

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Break Open The Tomb



*Lord of Easter Promise,
 I live in faith of the Resurrection,
 but such is the nature of my faith
 that so much of me remains entombed.
 Break open the tomb.*

*Where I've buried my compassion,
 break open the tomb.*

*Where I've buried my sense of mercy,
 break open the tomb.*

*Where I've buried my humility,
 break open the tomb.*

*Where I've buried my humanity,
 break open the tomb.*

*Where I've buried my love for my heavenly Father,
 break open the tomb.*

*Where I've buried my sense of joy,
 break open the tomb.*

*Where I've buried my willingness to forgive,
 break open the tomb.*

*Lord, in you I've found a Saviour
 no grave can withstand.
 Help me to roll away this stone
 And find the miracle of new life
 That I may live more fully in your saving grace.*



Easter Thanks from Fr Colm

The Easter Season has begun, fifty days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday, during which we reflect on the many appearances of the Risen Lord to his disciples, pondering the mystery of God raising his Son to new life, the mystery of light conquering darkness, the mystery of love overcoming hatred. During the Easter Season, we pray that the power of love and compassion will make its presence felt in our conflict-ridden and grief-stricken world. We are grateful to everyone who attended, helped with and participated in the liturgies of Lent and Holy Week: Palm Sunday, Service of Reconciliation on Monday evening calling us to humble repentance, the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the simplicity and starkness of the Good Friday liturgies, the Stations that night drawing us more deeply into the mystery of love in suffering, and the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses proclaiming the power of love in overcoming fear and violence. Thanks to the Ministers of the Word & Eucharist, Collectors, Gift-bearers and to 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 fire with his usual gracefulness, Conor Conaghan doing the Cross this year. We are grateful to the Senior Choir who made a huge effort during Holy Week & who worked so well and sang so well together. The First Communion children & others took part so enthusiastically in their celebrations on Holy Thursday and Good Friday, while Aimee & Lauren Hegarty & the Junior Choir, accompanied by Sara O'Donnell, under Ann O'Donnell's direction, greatly enhanced the celebrations. Sincere thanks to the Parents' First Communion Group for their help with the practices and celebrations and to all who helped. Thanks to Maureen Cunningham who looks after the candle shrines throughout the year. Ann O'Donnell, the Parish Secretary, coordinated everything with her usual efficiency & cheerfulness and it was great to have Patricia O'Boyle, our Sacristan, back again, ever attentive in attending to so many tasks. Thanks to Lawrence for looking after the grounds & Siobhan the interior of the church. *May the love of the Risen Christ continue to sow seeds of hope & peace. Alleluia! Alleluia!*



◆ *Sunday 16th April 2023: Second Sunday of Easter Year A*
 ◆ *Weekday Readings: Second Week of Easter*
Masses will be relayed on the webcam: go to killybegsparish.com for a link to Online Services

Friday	14th April:	07.00pm - John Murrin (1st Anniversary)
Saturday	15th April:	07.00pm - Irene McCrudden (Month's Mind Mass) Aggie & Neil Quinn (Anniversaries) Eugene McGuinness (4th Anniv) & deceased family members Hugh & Bridget Gallagher (Anniversaries) Francie & Paddy Gallagher, Stragar (Anniversaries)
Sunday	16th April:	09.00am - Cahir Gallagher (5th Anniversary) 11.00am - Liz & Bill McClean (Anniversaries)
Monday	17th April:	10.00am - Tommy & Evelyn Blaine (Anniversaries) Special Intention
Tuesday	18th April:	10.00am - Nora Kee (5th Anniversary)
Thursday	20th April:	10.00am - Peg (3rd) & Johnny Forty Murrin (Anniversaries)
Friday	21st April:	07.00pm - Nuala (3rd) & Charles Polesne (Anniversaries)
Saturday	22nd April:	07.00pm - Con Meehan R.I.P. Johnny Mc Gowan (Anniversary) Mary Robinson (5th Anniversary) David (5th) & Jackie (6th) Meehan (Anniversaries) Denis Kinsella (5th Anniversary) Oliver Cunningham (12th Anniversary)
Sunday	23rd April:	09.00am - Special Intentions 11.00am - Charles, Cecilia & Cahil Mc Laughlin (Anniversaries) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Mondays 11am - 7pm.

Pray for: Kevin O'Boyle, St. Cummins Hill, whose funeral took place on Easter Sunday. Patrick Halpin whose funeral was in Wicklow Friday (brother of Kathleen Keeney, Church Rd). R.I.P.

Sunday Collection 9th April	€ 1,566.60
Trócaire	€ 3,079.00
Restoration Fund 9th April	€ 2,023.95

Yoga for Kids 4 week course suitable for ages 7-12 in Niall Mór Centre, Thursday 27th April, 4.30pm-5.30pm. €40. To book tel Zia 0876463956

Loughros Heritage Group book launch of Pointe Luacharois Loughros Point: Placenames & Tales of Nooks & Crannies on Saturday 22nd April at 3pm in the Parish Centre, Ardara (beside Holy Family Church). Please RSVP to loughrosheritagegroup@gmail.com. Bigí linn.

Fundraising walk in aid of Glencolmille Parish Building Fund on Easter Monday 10th April at 1pm. leaving Carrick old school to Meenanearny, returning via Bogagh. Refreshments. €20 pp (children free).

Lough Derg 2023 *Three day Pilgrimages, One Day Retreats, Residential Retreats, Lakeshore Pilgrimages, Quiet Days.* Full details: See noticeboard or www.loughderg.org

Eucharistic Adoration Raphoe Diocese National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock Sunday 23rd April. Bus enquiries tel Cáit 0863074435 / www.eucharisticadoraton.ie

First Holy Communion 2023
 Next Celebration: Sunday 23rd April 11am
Parents' Liturgy Group meets this Wednesday 19th April 8pm in the Parish Office.

Church Car Park
 Please observe the line marking when parking. Priority parking for those attending Mass or other church services. We cannot facilitate campers or larger vehicles or long stay parking.
Please allow for emergency access at all times.

Grow: Are you feeling lonely, isolated or a bit down? Grow may help. Grow is non denominational, confidential and open to all. Meetings on Thursdays at 6.30 pm in Niall Mór Centre or Tuesdays at 7.30pm in Donegal Parish Centre. For further info: Tel Marian 0867856912

Lough Head Shoreline Cleanup this Sunday 16th April 10am. All help appreciated. Wear suitable footwear. Pickers, bags, gloves etc supplied.

Pam's Creations Hair Salon 0749731820
 Due to renovations Pam's Creations will be closed from Tues 11th until Wed 19th April. Sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused.