St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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A Christian Prayer in union with Creation

Father, we praise you with all your creatures.

They came forth from you're all powerful hand;

they are yours, filled with your presence and your tender love.

Praise be to you! Son of God, Jesus,

through you all things were made.

You were formed in the womb of

Mary our Mother, you became part of this earth, and you gazed upon this world with human eyes. Today you are alive in every creature in your risen glory. Praise be to you!

Holy Spirit, by your light you guide this world towards the Father's love and accompany creation as it groans in travail. You also dwell in our hearts and you inspire us to do what is good. Praise be to you!

Triune Lord, wondrous community of infinite love, teach us to contemplate you in the beauty of the universe, for all things speak of you.

Awaken our praise and thankfulness for every being that you have made, give us the grace to feel profoundly joined to everything that is.

God of love, show us our place in this world as channels of your love for all the creatures of this earth, for not one of them is forgotten in your sight. Enlighten those who possess power and money that they may avoid the sin of indifference, that they may love the common good, advance the weak, and care for this world in which we live. The poor and the earth are crying out.

O Lord, seize us with your power and light, help us to protect all life, to prepare for a better future, for the coming of your Kingdom of justice, peace, love and beauty. Praise be to you! Amen.



First Holy Communion

will be celebrated on **Saturday 18th September** with three separate celebrations that day: **10.00am**: Commons & Fintra (11 children) **11.30am**: Niall Mór 1 (8 children)



We will proceed with caution with these celebrations. Restriction in numbers continues, meaning that only the following may attend: Saturday

candidate, parents, brothers and sisters (each family may have 6 present, including candidate) If you have not already done so, please submit the names of the above to the Parish Office.

Please arrive 10-15 minutes beforehand and you will be shown to your designated places. Everyone is requested to wear a face covering, apart from children. A one-way system operates in the church, with two exits on either side of the sanctuary. The kneelers are not in use. We will make every effort to make each celebration a very special one.

It is strongly recommended that any gatherings taking place after the ceremonies should be in line with government guidelines and kept strictly within family pods.

Public Mass and the Sacraments

Everyone is welcome to attend Mass and there is no need to book beforehand. The following take effect from Monday 6th September:

Numbers are restricted with every second seat in use. Please continue to wear a face covering and observe social distancing. Kneelers are not in use. Communion will be distributed after the final blessing, leaving by the two designated exits.

Funerals & Weddings: numbers attending continue to be monitored and subject to the above restrictions. Weddings restricted to 100 people.

Baptisms continue to be restricted to parents, child and siblings, godparents & grandparents and immediate family.

The church is open for private prayer every day: 8am - 8pm. Take care.

♦ Sunday 12th September 2021: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B

Weekday Readings: Twenty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time: Cycle 1

Masses will be relayed on the webcamera: go to killybegsparish.com for a link to Online Services

11th September: 07.00pm - Úna & Linda Cunningham (Anniversaries) Danny Breslin (4th Anniversary)

Kathleen Boyle (Anniversary)
Ryan McCrudden (10th Anniversary)

Sunday 12th September: 09.00am - Irene Wilson R.I.P.

11.00am - Special Intentions 10.00am - Special Intention

Monday13th September:10.00am - Special IntentionTuesday14th September:10.00am - Requiem Mass Mary Teresa Rose R.I.P.Thursday16th September:10.00am - Annie & Cahir Kennedy (Anniversary)Friday17th September:07.00pm - Don Campbell R.I.P.

Saturday 18th September: First Holy Communion: 10am, 11.30am, 1pm. 07.00pm - Eugene Mc Closkey (8th Anniversary)

Sunday 19th September: 09.00am - Special Intentions 11.00am - Special Intentions

Pray for: Mary Teresa Rose R.I.P., who died 8th July 2020 in Chester: Requiem Mass on Tuesday at 10am followed by burial of ashes (sister of Pat O'Donnell, Fintra Rd); **Mary Rose Tolliday**, who died in Birmingham during the week (sister of the late Bill Johnston). **Suaimhneas Síoraí**

The Sacrament of Confirmation

Congratulations to the 35 young people who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday 4th September. It was a very special occasion. We are grateful to all the Confirmed for playing a full part in the preparation and celebration, despite all the covid restrictions and interruptions. Thank you for your patience and we wish all of you every blessing in your new school.

Our thanks to everyone for their help and cooperation especially parents & sponsors, all the teachers and school secretaries for their invaluable help. Thanks to Ann, the Parish Secretary, for coordinating the preparation, Patricia, the Parish Sacristan, for coordinating the details of the liturgy, and thanks to all the stewards, sanitizers and all who helped. Thanks to the chief photographer John McConnell and also Plunkett & Matty Smith for their assistance. A special word of thanks to Roisín O'Donnell who produced the lovely portraits of all the candidates and who was also responsible for the singing, along with her sister Sara.

Sincere thanks to everyone for their cooperation.

A Triuum in preparation for the Feast of St Padre

Pio at the Franciscan Friary, Rossnowlagh, Mon 20th - Thurs 23rd Sept. Mass, Homily & Blessing of Relic at 7.30pm daily. Preacher: Fr. Pius McLaughlin OFM who met Padre Pio. All are welcome

Killybegs Coast Guard are recruiting. Would you like to volunteer your time to help others? Gain valuable skills and knowledge to assist people in land and sea rescues? If you feel enthusiastic email before 30th September: killybegscoastguard@hotmail.com

Sunday Collections

5th September € 1,380.00

Restoration Fund

5th September € 890.00 Thank you for your continued generosity

Áislann Chill Chartha 0749738376

Concert with Brendan Quinn, Dermot Byrne & Ciaran Tourish. Friday 24th Sept 8pm. Tickets €15. Covid certs required. Cafe opens for indoor dining 13th Sept 7 days a week. Sunday lunch booking essential. Classes starting first week of October now taking names for Ancient Art, Mosaic making, Basic Computers, Photography, Art, Knitting & Crochet and Irish Language. Numbers limited due to Covid regulations.

Thank you John Rose and Pat O'Donnell would like to thank all who offered support and sympathy on the death of Mary Teresa. Your kind messages, shared memories, cards and Mass cards meant so much at such a sad time. Thank you to Fr Colm, Fr Gallagher and Ann for their help.

Mass will be offered for your intentions.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, 0818 222 024.