

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

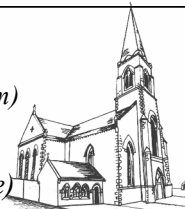
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Masses and Services: Live streaming [www.mcncmedia.tv](http://www.mcncmedia.tv) (link on website)



### Funeral Masses & Private Worship

Bishop Alan announced that Churches may now facilitate a Funeral Mass attended by chief mourners limited to a maximum of ten people.

The Church continues to be open for private prayer throughout the day 8am to 8pm except during Mass times. It is vitally important to observe all Covid - 19 safety guidelines in visiting the chapel:

- Use hand-sanitiser both on entry and leaving.
- Keep a distance of 2 metres from others.
- Avoid touching any surfaces if possible.
- The toilets are closed as a safety precaution.

### First Holy Communion 2020

We spare a thought and a prayer for the 42 children whose celebration of First Holy Communion couldn't take place yesterday (Saturday) because of Covid -19 restrictions. A new date will be arranged once the schools re-open.

We ask Jesus to bless them and their families and keep them always in his love and care.

**Covid Community Response South West Donegal** was established mid March 2020, weeks before the Government's Community call was established, as local people working and living in the community quickly realised that local action was needed. Reaching out to all the communities in South West Donegal the response was amazing. There were volunteers from Glencolmcille, Carrick, Teelin, Kilcar, Killybegs, Bruckless, Dunkineely, Inver on through to Donegal and Ballyshannon. The volunteers have their own specific tasks: shopping, collecting prescriptions, delivering food, a call service to the lonely, mindfulness, making masks, making scrubs for health care and community care and home helps.

The Community Kitchen was established at Fusion Bistro by Gary and Linda Boyle with the help of Ann Conaghan and other local volunteers. The Kitchen runs for those cocooning and in isolation, 3 days a week, Monday, Wednesday and Fridays. Great healthy food is delivered by our volunteers throughout all the parishes. The fundraising got a huge boost when Linda Boyle (Fusion Bistro) decided to do a head shave for the Covid cause and collected a massive €13,694. This has been amazing and will help us to continue to deliver these services into the future.

Personal Protective Equipment is obviously a challenge for many health care workers, home helps and the vulnerable and the team have been working on accumulating a selection of PPE, donating to where the needs on the ground are.

There has been so many donators to this community call, from food to hampers, material for making masks and scrubs, gloves, visors and disposable face masks for medical staff. Home made masks completed locally have arrived in Dublin City for nursing staff travelling on public transport to and from the hospitals. Letterkenny General got their first shipment of scrubs and bottoms delivered last week. Mullinsole and Benroe Nursing Homes were presented with PPE. Without the public donations and volunteers this would have been very difficult to achieve and we sincerely thank everyone for their generosity and support.

The office is manned 5 days a week by the Community Employment supervisors, Colin and Annmarie, and their help in all the admin has been the connection between all the communities and the council response team: organising dinner rotas, administering the accounts, liaising with shoppers, contact tracing and ensuring all is safe and well by back up calls and support.

Thanks to one and all for your continued support. We are all in this together.

Niamh Kennedy

### A Prayer for Spiritual Communion



My Jesus, I believe that you are present in this Most Holy Sacrament of the altar.

I love you above all things

and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot receive you now in Holy Communion come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you as if you were already there

and unite myself wholly to you.

Never let me be parted from you. Amen.

- Sunday 17th May 2020: Sixth Sunday of Easter Year A
- Weekday Readings: 6th Week of Easter

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions all celebrations below take place behind closed doors and will be relayed on the webcam: go to [killybegsparish.com](http://killybegsparish.com) for a link to the live streaming

Saturday	16th May:	11.00am - Funeral Mass for Karen Cahill R.I.P. 07.00pm - Danny Heekin (1st Anniversary) Bridie & Frank Kennedy (Anniversaries) Annie McFadden (Anniversary)
Sunday	17th May:	11.00am - Máiréad McGarvey (Anniversary)
Monday	18th May:	10.00am - Intentions Staff/Patients Killybegs Community Hospital
Tuesday	19th May:	10.00am - Denis Kinsella R.I.P. (50th Birthday)
Wednesday	20th May:	10.00am - Sarah (14th) & Jack (25th) Greenlaw (Anniversaries)
Friday	22nd May:	10.00am - Special Thanksgiving Intention
Saturday	23rd May:	07.00pm - Leo Friel (1st Anniversary)
Sunday	24th May:	11.00am - Peg Murrin & Nuala Polesne (Month's Mind Mass)

Please Note: No Mass on Thursday

**Pray for: Karen Cahill, Glenlee & Tuam, Galway, whose Funeral Mass is Saturday 16th May 11am; John Showlin, Bridge St, whose funeral took place on Wednesday; Willie Erskine, Bungostin and London, who died on Tuesday (brother of Matt Erskine); Bill Walsh, who died in Wexford (brother-in-law of Anne Brosnan); John Doherty, Falcarragh, who died during the week (uncle of Mary T Curran).**  
**Pray for: Bernie Cahill. Suaimhneas Sioraí.**

### A Prayer during a Pandemic

May we who are merely inconvenienced  
Remember those whose lives are at stake.



May we who have no risk factors  
Remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home,  
Remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close,  
Remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips,  
Remember those who have no place to go.

May we who are losing our marginal income in the tumult of the economic market  
Remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home,  
Remember those who have no home.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other,  
Let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbours. Amen

### Home Instead Senior Care

are currently recruiting caregivers for home help in the Killybegs, Glenties and Ardara areas. We can provide the necessary training for this type of work. Contact Laura Boyce at [hr.donegal@homeinstead.ie](mailto:hr.donegal@homeinstead.ie) or call 074 9113050.

You are welcome to place your envelopes through the Parish Office letterbox or into either donation box in the church porch

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	€ 1,075.00
Education of Students	€ 5.00
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	
Envelopes 9th & 10th May	€ 734.00
Standing Orders for April	€ 885.00
<b>Total Restoration Fund:</b>	<b>€3,180,766.43</b>

**St Mary's Church Bells:** Sunday 11am & Thursday 8pm for all healthcare workers.

Ann O'Donnell, Parish Secretary, can be contacted outside office hours: 087 6735139

### Thank You from Cathal Conaghan

I wish to thank most sincerely all who sent me Mass Cards, prayed for me and sent get-well wishes during my illness. As a token of my thanks, Mass will be offered on Friday 22nd May 10am for your intentions.

**St. Catherine's Vocational School** now enrolling for September 2020 in the following:  
- QQI Nursing Studies (same modules covered for Healthcare Support)  
- QQI Childhood Care and Education Level 5  
- QQI Childhood Care and Education Level 6  
PLC courses are grant aided and all courses are of one year duration. Applications are invited through [www.fetchcourses.com](http://www.fetchcourses.com) by selecting location Donegal and sub location Killybegs.