

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Boards of Management: Election of Parents
The N.S. Board of Management consists of two elected parents (one mother and one father), two teachers (the Principal and an elected teacher), two Patron's nominees (Bishop Boyce being the Patron) and two community representatives.

Parents have been invited to nominate two parents (one from the fathers' panel and one from the mothers' panel) and to vote (secret ballot) at a specially convened meeting (each parent having one, non-transferable vote for each panel).

The meetings take place in the school this week on the following dates:

Niall Mór N.S.: Monday 23rd November 8pm

Commons N.S.: Tuesday 24th November 8pm

Fintra N.S.: Wednesday 25th November 8pm

We encourage parents to attend their respective meeting, bringing nominations (ensuring the person being nominated is willing to be considered for election) and casting their vote. It is vitally important that the good work being done in our schools should continue to go from strength to strength.

Confirmation Candidates

A ballot was conducted recently regarding what to wear for Confirmation Day: their own clothes or St Catherine's Voc. School Uniform. There are 31 candidates for Confirmation and 30 votes were cast: 20 for uniform, 10 for own clothes. (Commons: uniform 7, own clothes 8; Niall Mór: uniform 10, own clothes 2; Fintra: uniform 3). It was agreed beforehand that everyone would follow the majority vote. The dress for Confirmation day, which is on Sunday 24th April 2016, will be the uniform. Thanks for making your views known.

'Do This In Memory' First Communion Celebration
today, Sunday, 11am Mass.

190 Christmas Tree Festival at St John's Church
Official Opening Friday 27th November 8pm
Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th 12 noon - 7pm.
190th Anniversary Service on Sunday 29th Nov at 11am.
All welcome. Donations welcome.

Killybegs Senior Citizens Christmas Party
Sunday 6th December. More details next week.

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy
will be prayed in the Graveyard on Friday 27th November at 3pm for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

Feast Day of St Catherine of Alexandria
Wednesday 25th November.
Masses at 10am and 7pm.
There will be a Prayer Service at St Catherine's Well at 4pm

Celebration of St Catherine's Day
Killybegs History and Heritage Committee and ICA invite you to a cup of tea and a talk on St Catherine to celebrate St Catherine's Feast Day in Niall Mór Centre (Drop In) on Wednesday 25th November at 11 am.

The Killybegs 'Murillo'
a beautifully-produced A4 print of our treasured painting is now available, accompanied by an explanatory flyer, for €5.
There are a variety of framed prints available for €15 (including flyer).
They will be on sale at the Monster Indoor Boot Sale at the Tara Hotel today Sunday, 12noon - 4pm, organised by Killybegs Woman's Group. Many more Christmas gifts also on sale at the Parish Office Table.

Parish Office Christmas Gifts
There is a large and varied supply of Christmas gifts and cards available in the Parish Office.



The Jubilee Year of Mercy: The Holy Year of Mercy begins in Rome on 8th December, when Pope Francis passes through the Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica. Our motto for this Holy Year is: Merciful like the Father.
The Season of Advent itself, which begins next Sunday, is a season of mercy.
We will celebrate it in a special way at our **Service of Reconciliation** on *Thursday 17th December at 7.30pm.*
There is a small booklet available (for €1) in the Parish Office: **'Walk with Me'**, which invites us on a journey of prayer and contemplation on the mercy of God.
Pope Francis makes a remarkable statement: 'Jesus Christ is the face of the Father's mercy'. May that sentiment inspire us and sustain us as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Our Saviour.
Another important date: the Christmas Carol Service, Wednesday 16th December 7.00pm

- **Sunday 22nd November 2015: Christ the King** (Cycle B)
 - **Weekday Readings: Thirty-Fourth Week in Ordinary Time** (Cycle 1)
- Saturday 21st November: 07.00pm** - John McGuire, Teresa Carroll & deceased McGuire family (Anniversaries)
- Sunday 22nd November: 09.00am** - Dermot & Roisin O'Callaghan (Anniversaries)
11.00am - Alfie Walsh (Anniversary)
- Monday 23rd November: 10.00am** - Matthew Cunningham (Anniversary)
- Wednesday St Catherine of Alexandria 25th November: 10.00am** - Catherine McGuinness & Frank Cunningham (Anniversaries)
07.00pm - Willie Joe Molloy & Peadar Molloy (Anniv)
- Thursday 26th November: 10.00am** - Special Intention
- Friday 27th November: 10.00am** - Peter & Agnes McCallig (Anniversaries)
07.00pm - Sean McBrien (Month's Mind Mass)
11.00am - Kathleen Burke (Month's Mind Mass)
- Saturday 28th November: 07.00pm** - John O'Donnell (2nd Anniversary)
09.00am - Pat Conneely (Anniversary)
11.00am - Anna Marie Murphy (Anniversary)
- Sunday 29th November: 09.00am** - Pat Conneely (Anniversary)
11.00am - Anna Marie Murphy (Anniversary)
- Adoration: Sunday 6pm - Monday midnight** **Confessions: Saturday 6.30pm**

Pray for: Anthony Mc Nelis, Teelin: Funeral Mass in Carrick today Sunday 1.00pm;
Pray for: Crew of the Carraig Una: Ted Carbery, John Boyle, Anthony McLaughlin, Michael Coyle, Dooly O'Donnell. Suaimhneas Siorái.

St Catherine's Accordion Band A.G.M.
in Foresters Hall on Friday 27th November at 7pm.
All welcome.

On behalf of the Good and New Shop,
Letterkenny, I would like to thank John Shine, Molloy Fish and the Shine girls for their very kind donation of €785 proceeds from 'Hooked Festival'.

Killybegs International Carpet & Fishing Centre Christmas Craft Fayre
Thurs 3rd - Fri 11th December. Tel 074 97 41944.
'Wild Atlantic Way Fun Quiz'. €2 per entry, in local shops or in Centre by Fri 27th November

Charity 25 Card Drive
Saturday 21st November 7.30pm at Old Commons National School. Proceeds in aid of Donegal/Galway Cancer Bus. Contact PJ Leslie 9731459.

North West Simon Community in Donegal thank all who donated to their annual Church Gate collection. Thanks to Marian Conaghan and all collectors. Total raised €677.94 going directly to services provided throughout Co. Donegal.

St Joseph's Young Priests Society
meeting on Friday 27th November 7.30pm in Ard na Carraige Meeting Room.

Christmas Craft Fair and Lights Switch On
Killybegs History and Heritage committee are holding Craft Fair in Bayview Hotel on Sat 5th Dec 6pm-8.30pm. To book a table tel:0876188502 / 0873119020. *Christmas lights switch on* also on 5th after 7 pm Mass.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration
22nd November - Rosemary Gallagher
29th November - Celia Doherty

Sunday Collection €1,325.00
Cemetery Collection € 40.00
Restoration Fund:
Envelopes 14th & 15th November €1,641.00
Donations to Murillo € 320.00
Total Restoration Fund: €2,469,422.93
(Murillo collection to date € 8,090.00)
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Killybegs Women's Group
Monster Indoor Boot Sale in Tara Hotel
Sunday 22nd November 12 noon - 4pm

Billy's Annual Fund Raising Dance for Cancer Patients in Abbey Hotel
Wednesday 9th Dec, 9pm - 1am. Tickets €10.

Bay View Hotel 4 Course Christmas Lunch
with dancing and spot prizes on Wed 9th Dec 12.30-4.30pm. €17.50. Tel: 074 9731950.

Action Breast Cancer Ann Buchanan thanks everyone who donated money for Breast Cancer. Thanks to all who collected on Pink Ribbon Day and to Niall Mór Creche, Picasso Hair & Beauty, Mrs B's Coffee Shop who held a Coffee Morning. Total raised €3400.

Rosary & Divine Mercy with Adoration: Tuesday 6.30pm in Adoration Room.
All welcome.