

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Easter Thanks from Fr. Colm

During Holy Week, we celebrated the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, entrusting Kevin Mc Clafferty to the eternal love of the Risen Christ on Easter Sunday. On Easter Sunday Pope Leo XIV urged world leaders to lay down their weapons, to drop the desire to dominate others and to choose dialogue over force. He had warned on Palm Sunday that God rejects the prayers of those who wage war. We pray during this Easter Season that the shadows of human conflict will give way to the light of the Risen Christ, whose first word was 'Peace'.

We are grateful to everyone who attended, helped with and participated in the liturgies of Lent & Holy Week, calling us to renew our faith in God's love for us and in God's faith in us: Palm Sunday, Tuesday's Service of Reconciliation, the Lord's Supper on Thursday, the simplicity and starkness of the Good Friday liturgies, and the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses, as darkness gives way to light, proclaiming the power of love in overcoming the powers of darkness, even the power of death itself.

Christ is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.



Thanks to the Ministers of the Word & Eucharist, collectors, altar servers, gift bearers, cross bearer and all who helped with the decoration of the church, especially the Easter Garden team. Thanks to Brid Murphy for the wonderful outdoor Easter Garden. James Gavigan looked after the palms and the Easter Light with his usual gracefulness. Special thanks to the Parish Senior Choir who excelled, making a huge effort throughout Lent, culminating in the excellence of Holy Week. Our thanks to musicians Maeve McGowan, Miriam Curran, Iuliia Vakhlamova and Frank Urquhart. Special thanks to Ann O'Donnell who coordinated the Choir and so many other tasks.

The First Communion children and others took part so enthusiastically in their celebrations on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday. The Junior Choir, under Ann's direction with Mai Hegarty, accompanied by Sara and Janet greatly enhancing their celebrations, with Lauren Hegarty, Kate Oria Johnston and Colin Boyle doing solo parts. Sincere thanks to the Parents' First Communion Group for their help with the practices, celebrations and the imaginative Lent & Easter displays. The Liturgy of the Word for Children every fortnight continues to go from strength to strength under the wise guidance of Stephanie McHugh, Tracey Meehan & Emma O'Keeney.

Thanks to Maureen Cunningham who looks after the candles throughout the year. Ann O'Donnell, Parish Secretary, coordinated everything without fear or fuss, while Patricia O'Boyle, sacristan, attended to many tasks in her own quiet way, even when not present! Thanks to Johnny Paul for all his help.

We appreciate the ongoing dedication of those who open and close the Church morning and evening and to all the money counters for their dedication to their weekly mission. Thanks to Killybegs Community Project for looking after the grounds and the interior of the church. Thanks to Fr John Gallagher, Fr Charlie Byrne & Fr Charlie Deeney for all their help.

May the Love of the Risen Christ continue to sow seeds of hope, peace and joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Entrance 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

We do not live by bread alone but by ev'ry word
that comes forth from the mouth of God:
allelu, alleluia (Chorus)



Entrance Hymn: This is the Day

This is the day (x2), that the Lord has made (x2)
We will rejoice (x2) and be glad in it (x2)
This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day (x2), that the Lord has made.

This is the day (x2), when he rose again (x2)
We will rejoice (x2) and be glad in it (x2)
This is the day, when he rose again
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day (x2), when he rose again.



Sunday 12th April 2026: Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday Year A
Weekday Readings: Second Week of Easter
 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

Saturday 11th April: 07.00pm - Seamus Doherty, Kilcar (Anniversary)
Denis Kinsella (Anniversary)
Doris & Barney Conwell (Anniversaries)
Thomas Michael & Julia Faherty (Anniversaries)

Sunday 12th April: 09.00am - John Murrin (4th Anniversary)
11.00am - Agnes Friel (2nd Anniversary)

Monday 13th April: 10.00am - Eddie Friel (1st Anniversary) & Edward Friel (30th and deceased family members)

Tuesday 14th April: 10.00am - Special Intention

Thursday 16th April: 10.00am - Special Intentions

Friday 17th April: 7.00pm - Sinéad McGinley (Month's Mind Mass) & Anthony McGinley (2nd Anniversary)

Saturday 18th April: 11.00am - Bella McClafferty (1st Anniversary)
07.00pm - Eugene McGuinness (7th Anniv) & deceased family members
Hugh & Bridget Gallagher (Anniversaries)
Lizzy Prior (16th) & Bill McClean (19th) (Anniversaries)

Sunday 19th April: 09.00am - Mary & Marty McMorro (Anniversaries)
11.00am - Bridie McBrearty (2nd Anniversary)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Monday 11am to 7pm

Pray for: Kevin McClafferty, Largy, whose funeral took place on Easter Sunday; Phil O'Neill, whose funeral took place in Johnstown Bridge, Co Kildare, on Friday (mother of Anne Conaghan).

Pray for: Bridget Doherty, Cecelia McLaughlin, Baby John Kelly, Packie Meehan. Suaimhneas Síoraí.



Summertime Church opens 8am,
closes 8pm (or after Mass).

Pilgrimage to Knock of National Eucharistic
Adoration Pilgrimage: Sunday 19th April.
Details on www.eucharisticadoration.ie Tel:
Kathleen O'Donnell 087 6579222 for seat on bus.

Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind Thank you
to everyone who contributed so generously to our
fundraising day at Supervalu recently.

Vacancies at Killybegs Employment Project Ltd
2 x Maintenance Workers - Killybegs
1 x Maintenance Worker - Dunkineely
1 x Tourism Information Officer - Killybegs
Eligibility requirements have to be satisfied.
For more info visit: jobsireland.ie,
Tel: 074 9731666, email: kepltd2@outlook.ie
or call to the Project Office in the Foresters Hall.

St. Vincent de Paul /Ugandan Appeal
Special collection will be on 18/19th April.

Mary's Meals If you have any old coins or notes
that you wish to donate, they can be dropped off at
Supervalu Car Park Sat 25th April, 9.30- 3pm.
Otherwise collection can be arranged by contacting
Eilis Conneely 087 7060457.

Parish Choir Practice Monday 7.15pm

Sunday Collection	5th April	€1,505.00
Trócaire		€3,370.00
Maintenance Fund	5th April	€2,510.00

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Sunday 19th April 11am.
Sunday 10th May 11am.



Raphoe Safeguarding Services are holding an
Information & Training Session in the Parish
Office, Killybegs, Wednesday 29th April 7pm for
anyone involved in parish ministry with children.
Please text Ann to confirm attendance 0876735139

Áislann Chill Chartha 0749738376
Irish Conversational classes for 6 weeks .
Car-Boot /Country Market 2nd May 1 - 4pm
Tables €20
Concert Frankie Gavin & Cathrine McHugh,
Friday 24th April 8pm €25

ALONE Volunteers Urgently Needed: Would you
be willing to provide companionship through a
weekly friendly visit to an older person seeking
more social contact, just one hour per week?
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area. Full training and ongoing support are
provided. To get involved, please sign up at:
<https://alone.ie/volunteers/>
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