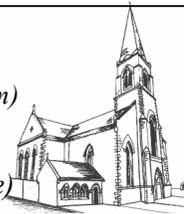


## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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



### The Son of God by Jeffrey Archer (who kindly donated this reflection to Cancer Research UK)

*He was born in a barn, his father a carpenter, and his mother a decent woman, but they were of no significance, and certainly couldn't have afforded to give the boy a private education. And yet, as a teenager, he was arguing the toss with his elders and betters in the council chambers. He never got a proper job, just roamed around the countryside, unshaven, and living off bread and water and the occasional fish, while offering his opinions to those who cared to listen. He became the manager of a football team known as The Disciples, not one of them a star, in fact the twelfth man rather than the side down by accepting a transfer fee of thirty pieces of silver to play for the opposition.*

*The authorities eventually arrested him as a rabble-rouser but couldn't decide what to charge him with, other than the fact he claimed he was the Son of God. They strung him up with a couple of criminals, and when he finally gave up the ghost, rather assumed that would be the last they'd hear of him. The Disciples were relegated at the end of the season, in fact the captain denied on more than one occasion that he's ever been a member of his team.*

*When he died at the age of thirty-three, there were no obituaries in the local press reporting his achievements, no glossy supplements highlighting his colourful career, no radio programmes to discuss his legacy, and no box sets recording any of his miracles. But then, he's never relied on focus groups to advise him on current trends, or advertising gurus to spend millions promoting his brand, or spin doctors to sharpen his image, and he didn't require social media to keep his followers up to date, so you could be forgiven for assuming he'd be forgotten in a few days.*

**So how can one explain that over two thousand years later, Jesus Christ is still the best-known celebrity on earth? Could it just be that He was the Son of God?**



### Christmas Masses – Booking Essential - Omicron Alert

Due to the threat posed by the Omicron variant of Covid 19, attendance at Masses on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will need to be pre-booked. Ring the Parish Office 9731013 or email [info@killybegsparish.com](mailto:info@killybegsparish.com) and we will reserve a ticket for you to be collected from the Parish Office. There are 9 Christmas Masses in all:

- \* **Thursday 23rd December:** 10am (no need to book)
- \* **Friday, Christmas Eve:** Masses at 6pm, 8pm & 10pm (booking essential)
- \* **Christmas Day:** Masses at 8am, 10am & 12 noon (booking essential)
- \* **Sunday 26th December:** Masses at 9am & 11am (no need to book)

If attending Mass please do so only once during this period. All Masses will be livestreamed on [mcnmedia.tv](http://mcnmedia.tv) or go to our website [killybegsparish.com](http://killybegsparish.com) and click on *Services Online*. These arrangements are necessary to make Church attendance during the Christmas period as safe as possible. Please follow the directions of the stewards on arrival. Thank you.

- **Please wear a face mask.**
- **Keep social distance.**
- **Use sanitizer.**
- **The kneelers are not in use.**

*Communion will be distributed after the Final Blessing. Please do not congregate before or after Mass.*

- ◆ **Sunday 19th December 2021: Fourth Sunday of Advent: Year C**
- ◆ **Weekday Readings: Fourth Week of Advent**

Masses will be relayed on the webcam: go to [killybegsparish.com](http://killybegsparish.com) for a link to Online Services

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>18th December:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Roselean Mc Guinness (3rd Anniversary) Gerard Byrne (Anniversary) Mickey Cannon (Anniversary) Sarah Mc Closkey (Anniversary) Barney & Moira Murrin (Anniversaries)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>19th December:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Kathleen Mangan nee Griffith R.I.P. <b>11.00am</b> - John Gallagher (3rd Anniversary) <b>10.00am</b> - Denis Kinsella R.I.P.
<b>Monday</b>	<b>20th December:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Josephine Haughey (Anniversary)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>21st December:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Paddy & Mary Byrne (Anniversaries) <b>06.00pm</b> - Charlie McGuinness (Anniversary) <b>08.00pm</b> - Packie Melly (Anniversary) <b>10.00pm</b> - The People's Intentions
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>23rd December:</b>	<b>08.00am</b> - Special Intentions
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	<b>24th December:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Special Intention <b>12 noon</b> - Mary Ann & John McGilloway (Anniv)
<b>Christmas Day</b>	<b>25th December:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Paddy Byrne (Anniversary) <b>11.00am</b> - Moira Mallon (3rd Anniversary)
<b>St Stephen's Day</b>	<b>26th December:</b>	<b>11.00am</b> - James & Sarah O'Donnell (Anniversaries) <b>11.00am</b> - Seamus Meehan (Anniversary) <b>10.00am</b> - Harry Brady (10th Anniversary) <b>07.00pm</b> - Con Doogan (Anniversary) <b>07.00pm</b> - Frances O'Donnell (2nd Anniversary) Timothy & Emily Bray (Anniversaries) Michael Hugh Byrne & Patrick Byrne (Anniv) Freda Gillespie (Anniv) & deceased family Patrick O'Donnell (Anniversary)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>27th December:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - William, Aine & Glenis Murray
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>28th December:</b>	<b>11.00am</b> - Mary Laverty (Anniversary)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>30th December:</b>	
<b>Friday</b>	<b>31st December:</b>	
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1st January 2022:</b>	
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2nd January 2022:</b>	
<b>(Anniv)</b>		

**Pray for:** Marion Murphy, Castlecummin, whose funeral took place on Wednesday.

**Pray for:** John O'Boyle, Timothy O'Boyle, Fr Kevin Hegarty, Gloria Leahy, Noel Meehan, Cassie McBrearty, Charles McLaughlin, Ethel Blaine, Stuart & Chris & Rose Costello. *Suaimhneas Siorai*



**Wishing you love, joy and hope  
this Christmas  
and in the New Year**

**Sunday Collection** 12th December €1,835.00  
 Upkeep of Cemetery € 150.00  
**Restoration Fund** 12th December € 1,985.00  
 Donations € 6,500.00  
**Total Restoration Fund** €3,305,405.43  
*Thank you for your continued generosity*

**Meeting for Stewards**  
 on Monday 20th December in the Church at 7pm.  
 If you can help at any of the Christmas Masses,  
 please attend this planning meeting.

**Live-streamed Christmas Mass to the Classrooms**  
 Monday 20th December 10am.  
 Parents might also tune in for this Mass.

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
 Everyone is welcome to Adoration.  
 Every Monday 11am to 7pm.  
*Please note:* Adoration on Monday 27th: 12pm - 7pm

**St Vincent De Paul**  
 All requests treated in confidence. Ring:  
 0873507727/ 9731186/ 9731426/ 9731391.  
 Anyone who wishes to support our work may  
 donate by using the above details.



**Christmas Shop Now open!!  
Pre-Christmas Sale 20% off**  
 Christmas Gifts, Cribs, Cards &  
 Christmas Mass Bouquets  
 now available in the Parish Office