

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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



### A Letter from The Cardinal of Naples, Don Mimmo Battaglia (abridged version)

To the merchants of death, to you who trade with the blood of men,  
to you who count profits while mothers count their children,  
to you who call "strategy" what the Gospel calls scandal,  
I address words that arise not from diplomacy, but from wounds.



There are nights, in this time, when humanity seems lost.  
Long nights, where the sky offers no comfort and the earth returns only rubble.  
Yet right there, in the heart of the night, the Gospel persists.  
It continues to say that no man is born to be a target. That no child is destined for the dust.  
That no mother must learn to recognize her child from a shred of cloth.  
That peace is not a weakness to be mocked, but the highest form of strength.  
There is no justice if the wealth of a few is based on the grief of many.  
And there will be no peace as long as war remains an acceptable investment.

The Gospel does not negotiate. The Gospel does not bless the industries of destruction.  
The Gospel does not get used to the dead. The Gospel cannot tolerate pain becoming statistics.  
The Gospel puts a child at the centre. Always.  
And when a child is at the centre, all your arguments crumble.  
I ask you to recognize that human life is sacred, or it will no longer be human.  
to abandon the logic of profit and enter into that of protection.

Let the tears you've kept out of your rooms reach you. Let the names of the dead enter your boardrooms.  
Let a mother come and disturb your accounts. Let the Gospel ruin your peace.  
There is no peace without disarming the heart. War doesn't begin when the first bomb falls.  
It begins much earlier: when our brother becomes an obstacle,  
when the poor become irrelevant, when compassion is deemed naive,  
when the economy stops serving life and decides to use it.  
You must become human again. Before managers, shareholders, strategists, intermediaries: human beings.  
I dream of the day when iron will not become a bullet but a plough  
when ingenuity will not serve to perfect offense but to protect life,  
when capital will be spent on healing, educating, rebuilding, welcoming.  
How much more pain must history endure before you understand that you are trafficking  
not in merchandise, but in children, in mothers, in faces, in flesh loved by God?

The world needs alert consciences, not blind profits. It needs prophets, not merchants.  
Give back children to their mothers, fathers to their homes, dreams to the earth.  
Give yourselves back to your humanity.

### Final Hymn: Here I am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me  
I will hold your people in my heart*



### Parish Choir Practice Monday 7.15pm



### Entrance Hymn: Give Me Joy

Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray.  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Keep me praising till the break of day.



*Chorus: Sing hosanna (x3), to the King of Kings.  
Sing hosanna (x3), to the King.*  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving....

- Sunday 19th April 2026: Third of Easter Year A
- Weekday Readings: Third 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 [men.live](http://men.live)

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)
		02.00pm	<b>Funeral Mass of Dan Mc Keever R.I.P.</b>
Monday	20th April:	10.00am	Johnny Forty & Peg Murrin (Anniversaries)
Tuesday	21st April:	10.00am	Special Intention
Thursday	23rd April:	10.00am	Special Intention
Friday	24th April:	10.00am	Special Intention
Saturday	25th April:	07.00pm	Johnny Mc Gowan (Anniversary) Mary Robinson (8th Anniversary) Jackie (9th) & David (8th) Meehan (Anniversaries) Oliver Cunningham (15th Anniversary) Francie & Paddy Gallagher (Anniversaries) John Patrick Lynch (30th Anniv) & deceased family members Tony Brennan (3rd Anniversary)
Sunday	26th April:	09.00am	Special Intentions
		11.00am	Tadhg Gallagher (1st Anniversary)

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday 11am to 7pm*

**Pray for: Dan Mc Keever, Lough Head: Funeral Mass this Sunday 2pm; Moya Brennan whose funeral was in Gaoth Dobhair on Friday. Pray for: Cahir Gallagher (8th), Nora Kee Suaimhneas Sioraí.**

Sunday Collection	12th April	€1,075.00
Maintenance Fund	12th April	€1,185.00

**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

**Liturgy of the Word for Children**  
Sunday 19th April 11am; Sunday 10th May 11am.

**Sunday Social** in Dunkineely Community Centre Sunday 26th April 8pm-10pm. Music by Michael Cleary & Jacqui Bannon. Adm €10 w/ refreshments

**Vacancies at Killybegs Employment Project Ltd**  
2 x Maintenance Workers - Killybegs  
1 x Maintenance Worker - Dunkineely  
1 x Tourism Information Officer - Killybegs  
Tel: 074 9731666, email: [kepltd2@outlook.ie](mailto:kepltd2@outlook.ie)  
or call to the Project Office in the Foresters Hall.

**St. Vincent de Paul Contact No. 087 3507727**

**Mary's Meals** Old coins or notes can be dropped off at Supervalu Car Park Sat 25th April, 9.30-3pm or contact Eilis Conneely 087 7060457.

### Fintra N. S. Board of Management Statement

The Board of Management met on Wednesday 15th April. There are currently four pupils enrolled in the school. In the past few months, many efforts have been made to encourage new enrolments, including an Open Day, the offer of a preschool, breakfast club & afterschool service, an enrolment video and a survey of prospective parents. Despite these efforts, we have had only one conditional enrolment for September 2026.

In light of this, the Board has extended the enrolment deadline to Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April. After this date, the Board regrets that they will have no option but to liaise with the school patron, Bishop Niall Coll, regarding the closure of the school from the end of this academic year if the position remains unchanged. Please contact the school on **0749731668** or email [info@fintrans.ie](mailto:info@fintrans.ie) by 3pm next Wednesday 22nd April if you require enrolment forms for any classes.

**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*