

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

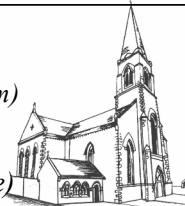
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### Beyond the Headlines

by Patrick Kavanagh

*Then I saw the wild geese flying  
In fair formation to their bases in Inchicore,  
And I knew that these wings would outwear the wings of war,  
And a man's simple thoughts outlive the day's loud lying.  
Don't fear, don't fear, I said to my soul:  
The Bedlam of Time is an empty bucket rattled,  
'Tis you who will say in the end who best battled.  
Only they who fly home to God have flown at all.*

### Parish Christmas Deliveries

- The Parish Christmas Newsletter and the complimentary Parish Calendar 2020 are being delivered to each household in the parish this week beginning 2nd December.
- At the same time the Church Envelopes and the Restoration Envelopes will be delivered. Anyone not on the list who would like a set of envelopes, please let Ann know in the Parish Office.
- We are appealing for help with the deliveries. Anyone who can help please come to the Parish Office this Monday 2nd December 7-7.30pm.

**St Vincent de Paul Special Christmas Collection** will be taken up after Masses on Saturday 7th & Sunday 8th December. We sincerely thank all who supported our work so generously over the past year.

### Congratulations to the Killybegs Men's Shed

who won the Men's Shed category of the National Upcycle Challenge from mywaste.ie and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Their competition entry was supported by Niall Mór Centre and Local Link Donegal.

**Anam Cara Donegal** Parent Evening on 12th Dec at 7.20pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents

**St. Catherine's Vocational School** are now enrolling for first year 2020. Our Open Night for Parents of 6th class pupils is on Wednesday 4th Dec at 5.30pm.

**Thank you** Margaret Cunningham, Kille, Kilcar, wishes to thank all who supported her Coffee Morning on Hospice Day raising €430. Sincere thanks to all and thanks for your support in past years.

### Christmas Shop Now open!!

Christmas gifts & Christmas Mass Bouquets now available.  
Call to Parish Office & have a look..



### Christmas First Friday Calls

on Thursday & Friday 5th & 6th December. Anyone not on the list who would like a call please let Ann or Fr Colm know.

**Rota:** Daily Ministers of the Word available

### Parents First Communion Liturgy Group

Wednesday 4th December 8pm Parish Office.  
Next Celebration Sunday 15th December 11am.

### Bus to Night Vigil in Knock

Saturday 7th December: McBrearty's 9731056

### Important Christmas Celebrations

**Christmas Carol Service:**  
Thursday 12th December 7.00pm  
**Advent Service of Reconciliation:**  
Monday 16th December 7.00pm  
**Christmas Children's Mass:**  
Tuesday 24th December 7.00pm  
**Christmas 'Midnight' Mass:**  
Tuesday 24th December 11.00pm  
**Christmas Day Masses:**  
Wednesday 25th Dec 9am & 11am  
**Practices for Children's Mass:**  
Mon & Tues 16th & 17th Dec 4.30pm

### St John's Parish Church Carol Service

on Wednesday 11th December at 8pm

**Thank You** The family of the late Pauline Gallagher wish to sincerely thank everyone who sympathised with them on their recent bereavement. Thank you to all who attended the wake & funeral, who sent Mass & Sympathy cards, or sent messages of condolences. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

### St Catherine's FC Annual Bazaar

Sunday 8th December in Tara Hotel, 6.30pm  
Please come and along and support your local club and be in with a chance of winning some of the fantastic prizes on offer.

**Outreach Officer** Niall Mór Centre 9th Dec.

- Sunday 1st December 2019:** First Sunday of Advent Year A
- Weekday Readings:** First Week in Advent Year 2

**Saturday 30th November: 07.00pm** - Patricia Cunningham (Month's Mind Mass)  
Georgie Murray (1st Anniversary)  
Con McBrearty (Anniv) & deceased family members  
John O'Donnell (6th Anniversary)

**Sunday 1st December: 09.00am** - Special Intention  
**11.00am** - Pat & Alice Conneely (Anniversaries)

**Monday 2nd December: 10.00am** - Special Intention  
**Wednesday 4th December: 07.00pm** - John Gallagher, Croaghlin (1st Anniversary)  
**Thursday 5th December: 10.00am** - Special Intention  
**Friday 6th December: 10.00am** - Special Intention  
**Saturday 7th December: 07.00pm** - May Carr (Month's Mind Mass)

Teresa Carroll & deceased McGuire family (Anniv)  
Michael Carroll R.I.P.  
Peter Gerald Breslin (25th Anniversary)  
Willie & Aine Murray & Glenis Murray (Anniv)  
Margaret Gallagher (Anniversary)

**Sunday 8th December: 09.00am** - Special Intention  
**11.00am** - Maude Gallagher (12th Anniversary)

*The Feast of The Immaculate Conception this year is Monday 9th December.*

**Adoration:** Sunday 6pm - Monday Midnight **Confessions:** Saturdays 6.30pm  
**Rosary/ Divine Mercy Adoration Room** Tuesdays 5.45pm-6.45pm.

**Please note:** Mass on Wednesday at 7pm

**Pray for:** *Cathal McSorley, Omagh, who died on Tuesday (brother of Jacqueline Byrne, Lisnacloya); Michael Smith, whose funeral was in Dublin on Tuesday; Mary Connaghan, Aughvogue, whose funeral took place recently; Pray for: Molly Love, Jacqueline Bonner (3rd Anniv), Barry Gallagher (11th Anniv). Suaimhneas Sioraí.*

### Christmas Lights Switch-On

Sunday 1st December 6pm

Bring your letter to Santa to post at the tree!

**St. Catherine's Vocational School** presents 'Back to the 80s: The Totally Awesome Musical' 2nd, 3rd and 4th December at 7.30pm.  
Adults €10, students €8, family €20.

**AI Anon** There is an open meeting on Thurs 5th December, Dungloe Hospital, 7.30pm. All welcome.

**The HSE Memory Technology Resource Room** is set up to allow people with memory difficulties, dementia, their families and friends to see and try a range of products to make independent living easier.  
For more info tel: 074-9197183  
Email: liz.bradley@hse.ie

### Niall Mór Centre 9741863 Ring to book a place..

**Breastfeeding Group:** Next meeting Wed 4th Dec 11am - 12.30pm. No need to book..  
**Decoupage - Candle Decorating:** Fri 6th Dec 11am.  
**Saturday Storytime:** Sat 7th Dec from 10:30-12 noon. Story, Arts & Crafts, refreshments.  
**Health & Nutrition Information Session:** Thurs 12th Dec 10 - 12 noon. Free event. To book: 074 9741863 or Kathy: kcunningham@dldc.org

### Blessed Sacrament Adoration

1st December - Mary Cunningham  
8th December - Kathleen Gillespie

**Sunday Collection** € 1,425.00  
**Upkeep of Cemetery** € 12.00  
**Restoration Fund**  
Envelopes 23rd & 24th November €1,405.00  
**Total Restoration Fund: €3,125,969.43**

### 25 Card Drive Fundraiser

Loughros Heritage Group fundraiser in Teague's Bar, Ardara on Friday 6th December at 8.30pm. Raffle on night. Donations gratefully accepted. All welcome.

### Áislann Chill Chartha 0749738376

*Santa's Grotto and Funday* Sun 1st Dec 3-6pm.  
*Christmas Market* Sunday 1st December 1-5pm.  
*Kilcar Community Singers*, Friday 6th Dec 8.30pm. €5 Seasonal Refreshments.  
*Tiny Tots Fun Morning* Fri 13th Dec 10am. €3.  
*Party bookings* now open for 2020.  
*Áislann Fitness Suite* Annual Membership now €99. Student (16-18 years) €80  
*Comhrá le Tae*, every Wednesday 11am.  
*Áislann Fitness Suite* Circuit Classes