

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Easter Thanks from Fr Colm

We embarked upon the journey of Lent and Holy Week, following in the footsteps of Jesus from Nazareth, reflecting on his preaching, suffering and death, so that we may experience the hope and joy of the Risen Christ this Easter season. God's extraordinary gift of love to us in Jesus inspires us to reach out to others in a spirit of humble service.

We are grateful to everyone who helped with and participated in the liturgy of Lent and Holy Week. The early morning Mass on Tuesday, and indeed all the Lenten Masses, were well attended. The Stations of the Cross on Thursday evenings were appreciated, culminating in the Stations on Good Friday night which related the suffering of Christ to our everyday trials and tribulations.

The blessing of the palms on Palm Sunday and the Solemn Reading of the Passion captured the spirit of welcoming Christ in joy and in sorrow. The Service of Reconciliation on Monday evening resonated in different ways with different people and our thanks to Monsignor Joe Chambers for his thoughtful examination of conscience and to all the priests who helped. It was good to experience God's gift of forgiveness, peace and reconciliation, a source of abundant blessings to all concerned.

Thanks to the Confirmation candidates who participated in the Holy Thursday Celebration of the Lord's Supper and again in carrying The Garment of Suffering on Good Friday. The countless hours spent sewing together the Garment of Suffering is deeply appreciated. The Vigil on Holy Saturday Night, as we moved symbolically from darkness to Christ our Light and renewing our baptismal promises, assured us that we share Christ's triumph over death so that we may live with him in God. It was good to have Fr Séamus Gallagher concelebrating.

Our sincere thanks to all the Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist and Collectors who took part throughout the week. The altar servers excelled themselves, especially at the Vigil. The decoration of the Church was done tastefully and to the Altar Society and all who helped, especially to the Easter Garden team, our sincere thanks. James Gavigan looked after the palms and the Easter fire with his usual gracefulness. Maeve Murray and the choir enhanced the celebrations greatly and our young singers, Roisin O'Donnell and Kelly McGinley (Holy Thursday and the Vigil Mass) and Orla McGuinness and Dearbhla Diver (The Vigil), all accompanied by Sara O'Donnell, were excellent.

The Children's Celebrations (and practices) on Holy Thursday and Good Friday were simple and moving, with the Junior Choir, under Ann O'Donnell's direction, accompanied by Sara and Miriam, added greatly to them. Sincere thanks to the Parents First Communion Group who excelled and to all who helped.

Ann, the Parish Secretary, coordinated everything with her usual efficiency and kindness and Patricia O'Boyle, our Sacristan, was ever ready and always reliable in attending to so many tasks. The church interior and grounds are maintained to a very high standard by Community Employment members from Killybegs Community Project and we are very grateful to them.

God's gift of unimaginable love is slowly transforming us in the midst of the bits and pieces of everyday, preparing us for the fullness of his promises. Like the disciples, we are dumbfounded as the reality of what God does for us slowly begins to dawn on us. Let the heavens be joyful, let earth her song begin! For Christ the Lord is risen and our joy has no end. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Restoration Grand Draw Committee members will call door-to-door in the parish during the week between 6pm and 8.30pm (our apologies if you have already bought tickets). Please support as best you can. *Committee meets Mon 20th April 7pm, Parish Office.*

Star Prize: Trip for Two to Dubai, plus:

€2500 holiday voucher, London City Break for Two, Dublin City Break and Sligo Country Living Break

Tickets €10 each, 3 for €20, 10 for €50.

Tickets may be purchased on our website killybegsparish.com

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Sunday 19th April at 11am. Please pray for the 38 young people who are to be confirmed and for their families. Confirmation gifts are available in the Parish Office.

Storyteller Neil Horgan, Bay View Hotel, Friday 24th April. Brought to his knees with alcohol & depression, Neil survived adversity and is now a champion storyteller.

Trócaire Boxes: please return this week.

- **Sunday 12th April 2015: Second Sunday of Easter (Cycle B)**
- **Weekday Readings: 2nd Week of Easter**

Saturday	11th April:	07.00pm - Francie & Paddy Gallagher (Anniversaries)
Sunday	12th April:	09.00am - Special Intention 11.00am - Anna & Peter Michael Molloy (Anniversaries)
Monday	13th April:	10.00am - Nancy & Peter Hodgman (Anniversaries)
Wednesday	15th April:	07.00pm - Special Intention
Thursday	16th April:	10.00am - Dora & Tom Keeney (Anniversaries)
Friday	17th April:	10.00am - Sarah Carr (Anniversary)
Saturday	18th April:	07.00pm - Pat Rawdon (Anniversary)
Sunday	19th April:	09.00am - Tom & Vera Carr (Anniversaries) 11.00am - Sacrament of Confirmation Liz Prior (5th Anniv) & Bill McClean (Anniversary)

Adoration: Sunday 6pm - Monday midnight **Confessions:** Saturday 6.30pm

Pray for those who died recently: Martin Barrett, Fintra, whose funeral took place Easter Sunday; Pray for: Packie, Mary and Noel Meehan and baby John Kelly, Mickey Lafferty. *Suaimhneas Síoraí*

Parents First Communion Group meets Thursday 16th April 8pm in Parish Office.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration
12th April - Brid Callaghan
19th April - Mary Hegarty

Learner Accommodation for School of Tourism

Persons with accommodation to let in Killybegs area are invited to be listed in the Information sent to all learners for Sept 2015. Apply for 'Accommodation Details Form' and return by Friday 1st May. Tel: 074-9186613/ Email: donna.mulligan@lyit.ie

Would you like to work in the HealthCare Field as a Homecare Worker, Care Assistance or Personal Assistance? Support training in Donegal Town on Sat 18th April for 5 Saturdays. €295. Deposit €50
Contact: Rose or Pamela on 086 4121869.
Email: rmcbrearty@carersireland.com

Killybegs Family Health Centre

Patients are invited to attend for pre-school vaccinations on the following dates:
April 23rd & 24th and April 27th & 28th
Contact surgery for appointment: 074 97 41122

Letterkenny Hospital's Service of Remembrance for little babies who have died due to Still-Birth, Neo-Natal Deaths and Miscarriages on Sunday 26th April 4pm, St. Eunan's Cathedral.

Big thanks to everyone who supported our Coffee Morning for the Paediatric Diabetes Unit, Sligo Hospital. €1099.46 was raised. Donna & John Burke

CLG Na Cealla Beaga
Family Quiz in Tara Hotel 26th April 5.30pm.

The Donegal Branch of the Irish Kidney Assoc
Annual Church Gate Collection 18th & 19th April.

Rosary & Divine Mercy Tuesdays 8.30pm in Meeting Room. Everyone welcome.

Sunday Collection	€ 1,825.00
Education of Students	€ 70.00
Restoration & Development Fund:	
Envelopes 4th & 5th April	€ 2,947.00
Donations	€ 50.00
Total Fund:	€2,355,713.38

ICA meeting in the Niall Mór Centre on Wednesday 15th April at 7.30pm.

Niall Mór Centre 074 97 41863
1 Day Biology Revision class. Tel Laura.
Weight Watchers Mon; *Slimming World* Tues.
Safe Pass 1 day course 15th April. Tel: Laura.
Lynda Gregg Yoga Sat 18th April 10.30am - 3.30pm 079 38846995
Breast Feeding Group Thursdays, contact Aileen: 07497 31694
Yoga Wed with Eileen / Thursday with Zia
Courses for May: 6 week Digital Photography, 8 Week Spanish Class, Cookery Classes, 6 Week Art Classes, Basic Computers.

The Bluestack Challenge Committee Thanks to everyone for supporting people with Special Needs in Co. Donegal. We are taking to the hills on Saturday 13th June. Register by 30th April online at www.blu.ie or tel: 074 9740828.

Society of St Vincent de Paul
Thanks to all who contributed to the Ugandan Collection which raised €860.

Mass for Ireland Knock Basilica Sat 25th April 3pm with Stations and Rosary from 2pm