Ballymoon, Kilcar on Tues 13th March 10am - 12noon. All welcome. More info tel Eileen / Nuala 9733111/ 9733113

Westlife Farewell Concert, Croke Park on Friday 16th and Saturday 17th March Killybegs Community Council are raffling two sets of tickets with accommodation for this concert. Raffle in Supervalu, Killybegs.

Rota for Eucharistic Ministers and Basket Collectors available in Prayer Room.

St Catherine's Band 8k leisurely walk, Benroe, Sunday 11th March. Registration 2pm at Lough Head bridge. Adults €5 / Students €3. Walk starting 2.30pm sharp. Everyone welcome. Tel: 087 6198299.

Citizens Information Service Mondays 10am-1pm at Niall Mór Centre. Tel: Liz 074 9724460

Tír Boghaine Teo are hosting a 'Pop-up Coffee Shop' in Niall Mór Centre in Monday 12th March 11am - 1pm. This week we celebrate St Patrick's Day and Mother's Day. A guest speaker will talk to us about the Power of Now at 12 noon. All welcome.

Fr Liam Lawton 20th Anniversary Concert at Balor Theatre, Ballybofey on Wednesday 18th April. Tickets from theatre directly or 074-9131840. Further info from www.liamlawton.com

Household Charges Campaign Get involved. Find out how at Action Meeting in Foresters Hall on Friday 16th March at 8.30pm. Tel 087 6158585 / 087 2025732