

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Masses and Services: Live streaming [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live) (link on website)



### Mass at Croaghlin Mass Rock

We gathered on Friday evening 14th August in damp conditions for our annual celebration of the Feast of the Assumption of Mary. The Mass was very well attended, so many people involved in the preparations and celebrations. Our sincere thanks to everyone. We were blessed with the presence of the Parish Choir and also St Catherine's Accordion Band, just crowned All-Ireland Champions for the third time in succession at Fleadh Cheoil na hÉireann in Belfast and celebrating their 25th anniversary this month.

The Mass Rock site was in great shape thanks to PJ and Dina next door, Gillen Mc Guinness, Cathal Murrin & Peadar Gillespie. Our thanks to the Mass Rock Committee and to James Gavigan, Thomas Hegarty & Johnny Paul McGuinness who looked after the flags and the chairs. Patrick Boyle had the holy water font by the altar and the Mass Rock Plaque in immaculate condition. And many brought flowers to adorn the site in honour of Our Lady. Liam Conneely organised the transport. Our sincere thanks to all concerned. We're grateful also to all the Ministers of the Eucharist, Readers, Gift Bearers & Collectors. Special thanks to the Parish Choir & St Catherine's Band. Ann in the Parish Office and Patricia our Sacristan played a blinder as usual. The refreshments afterwards were very much appreciated, including the home baking. Thanks to Ann Marie Leslie & John for organising Meehan's Mobile Kitchen and to Annie, Dina, Norietta & all the helpers. Thanks to Plunkett Smith for recording the event. We are grateful to Conal McGuinness for facilitating us at this idyllic location. And grateful to Patricia O'Boyle for looking after Adoration in the Church.

**Parish Choir Practice** Monday 7.15pm

### Final Hymn: Hail Redeemer

Hail Redeemer! King divine!  
Priest and Lamb, the throne is thine,  
King, whose reign shall never cease,  
Prince of everlasting peace.

*Angels, saints and nations sing;  
Praised be Jesus Christ, our King;  
Lord of life, earth, sky and sea,  
King of love on Calvary.*

Eucharistic King, what love  
Draws thee daily from above,  
Clad in signs of bread and wine,  
Feed us, lead us, keep us thine. (Chorus)



**Sunday 23rd August 2026: Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Weekday Readings: Twenty First Week in Ordinary Time**  
**Year A Weekday 2**

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

**Friday 21st August: 07.00pm** - Terence Cunningham (1st Anniversary)  
**Saturday 22nd August: 07.00pm** - Eddie McGuinness (1st Anniversary)  
Ken Byrne (8th Anniversary)  
Margaret & Frank Brennan (Anniversaries)  
Intentions of Conlin Rd residents, present and past (75 years)  
Intentions of St. Catherine's Band, present and past (25 years)

**Sunday 23rd August: 09.00am** - Special Intentions  
**11.00am** - **Funeral Mass of Michael Melly R.I.P.**  
Patrick (3rd) & Michael (8th) Gallagher (Anniversaries)

**Monday 24th August: 10.00am** - Special Intention  
**Tuesday 25th August: 10.00am** - Special Intentions  
**Thursday 27th August: 10.00am** - Special Intentions  
**Friday 28th August: 10.00am** - Special Intentions  
**Saturday 29th August: 12 Noon** - Damien Mc Guinness (Month's Mind Mass)  
**07.00pm** - Pat Rowan (4th Anniversary)  
Maev Murray (4th Anniversary)  
Alan Raughter (10th Anniversary)  
Sean McGuinness (25th Anniversary)  
Michael Hamilton (29th Anniversary)  
Terence Carry (37th Anniversary)

**Sunday 30th August: 09.00am** - Special Intentions  
**11.00am** - Sylvia Murrin (Month's Mind Mass)  
*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday 11.00am - 7.00pm*

**Pray for: Michael Melly, The Hill, Killybegs, whose funeral takes place today Sunday;**  
**Don Breslin** whose funeral was in Burtonport on Tuesday (brother of Pauric Breslin, Church Rd)  
**Pray for: Margaret & Patsy McKeon *Suaimehnas Sioraí.***

### Down Syndrome Ireland Donegal

Annual Gate Collection next weekend

### St. Catherine's Vocational School

*First Days of School:*

Mon 31st Aug: First Years only (8:50am - 1:15pm)  
Please note there will be no bus service on this day.  
Tues 1st Sept: 1st, 3rd, 6th Years (8:50am - 3.20)  
Wed 2nd Sept: All years (8:50am - 3:20pm).

### Re-opening of Primary Schools

**Commons N.S.** Thursday 27th August.  
Junior Infants finish at 12 noon.  
**Niall Mór N.S.** Tuesday 1st September  
Junior Infants finish at 12 noon.

**Qualified Accounts Technician** required,  
Killybegs. Please contact  
[nmccfinance@outlook.ie](mailto:nmccfinance@outlook.ie) for further details.

### Liturgy of the Word for Children

Resumes Sunday 23rd August 11am



### Killybegs Cruise Schedule 2026

| Date   | Ship          | Arrive/Depart | Passengers |
|--------|---------------|---------------|------------|
| 29 Aug | Hebridean Sky | 08:00 / 22:00 | 91         |

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| <b>Sunday Collection</b>   | 16th August | €1690.00 |
| <b>Maintenance Fund</b>    | 16th August | €1715.00 |
| <b>Croaghlin Mass Rock</b> |             | € 160.00 |

*Thank you for your ongoing generosity.*

**Physio Éireann** this September in Killybegs  
Something for everyone. Call 085 170 7997  
Chair Pilates, Clinical Pilates, StrongHER.

### Entrance Hymn: Be Not Afraid

You shall cross the barren desert,  
But you shall not die of thirst,  
You shall wander far in safety  
Though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words in foreign lands  
And all will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.  
*Be not afraid, I go before you always  
Come follow me and I will give your rest.*

If you pass through raging waters  
In the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames,  
You shall not be harmed.  
If you stand before the power of hell  
and death is at your side.  
Know that I am with you through it all. (C)