

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

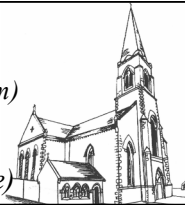
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PARISH MINISTRIES LENTEN COURSE

There were 48 in attendance at Thursday's Session presented by Fr Kieran Shorten of Ards Friary. It was great to see so many present, including new faces. In his inimitable Cork accent, Fr Kieran described the three pillars of Christian Life: *the Word of God, the Worship of God and Acts of Loving Kindness*. He described, in breathtaking fashion, how civilization evolved through the influence of Christian values over the centuries, 'acts of loving kindness' being 'the works of mercy' such as *caring for the sick* (development of hospitals, hospices & medicines), *caring for the poor* (sheltering the homeless, development of hostels & hotels, development of agriculture, even to the more recent initiative of Credit Unions), *evangelization* (working for justice, peace and reconciliation) and *catechesis* (provision of education, the development of schools and universities, promotion of science, art, music, drama: making sense of and celebrating our God-created world). In short, Christian values became a reality in our world. Fr Kieran explored how the Word of God and the Eucharist are the source and summit of all that Christians do, emphasizing that we receive the Word to become the Word of God and that we receive his Body so as to become the Body of Christ. In terms of Ministry, ministers (in whatever capacity) represent Jesus Christ who is working through us. It is not just engaging in a particular activity but allowing Christ to work through us for the good of God's people. **Session Three this Thursday 28th March 7.30 - 9pm** in the Church, with refreshments: reviewing the first two sessions, taking suggestions on board, making practical arrangements regarding each ministry with a view of drawing up a rota for each ministry, with particular reference to Holy Week and Easter.
We continue to encourage congregational singing.

Youth Listening Meeting

Bishop Alan McGuckian is having a follow up listening meeting with young people to explore some of the Suggestions from a previous meeting.. This next meeting is in the Pastoral Centre Hall, Letterkenny on Saturday 30th March, 2-4.30pm. If you are between the ages of 18-35, you are invited to attend. Please bring a friend with you. There will be pizza and refreshments there. More info tel: 0876880545

Service of Remembrance for those who have suffered the loss of a baby through Miscarriage, Stillbirth or Neonatal death at Letterkenny Hospital in the Church of the Irish Martyrs, Letterkenny, today Sun 24th March at 4pm



The Sacrament of Confirmation today Sunday 24th March 11am

We welcome Bishop Alan McGuckian as we celebrate The Sacrament of Confirmation.

Please pray for the 52 young people being confirmed. We ask God's blessing on them and their families.

The Garment of Suffering

Please bring a piece of cotton cloth larger than 6 inches square to allow for trimming and leave it in the basket at the altar. The Garment of Suffering is an invitation to pray for hope, healing and peace for a special intention during Lent and Easter.

Celebration of First Confession

Monday week 1st April at 7pm
(followed by a short meeting with parents regarding First Communion).

St Patrick's Day Church Celebrations

Sincere thanks to everyone who helped. Special thanks to Marie Cannon and to the dancers from the Bonner - Cannon School of Dancing whose contribution to the 7pm and 11am Masses was much appreciated. Thanks to their parents and to all who helped with refreshments. Thanks to everyone who helped make it a very special day.

Thank You

The family of the late Finola O'Rourke wish to thank Ambulance staff, staff at Sligo Hospital and Hospice Unit for their care and kindness. Thanks to McBrearty Undertakers, Fr Colm, Maeve Murray & Parish Choir, servers and Patricia O'Boyle, all who attended the wake and funeral, sent Mass cards and flowers and messages of condolences and all who helped. Mass is offered for your intentions. *Month's Mind Mass Saturday 23rd March 7pm.*

All Ireland Rosary Rally, Knock Shrine, Sat 1st June with Bishop John Fleming & Fr Fahey

- **Sunday 24th March 2019:** *Third Sunday of Lent* *Cycle C*
- **Weekday Readings:** *Week Three of Lent*

Saturday	23rd March:	07.00pm - Finola O'Rourke (Month's Mind Mass)
Sunday	24th March:	09.00am - Baby Maria Anna Gallagher (Anniversary) 11.00am - Sacrament of Confirmation Bred & James Cunningham (Anniversaries)
Monday	25th March:	10.00am - Pete & Dymphna McHugh & Joseph & Katie McHugh (Anniversaries)
Tuesday	26th March:	08.30am - Special Intention
Wednesday	27th March:	07.00pm - Stations of the Cross
Thursday	28th March:	10.00am - Máire Uí Ghallchóir (Anniversary)
Friday	29th March:	10.00am - Special Intention
Saturday	30th March:	07.00pm - Jack Murchan (Anniversary)
Sunday	31st March:	09.00am - Special intention 11.00am - James & Annie Byrne (Anniversaries)

Adoration: Sunday 6pm - Monday Midnight

Confessions: Saturday 6.30pm

Rosary/ Divine Mercy Adoration Room Tues 5.45pm - 6.45pm.

Pray for: Leo Friel, Brandywell Court, Derry & Killybegs, whose funeral was here yesterday Saturday Loretta McGlinchey, whose funeral was in Ballintra Saturday (sister of Marian Boyle, Cummins Hill) Clare Smith, formerly Clare Cunningham, Fintra Road, who died in London (sister of Eithne White); Pray for: Agnes McGinty, Annie Brennan. *Suaimhneas Sioraí.*

Killybegs Tidy Towns Clean-up Week is 1st - 5th April, meeting at 6pm in Traders' Car Park. (Note change of date). All help would be appreciated.

Take Care when lighting candles at shrines. Please dispose of candles *gently* in bucket.

Killybegs Community Council

welcomes all queries, suggestions or ideas from the public regarding issues affecting Killybegs. We will contact any relevant associations, government bodies or groups on behalf of the town to get answers or information. All responses will be published so everyone can keep up to date on what is happening in their community. Please contact us through Facebook or email: killybegscommunitycouncil@gmail.com or ask any member of the Community Council.

Niall Mór Centre 9741863 Ring to book a place..

Yoga with Eileen: Thursday 21st Mar 9:30am for 8 weeks, €80. Tel: 0868443838.
SOOC Programme: Shaping ourselves and our children: Delivered by Lifestart Services to support parents and carers of young children to create a home conducive to good development, inclusiveness and a respect for social and cultural diversity. 4 week course from Thursday 30th May 9.45am - 1.45pm.
The Wellbeing Programme: A 12 week programme for Personal Development & Mental Health Recovery. Tel Miffy 087 9109661
Essential IT: ETB course on basic computer skills commencing Wed 27th March 7 - 9pm, 10 weeks. Tel: Adele 086 8207338

Social Dance in Dunkineely Community Centre - Sunday 24th March, 8-10pm.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

24th March - Máire McGuinness
31st March - Maureen Cunningham

Sunday Collection	€ 1,515.00
Restoration Fund	
Envelopes 16th & 17th March	€ 1,615.00
Donations	€20,250.00
Total Restoration Fund:	€3,055,795.43

St Patrick Day Church Gate Collection

Thanks to all who supported this collection for the Irish Language. €800 was forwarded to Conradh na Gaeilge

Four Masters Camogie/Hurling

Deadline for membership is 28th March. Final Club Membership Session Sunday 24th March 2-4.30pm in St Patrick's Parish Centre, Donegal Town. Any players wishing to play camogie or hurling this season are asked to attend.

Áislann Chill Chartha 0749738376

Basic Irish Class for 6 weeks. Book your place. *Comhrá le Tae*, Wednesdays 11am for all levels
Pilates Classes Tuesdays 11.15am. - 12.15pm. T: Martina Mulhern 086 3846302.
Tiny Tots Fri 29th March 10am. - 12.30pm. €3.
Creative Writing Classes for Adults, Tuesdays, 7 - 8.30pm. €40 for course.