

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

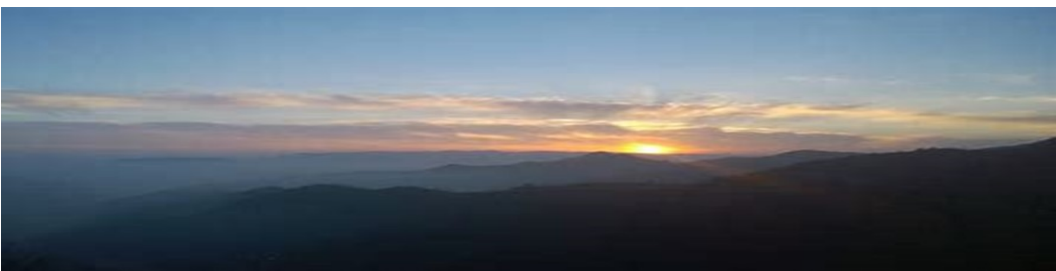
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### A NEW DAWN: CORONA CHALLENGE (Part 1)

*I gaze half-dazed out of sleepy eyes wondering  
When will the new dawn break?  
The sky shimmers with morning freshness  
While I search for the dawning –  
Restlessly, fearfully, resolutely, wholeheartedly -  
How could I have missed it? Again?*

A new year begins with renewed vigour from Covid-19 and added restrictions.

There is fresh optimism too with the early emergence of vaccines.

Dedicated scientists are tirelessly creating glimmers of relief for all, as a tentative sense of emerging light at the end of this long tunnel dawns.

*'Nothing ever goes away until it has taught us what we need to know'* (Pema Chodron)

Deep within Earth's sacred cradle of wisdom I sense rumblings:

We- humanity- may eventually control the virus and with vaccines overcome it.

But what if only then - and too late -

we realise that we have silenced the messenger but missed the message?

Earth, our Common Home, is undoubtedly trying to communicate with us

but our collective amnesia is alive and well.

Covid-19 may be gone this year or next but there will undoubtedly be others.

We don't have to look far with the twin viruses of climate emergency and biodiversity depletion breathing too close for comfort. We are in crisis!

Nellie Mc Laughlin, January 2021

### The Cross of Suffering



We invite you to write a name or an intention, personal or global, on the Intentions Sheet provided, which will be remembered collectively at all Masses during Lent. By putting your concerns into words and placing them into the Box of Suffering which is in front of the altar, we pray that your Cross of Suffering will be transformed into a Beacon of Light through the healing power of God. The box will be placed at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, remaining unopened until its contents will be placed in the Easter Fire on Holy Saturday Night, praying that the Risen Christ will bring hope and healing to all who are suffering.

**Trócaire** appeals to you to help families hurt by conflict to survive and thrive. Covid rages while the awful violence continues. Your donation will help children, women and men in over 20 countries.

**You may donate in one of several ways:**  
Save for Trócaire during Lent using the Trócaire Box (available in the church). At the end of Lent, pass on your donation to us in the Trócaire envelope provided or send it directly to Trócaire (As a covid precaution, please do not return the box/coins to the church) **Or**  
Donate securely online to: [www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) **Or**  
Give by Callsave to: 1850 408 408

- ◆ **Sunday 21st February 2021:** First Sunday of Lent Year B
- ◆ **Weekday Readings:** First Week of Lent

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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>20th February: 07.00pm</b> - Finola O'Rourke (2nd Anniversary) Joe Kennedy (Anniversary) Special Intention
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>21st February: 11.00am</b> - Annie & Manus Heraghty (Anniversaries)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>22nd February: 10.00am</b> - Molly, Paddy & Michael Byrne (Anniversaries)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>23rd February: 10.00am</b> - Grace Chalmers (3rd Anniv) & Bridget, John & Teresa Mc Bride R.I.P.
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>25th February: 10.00am</b> - Mary Teresa Friel & Philomena Mc Devitt (Aniv)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>26th February: 10.00am</b> - Philippa & Dominic Mullin (50th Wedd. Anniv.)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>27th February: 07.00pm</b> - Charles & Molly Mc Cahill & Anne Moloney (Anniversaries) Peter Breslin (Anniversary) Sheila Hickey (Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>28th February: 11.00am</b> - Terry O'Doherty (1st Anniversary)

**Brendan O'Keeney R.I.P.** The wife and family of the late Brendan O'Keeney thank most sincerely all who sympathised with them following their recent bereavement. Thanks also to all who generously donated to the Donegal Hospice. Thanks to all who stood in solidarity on the day of removal and the day of the funeral and who watched the Funeral Mass online. Special thanks to Fr Colm, Patricia O'Boyle (sacristan), Mc Brearty's Funeral Directors and all in the medical and caring professions who assisted so greatly. Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

*There is no such thing as a problem that does not come with a gift in its hand* Richard Bach



*This beautiful CD with hymns & songs sung by Rosin & Sara O'Donnell on sale from the Parish Office and Curran's €10. All proceeds to: Killybegs Community Hospital Patients' Comfort Fund*

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	€ 1695.00
Earlier Collection:	€ 3300.00
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	
Envelopes 13th & 14th February	€ 1230.00
Earlier Collection	€ 1870.00
<b>Emigrants</b>	€ 95.00
<i>Thank you for your continued generosity</i>	

### Killybegs Employment Project Vacancies

Domestic Worker Killybegs  
Caretakers Niall Mór Centre Killybegs  
Youth Workers Drop In Killybegs  
Caretaker Foresters Community Hall  
Retail/Accounts Assistant Atlantic Crafts Kbg  
Maintenance workers Killybegs  
Grounds/Caretaker at Parish Facilities Kbg  
Clubrooms & Parish Maintenance Ardagey  
Caretaker Bruckless Community Centre  
*Email kepltd2@outlook.ie for further info.*

**Carer required** in Killybegs area.  
Contact Evelyn 0872273008.

### LEVEL 5 COVID REGULATIONS

Stay at home... restrict your movements... wash your hands...  
stay 2 metres apart... wear a face covering... reduce contacts.

- Mass celebrated here behind closed doors, all Masses live streamed.
- Funerals restricted to 10, Weddings to 6, No Baptisms for now
- The church is open for private prayer every day: 8am - 7pm. Take care.