

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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A Word of Thanks from Bishop Niall Coll

I wish to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the people, Religious and clergy of the Diocese of Raphoe for the warm welcome being extended to me as I begin my ministry as your bishop. Your kindness and generosity have been deeply appreciated.

The Liturgy of Installation last month was a beautiful and prayerful celebration of our shared faith in God. Together with representatives from every parish around the Diocese, it was especially heartening to see choir members from those same parishes collaborating so effectively. The choir and musicians greatly enriched the celebration, and I am very grateful for their dedication and talent. Many who travelled from outside the Diocese to join us have since been in contact to express their appreciation of both the beauty of the Mass and the warmth of the welcome they received on the day.

I would also like to thank all who have written to me, sent cards and good wishes, and assured me of their prayers. Your support and encouragement mean a great deal as I start this new chapter in the life of our Diocese. As I begin this ministry among you, I do so guided by my episcopal motto, "Christ Jesus our hope." In times of challenge and in times of blessing, it is in Christ that we find our strength, our unity and our future. I pray that together we may grow ever stronger in hope, rooted in Him.

In the months and years ahead, I look forward to visiting your parishes, celebrating the Eucharist with you, and getting to know you and your communities. As we begin the season of Lent, I pray that this sacred time will bring a renewed sense of faith, hope and mission to each of us, and to the whole Diocese of Raphoe.

Beannacht Dé oraibh uilig,

✠ Niall Coll
Bishop of Raphoe

Entrance Hymn: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday 28th February 11am.

Please remember the 38 young people celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday. Each family is allocated a seat each.

*May our young people
carry the light of Christ
in their hearts,
in their minds
and in their deeds
as they continue to walk
with God and with each other.
May they treasure in their hearts
the wonder of who they are
and may the Word of God
ever echo in their hearts.
May the Spirit of God
who dwells and works in each of us
be with them now and always. Amen.*



The Season of Lent 2026

- **Trócaire Boxes** are now available.
- **Walk With Me:** A Lenten Journey of Prayer €2.



Liturgy of the Word for Children

this Sunday 22nd February
Sunday 1st March 11am.



✠ **Parish Choir Practice** Mondays 7.15pm

Final Hymn: Though We Are Many

*Though we are many, we are one body,
we who come to share this living bread;
Cup of salvation, shared among all nations,
nourishing us now and evermore.*



We gather in this place,
round the table of the Lord.
Christ's presence is revealed
in our communion and his Living Word. (Chorus)

Now our communion recalls
Christ's death and resurrection.
This living sacrifice
is our salvation now and ever more. (Chorus)

- **Sunday 22nd February 2026: First Sunday of Lent Year A**
- **Weekday Readings: First Week of Lent**

Masses will be relayed on the webcam: go to killybegsparish.com for a link to Online Services or mcn.live

Friday	20th February:	11.00am - Funeral Mass of Conor McBrearty R.I.P.
Saturday	21st February:	07.00pm - Finola O'Rourke (6th Anniversary) Special Intention Paddy & Michael Byrne (Anniversaries) Deceased members McGettigan family Maggie McTeague (Anniversary)
Sunday	22nd February:	09.00am - Jim & Annaleen Cuningham (Anniversaries) 11.00am - Seamus Tully (1st Anniversary) 10.00am - Special Intention 10.00am - Special Intentions 10.00am - Denis Carbery (2nd Anniversary) 10.00am - Con McGuinness (21st Anniversary) 11.00am - Sacrament of Confirmation 07.00pm - Anne Kinsella (1st Anniversary) Columba Cunningham (3rd Anniversary) Annie Byrne (5th Anniversary) Aodh O'Donnell (5th Anniversary) Charles & Molly McCahill & Anne Moloney (Anniv) Philomena McDevitt (13th Anniversary) Peter Breslin (14th Anniversary) Joseph (40th) & Catherine Meehan (Anniversaries)
Sunday	1st March:	09.00am - Bridget & Edward Molloy (Anniversaries) 11.00am - Seamus Doherty (2nd Anniversary)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday 11am to 7pm

Pray for: Conor McBrearty, Five Points, whose funeral took place on Friday;
Bernard Conaghan, Church Rd, whose funeral took place on Tuesday;
Margaret Gordon, whose funeral takes place in Glasgow on Tuesday (sister of Bridie McGinley).
Pray for: Jim & Mary Gillespie, Carn Hill (27th Anniv). *Suaimeanas Stórait.*

Primary School Enrolments 2026/ 2027

Schools are accepting new enrolments
Monday 2nd - Friday 27th February

Niall Mór N.S.: See www.niallmor.ie under the Policies/Admissions tab or tel: 074 9731794

Commons N.S.:
See www.commonsns.com under the Parents tab or tel: 074 9731919 / commonsns@gmail.com

Fintra N.S.: see www.fintrans.scoilnet.ie/blog under the enrolment tab or tel: 074 9731668

Mary's Meals Annual Church Gate Collection

on Saturday 28th Feb & Sunday 1st March

Eucharistic Healing Retreat in Knock Shrine
Saturday March 7th & Sunday March 8th.
For further info contact, Patricia on 089 9466193
or Fiona on fionatjennings@yahoo.com.

Sunday Social in Dunkineely Community Centre
on Sunday 22nd February 8pm - 10pm.

First Friday Calls

Fr Colm will continue his calls this week..

Sunday Collection 15th February €1,095.00
Maintenance Fund 15th February €1,135.00
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Áislann Chill Chartha 074 9738376

Indoor Country Market/ Car Boot Sale
Sat 4th April 1-4pm. Tables €20.

25 Card Drive: In memory of John 'Big Francie' Gallagher in Bay View Hotel on Thursday 26th February 7.30pm in aid of Cancer Bus and Ability Rocks. All players welcome. T: 087 9440257.

Niall Mór Centre 0749741863 info@niallmorcentre.com

Emergency First Aid Training- CPR/AED
Thursday 26th February 9am -4pm.
Irish Language Classes all levels Thursdays 11am
Citizens Advice Service Free Impartial Legal Advice Tues 24th February 10am - 2pm.
Willow Weaving Creel Basket Making Course
Starts Monday 23rd March 2pm-4pm for 6 weeks
Wellness-Mindfulness-Meditation Course
with Mary Kara starts Monday 16th March 7- 9pm
Children's Easter Camp 7th 9th April 10am - 1pm