

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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A Christmas Prayer

May a new understanding of God-with-us transform your life with hope and happiness this Christmas.

May next year bless you with health of mind, heart, body and soul.

May the divine beauty of your human smile grow brighter every day.

And may our beautiful broken world - God's own body - and all who live on it,

be healed and renewed by your compassion, and be blessed with a more abundant life.

Children's Practices: All are welcome

for Children's Christmas Eve 7.00pm Mass

- for the Christmas Play and the Junior Choir:

Monday 19th December 5.00pm

and Tuesday 20th December 5.00pm.

Please attend both practices.

Christmas Carol Service

Everything was in place for a joyful celebration: the Christmas Crib, the Christmas Tree, 'God the Father' keeping a caring eye and, most of all, people of all ages sang beautifully in praise and worship to a packed congregation. Sincere thanks to everyone who participated in a very uplifting service especially all from Commons, Fintra & Niall Mór National Schools, St Catherine's V.S. and the Parish Choir. Thanks to the Readers and the Collectors. The total collection was €708.59 which will be forwarded to the Donegal/Galway Bus Fund. Thank you.

Parish Christmas Deliveries

- The Parish Christmas Newsletter and the complimentary Parish Calendar 2017 have being delivered to each household in the parish. Further complimentary calendars are available from the Parish Office
- At the same time the Church Envelopes and the Restoration Envelopes were delivered. Anyone not on the list who would like a set of envelopes, please let Ann know in the Parish Office.

Trócaire is hoping for the usual terrific support from parishioners for the Trócaire Gifts and Christmas Appeal. To find out more, buy a gift or make a donation, log on to trocaire.org or call 1850 408 408

Advent Service of Reconciliation

Monday 19th December 7.00pm.

Please maintain a spirit of prayer and peace during the service. *Please note:* it starts 7pm.

May we once again experience the mercy and compassion of God the Father.

St John's Carol Service on Tuesday 20th December at 8pm. All welcome.

Important Christmas Celebrations

Service of Reconciliation:

Monday 19th December 7.00pm

Christmas Children's Mass:

Saturday 24th December 7.00pm

Christmas 'Midnight' Mass:

Saturday 24th December 11.00pm

Christmas Day Masses:

Sunday 25th December 9am & 11am

Christmas Shop Now Open!!

Christmas gifts now available.

Call to Parish Office & have a look..



Sunday Missal 2017 Complimentary copy for all Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist available from Sacristy or Parish Office.

Killybegs Women's Group

Thanking everyone who supported our annual Boot Sale. €500 was donated to St. Catherine's V. S. Mental Awareness Day and €100 to our local SVP.

Thank you The staff and students of St. Catherine's V. S. thank Killybegs Women's Group, Mrs B's Coffee Shop and Supervalu for their generous donations towards our Wellbeing Day on 5th Dec.

Last Man Standing: The Shoot-Out!

All will be decided this weekend and Monday, as we enter the final week, West Ham and Man Utd being the most popular selections. With 55 remaining for the final showdown, tie-break Question 1 may decide the winner or, if necessary, tie-break Question 2. Good luck!

St Joseph's young Priests Society recent collection amounted to €886.76. Sincere thanks to all who contributed.

• **Sunday 18th December 2016: Fourth Sunday in Advent (Cycle A)**

• **Weekday Readings: Fourth Week in Advent**

Saturday 17th December: 07.00pm - Gerard Byrne & Mickey Cannon (Anniversaries)
Sarah McCloskey (Anniversary)
Áine & Willie Murray (Anniversaries)

Sunday 18th December: 09.00am - Jerry O'Neill (Anniversary)

11.00am - Micheál Mooney (Anniversary)

Monday 19th December: 10.00am - Paudge, Sheila & Mary McGee (Anniversaries)

07.00pm - Advent Reconciliation Service

Tuesday 20th December: 10.00am - Josephine Haughey (1st Anniversary)

Thursday 22nd December: 07.00pm - Special Intention

Friday 23rd December: 10.00am - Tom & Cassie McBrearty (Anniversary)

Saturday 24th December: CHRISTMAS EVE

07.00pm - Children's Mass

Special Intention
Charlie & Mary McGuinness (Anniversaries)

11.00pm - Christmas 'Midnight' Mass

Intentions of People of the Parish

Sunday 25th December: CHRISTMAS DAY

09.00am - Bernard & Helen Doogan (Anniversaries)

11.00am - John McGilloway (Anniversary)

Adoration: Sunday 6pm - Monday Midnight.

Confessions: Saturday 6.30pm.

Rosary/Divine Mercy: Tuesday 6.30pm, in the Adoration Room.

Pray for those who died recently: Tom Rowan, St Cummins Hill, whose funeral took place yesterday, Saturday; Chris Campbell, Selacis, Letterbarrow: Funeral Mass today Sunday 1pm Drimarone (mother of Trudy Quinn). Pray for: Joseph, Catherine and Teresa Kenny, Packie, Mary and Noel Meehan, Baby John Kelly, Paddy Doc Hegarty. Suaimheas Siorai

Table Quiz on Tuesday 27th December at 9.30pm in Tara Hotel. All proceeds to Donegal Cancer Bus.

Home Tutor required for L.C. Student

Maths, biology, Business Studies & Geography.
Tel 074 97 37751; e-mail: Jackiedm13@gmail.com

The Staff of Killybegs Community Hospital

wish all of our patients and their families and all service users and supporters of the hospital a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy New Year.
Thank you all for your continued support of your local hospital.

The patients and staff appreciate all the hard work carried out within our community raising funds.

New Radio Documentary on the Killybegs Carpet Factory on Newstalk Sat. 17th December at 10pm.

Niall Mór Centre 074 97 41863

southwestdonegalcdpl@gmail.com & Facebook Killybegs Walk and Talk Group: Thursdays 10am.
Citizens Advice/ Info: Mondays 10am-12:30 pm.
Scrabble Morning: Monday 10.30am-12:00, €2pp.
Safepass Course: Sat 14th Jan 8am - 5pm, €100 pp.
Basket-making Workshop: Held on a weekend in January, to be confirmed. If interested ring Centre.
Diploma in Autism Studies from UCC in January.
Tel: 087 7734422 for info.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

18th December - Patricia Boyle
No Adoration next weekend

Sunday Collection	€ 1,510.00
Restoration Fund:	
Envelopes 10th & 11th December	€ 1,580.00
Donations	€ 1,950.00
Bridge Street Charity Shop	€ 1,000.00
Total Restoration Fund:	€2,634,532.78

Carer Wanted for elderly lady with dementia. Contact 0879795259.

CLG Na Cealla Beaga Senior Board AGM in Tara Hotel, 5pm, Sunday 18th December.

LAST (Lost At Sea Tragedies)

Shaun Curran is grateful to everyone who attended the unveiling and blessing of the plaque in the playground last Saturday. Special thanks to Fr Colm, the ladies who sold the candles and to Supervalu, the walkers & runners joining the Donegal Town-Killybegs 30k walk in aid of LAST. A total of €4,740 was raised. Thanks to all sponsors. Your support was greatly appreciated. Thanks to Johnny Paul at the Tara Hotel who kindly sponsored the refreshments on Saturday and Sunday.