

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Christmas Masses

Christmas Children's Mass:
Sunday 24th December 7.00pm
Christmas 'Midnight' Mass:
Sunday 24th December 11.00pm
Christmas Day Masses:
Monday 25th December 9am & 11am
Masses on Tuesday & Wednesday 11.00am;
Friday 11.00am & 7.00pm

*May Christmas infuse our hearts with joy
and encircle us with hope, wherever we are.
Beannachtaí na Nollag oraibh uilig
sa bhaile agus igcéin.*



What Are We Expecting?

I don't believe that Christianity is a departure from all that came before. I don't believe, in some sense, that there is anything new under the sun. And yet the birth of Jesus changed everything. Before he came, there was a great yearning expressed in the myths, in philosophy, in the words of prophets. Voices cried out their hope that God would not abandon us to death, that there was meaning beyond life. On Christmas Day the life that would answer these voices was again made visible. It came not as a new thing but as a confirmation, a proclamation that what had long been hoped for, theorized, prophesied, now lay under the sun as real as you and I.

Amy Andrews

Last Man Standing

Congratulations to our three winners
Liam Ward, Seán Murphy, Liam Mc Clean
who receive €200 each

The total prizemoney was €500 but we've added a Christmas bonus to make it €600. Sincere thanks to everyone who supported this fund-raising effort on behalf of the Restoration Fund which receives €2090. There were only 4 eliminated after Week 6 which meant there were 38 still standing. After the first tie-break question (the highest scoring team in Week 6: Liverpool, Man. City & Huddersfield with 4 goals each) there were 11 still standing. The answer to the second tie-break questions was 29 (total number of goals scored in Week 6). As there were no correct answers, the Parish Finance Committee decided that the nearest totals would be adjudged the winners: one competitor had 31, the other two had 27.

Sacrament of Baptism Congratulations

Welcome to the Catholic Christian Community
Cian Hugh Blain
Cúán Ó hEanraich
Fionn Jack Molloy
Philip Andrew McGee
Rosie McGing

Charity Swim at Fintra Beach at 3pm on Boxing Day. Proceeds to Donegal Alzheimers Society and one other local chosen charity.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Sincere thanks to all who contributed so generously to our Special Christmas Collection. The amount collected was €2035. SVP phone no.s: 074 9731186 & 087 3507727

Parish & Restoration Envelopes

Anyone not on the list and would like a set of envelopes please let the Parish Office know

Sunday Missal 2018

Now available for special price €5.
Complimentary copy for all Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist. Available from Sacristy.

Community Care Christmas Line Draw

Congratulations to the winners:
1st prize: Daniel Ellison
2nd: KER Services Ltd
3rd: Joyce Armstrong.
Thanks to the businesses and those who supported this draw. It is much appreciated.

- **Sunday 24th December 2017: Fourth Sunday of Advent Cycle B**
- **Weekday Readings: Season of Christmas**

Saturday 23rd December: 07.00pm - Sarah McCloskey (Anniversary)
Packie Melly (Anniversary)

Sunday 24th December: 09.00am - Special Intention
11.00am - Frank Gallagher (Anniversary)

CHRISTMAS EVE

07.00pm - Children's Mass
Charlie & Mary Mc Guinness (Anniversaries)
11.00pm - Christmas 'Midnight' Mass
Intentions of all parishioners & friends

Monday 25th December: CHRISTMAS DAY
09.00am - Special Intention
11.00am - John Mc Gilloway (Anniversary)

Tuesday 26th December: 11.00am - Charles McLaughlin (Anniversary)
Wednesday 27th December: 11.00am - Sean Murphy (1st Anniversary)
Friday 29th December: 11.00am - Con Doogan (Anniversary)

Saturday 30th December: 07.00pm - Michael Boyle (Anniversary)
07.00pm - Fionnuala Gorman (10th Anniversary)
Barney Murrin (20th Anniversary)
Bridie Rawdon & Jacqueline Kallides (Anniv.)

Sunday 31st December: 09.00am - Special Intention
11.00am - Special Intention

Adoration: No Adoration this weekend Rosary/Divine Mercy: Tuesday 6.30pm Adoration Room.

Pray for: David Madden, Ardvalley, Ardara, whose Funeral Mass was in Ardara on Wednesday; Gloria Leahy, Dublin & Glencolmcille who died recently.
Pray for those whose anniversaries occur: Cassie McBrearty, John O'Boyle, Timothy O'Boyle, Fr Kevin Hegarty, Ethel Blaine, John McFadden. Suaimhneas Siarai.

Annual Charity Christmas Quiz

in aid of Donegal Mountain Rescue in Tara Hotel on Wednesday 27th Dec. 9.30pm sharp. Please support

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

No Adoration this weekend or next weekend

The Clients and Staff of Killybegs Community Hospital wish to thank most sincerely all who have supported our recent fundraising efforts over the past year, especially our recent sale and draw which was very successful, those who gave donations and helped with the fundraising. It was much appreciated. A very big thank you to you all, wishing you all the best for 2018.

Cancer Care West

The West of Ireland Cancer Charity
Donegal Cancer Support Centre, Letterkenny.
All services are free and confidential.
T: 074 9601901 / www.cancercarewest.ie
Email: donegalsupport@cancercarewest.ie
Our recent Church Gate Collection amounted to €917.80. Thank you.

Na Cealla Beaga GAA Club:

A night on the Red Carpet, New Year's Eve, Bay View Hotel. Tickets €35.

Sunday Collection € 1,410.00
Restoration Fund
Envelopes 16th & 17th December € 1,655.00
Donations € 5,720.00
Total Restoration Fund: €2,876,195.43
Thank you for your continued generosity

Sincere thanks to Bridge Street Charity Shop for their generous donation of €1,000 to St Mary's Restoration Fund.

The Priests Live at The Church Of The Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny. Friday 29th December 2017. Tickets, €25, available from The Parish Office. Tel 074-9127600 for more info.

St. Catherine's Voc School 1990-1995 School Reunion All students that began the Tech in Sept 1990 are invited to a school reunion on Friday 29th December. For details contact Caroline 087 2325659 / Stephen 087 2759958

Rosary at the Crib in the Church on Christmas Day at 6.00pm.