

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Easter Thanks from Fr Colm

Christ is Risen!

The celebration of Holy Week is the climax of the whole year's liturgical celebrations as we commemorate the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. The special effort made by so many in terms of preparation and participation is greatly appreciated. The events of Jesus' last days before his death as narrated in the Gospels contain high drama and unbearable tension and the Resurrection accounts of the empty tomb and his appearances invite us to faith and to commitment to the gospel of Jesus Christ. As we are one with Jesus in his suffering, so we are one with him in his risen joy. Alleluia!

We are grateful to everyone who helped with and participated in the liturgies of Lent and Holy Week. The early morning Mass on Tuesday, and indeed all the Lenten Masses, were well attended. The Stations of the Cross on Thursday evenings were appreciated, culminating in the Stations on Good Friday night which related the suffering of Christ to our everyday trials and tribulations.

The blessing of the palms on Palm Sunday and the Solemn Reading of the Passion captured the spirit of welcoming Christ in joy and in sorrow. The Service of Reconciliation on Monday evening resonated in different ways with different people and our thanks to all the priests who helped. The countless hours spent sewing together the Garment of Suffering is deeply appreciated. The Procession of Witness on Good Friday afternoon from Our Lady's Grotto to the Chapel was an apt witness.

Thanks to the Confirmed who participated in the Holy Thursday Celebration of the Lord's Supper and again in carrying The Garment of Suffering on Good Friday. The Vigil on Holy Saturday Night, as we moved symbolically from darkness to Christ our Light and renewing our baptismal promises, assured us that we share Christ's triumph over death so that we may live with him in God forever.

Our sincere thanks to all the Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist and Collectors who took part throughout the week. The Altar Servers excelled themselves, especially at the Vigil.

The decoration of the Church was done tastefully and to the Altar Society, to Maureen Cunningham who looks after the candle shrines throughout the year and to all who helped, especially to the Easter Garden team, our sincere thanks. The artistic contributions of Michael Mc Guinness (the tomb), Marie Boyle (the backdrop) and Roisin O'Donnell ('Entombment of Christ') greatly enhanced the garden. James Gavigan looked after the palms, the Cross and the Easter fire with his usual gracefulness.

We are grateful to Maeve Mc Gowan, Maeve Murray and the Choir and our young singers Roisin O'Donnell and Orla McGuinness with Lauren Mc Hugh (Holy Thursday evening) and Orla Mc Guinness and Dearbhla Diver with Roisin O'Donnell (The Vigil), were excellent.

The Children's Celebrations (and practices) on Holy Thursday and Good Friday were simple and moving, while the Junior Choir, under Ann O'Donnell's direction, accompanied by Miriam Curran, greatly enhanced the celebrations, as did Lauren Mc Hugh's singing, accompanied by Roisin O'Donnell. Sincere thanks to the Parents' First Communion Group and to all who helped.

Ann, the Parish Secretary, coordinated everything with her usual efficiency and kindness and Patricia O'Boyle, our Sacristan, was ever ready and always reliable in attending to so many tasks.

The church interior and grounds are maintained to a very high standard by Alison and Richard of Community Employment from the Killybegs Community Project and we are very grateful to them.

The message that Christ is Risen is the cornerstone of our faith. We pray then, as St Paul prayed: I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection. May the love of the Risen Christ bless us always. Alleluia!

Live Streaming A new high definition camera has been installed. Recordings, made on request for weddings or funerals, will only be stored for 6 months maximum. If you wish to download older recordings, please do so before May 1st 2017. The easiest way to access the live stream is from our website killybegsparish.com and get a direct link from there or go to mcmedia.tv and *St Mary's Killybegs*

Today Divine Mercy Sunday

To mark Divine Mercy Sunday, the Novena and Chaplet to the Divine Mercy and 'God Bless This House' Pack, with Rosary Beads, are available in the church. If there is anyone you know who might welcome either or both of the above, feel free to pass them on.

- **Sunday 23rd April 2017:** *Second Sunday of Easter Cycle A*
 - **Weekday Readings:** *Second Week of Easter*
- Easter Saturday 22nd April: 07.00pm** - Johnny McGowan (Anniversary)
Billy McClean & Liz Prior (Anniversaries)
Pat Rawdon (13th Anniversary)
Francie & Paddy Gallagher (Anniversaries)
- Sunday 23rd April: 09.00am** - Special Intentions
11.00am - Eddie Friel & Hughie Friel (Anniversaries)
- Monday 24th April: 10.00am** - Special Intentions
- Tuesday 25th April: 10.00am** - Kathleen & Seamus Scott (Anniversaries)
- Wednesday 26th April: 10.00am** - Special Intention
- Thursday 27th April: 10.00am** - Dora & Tom Keeney (Anniversaries)
- Friday 28th April: 10.00am** - Oliver Cunningham (Anniversary)
- Saturday 29th April: 07.00pm** - Connie Gallagher (Anniversary)
Bernie Cahill (Anniversary)
Charlie McGowan (Anniversary)
- Sunday 30th April: 09.00am** - Anastasia Gillespie (1st Anniversary)
11.00am - Pauline McBrearty (Anniversary)
& deceased family members

Adoration: Sunday 6pm to Monday Midnight **Confessions:** Saturday 6.30pm
Rosary/Divine Mercy: Tuesday 7.30pm in Adoration Room.

Pray for: Sean McEniff, whose funeral takes place tomorrow Monday at 12 noon in Bundoran; Fionnuala Hegarty, whose funeral took place in Kilcar on Friday; Phonicie Haughey, whose funeral took place in Carrick on Friday; Seamus Doherty, Kilcar & London. Funeral arrangements later.
Pray for: James Molloy (1st Anniversary), Constantine Murrin. *Suaimehneas Siorai*

First Communion 'Do This in Memory' Celebration
Next Sunday, 30th April, 11.00am Mass.
Bring Candles. Prayers & Gifts: Niall Mór.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration
23rd April - Patricia Boyle
30th April - Maureen Cunningham

Trócaire Boxes: Lent 2017.
Please return remaining envelopes this week.

Donegal Galway Cancer Bus Fundraising Evenings: The Four Lakes Rowing Challenge Committee & Staff of Village Tavern are hosting 'Stars in your Eyes' on Saturday 29th April 9pm and a Monster Auction 30th April 8pm.
See Facebook for more info.

Quiz in aid of Killybegs Hospital Patients Comfort Fund on Friday 5th May 9.30pm in the Tara Hotel.
All welcome.

Vintage Field Day Laghey 30th April 11-5pm in aid of Donegal Hospice & Sligo Oncology Unit.

Tír Boghaine Teo A.G.M. Ballymoon, Kilcar Tues 9th May 7pm. Please note change of date.

Killybegs Family Health Centre
Pre-school vaccines April 24th -28th .
Tel 074 9741122 for appointment.

Killybegs Women's Group Breast Cancer Ireland
Free Talk on Breast Education and Awareness Programme. Thurs 27th April, 8pm, Bay View Hotel

Sunday Collection € 1,715.00
World Meeting of Families € 10.00
Mission Sunday € 10.00
Trócaire € 3,107.00

Restoration Fund
Envelopes 15th & 16th April € 2,211.00
Total Restoration Fund: €2,780,718.43
Thanks for your continued generosity.

Baby Massage at Niall Mór Centre on Friday 28th April. Contact Eileen 087 7647993

Alzheimer's Café in Carrick Day Centre is a monthly gathering where persons with Dementia and/or their family & friends can come together in a welcoming environment starting on 5th May 11am - 1pm. Tel Catroina 0879257507 / 0749739354

Preschool Vaccine Clinic at Dr Bourke's Health Centre on Wednesday 10th May & Thursday 11th May 12.30-2pm .

Áislann Chill Chartha 074 9738376
Fun Day in Sports Hall Saturday 29th April 1- 4 pm. Bouncy Castles. Movie at 2pm. €5.
Car Boot Sale Saturday 29th April 1- 4pm.