

## 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)



### An Exam Prayer

God stay close to me today  
 Guide my study and light my way.  
 Ease my nerves and comfort me  
 with peace and love so tenderly.  
 May I remember the things I need  
 and understand all I study and read.  
 May I strive to give my best  
 and do myself justice in each test.  
 May the topics I know and like appear  
 on the exam paper to lessen my fear.  
 And during the moments I may feel stressed  
 I'll try to remember the ways I'm blessed.  
 And if there are times that I feel at sea,  
 help me to trust that you're here with me. Amen.



### Entrance Hymn: Here I Am Lord

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
 I have heard my people cry.  
 All who dwell in dark and sin, my hand will save.  
 I, who made the stars of night,  
 I will make their darkness bright.  
 Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?  
*Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?  
 I have heard you calling in the night.  
 I will go Lord, if you lead me  
 I will hold your people in my heart*  
 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
 I have borne my peoples' pain.  
 I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
 I will break their hearts of stone,  
 give them hearts for love alone.  
 I will speak my words to them, Whom shall I send?



### Final Hymn: God's Spirit is in My Heart

God's spirit is in my heart,  
 He has called me and set me apart,  
 This is what I have to do, what I have to do.  
*He sent me to bring the good news to the poor,  
 Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,  
 Tell blind people that they can see,  
 And set the downtrodden free.  
 And go tell everyone  
 The news that the kingdom of God has come,  
 And go tell everyone  
 The news that God's kingdom has come.*  
 Just as the Father sent me,  
 So I'm sending you out to be,  
 My witnesses throughout the world,  
 The whole of the world. (Chorus)



**"Peace be with you.  
 As the Father sent me, so I am sending you.  
 Receive the Holy Spirit"**



Imagine yourself in that upper room: doors bolted, hearts pounding, shame and fear swirling after the chaos of the cross. The disciples have every reason to shrink back, unsure if they even belong in the presence of their Lord. And then, suddenly, Jesus is there. Not with words of blame, but with a message that lands like a soft blanket: 'Peace be with you.'

He doesn't ask for explanations or apologies. He shows them his wounds; proof that love survived the grave. Their fear melts into joy, because in that moment, forgiveness is not just a concept. It's a person. It's Jesus, alive and loving them as fiercely as ever.

This is not just a story for that one locked room. It's for every one of us who's ever felt ashamed, unworthy, or afraid to stand before God. Jesus says, 'Peace be with you,' not as a suggestion, but as a gift.

You don't need to be a perfect person for the Spirit to work wonders through you. The disciples were ordinary people: full of doubts, regrets, and rough edges. But when the Holy Spirit comes, those locked doors open wide. The Spirit meets us as we are, and gives us courage, the words, and the love we need to build up the Church and the world around us.

The Spirit's gifts aren't just for a chosen few. Each of us receives them in unique ways: through our personalities, our strengths, even our weaknesses. Some of us build up the body of Christ with patience, others with kindness or faithfulness, still others with gentleness or self-control. These are the fruits of the Holy Spirit, growing quietly within us.

David Tonaszuck

**Parish Choir Practice** Monday 7.15pm



**Sunday 24th May 2026: Pentecost Sunday Year A**  
**Weekday Readings: Eighth Week in Ordinary Time Weekday 2**  
 Masses will be relayed on the webcamera: go to [killybegsparish.com](http://killybegsparish.com) for a link to Online Services or [mcn.live](http://mcn.live)

**Saturday 23rd May: 07.00pm** - Jim & Kathleen McBrearty (Anniversaries)  
 Jack & Sarah Greenlaw (Anniversaries)  
**Sunday 24th May: 09.00am** - Timmy & Emily Bray & deceased family members  
**11.00am** - Paidín & Anne O'Donnell (Anniv) & Paula Sweeney R.I.P.  
**Monday 25th May: 10.00am** - Special Intentions of Exam Students  
**Tuesday 26th May: 10.00am** - Bridie Kennedy, Joe, Willie & Angela Kennedy (Anniv)  
**Thursday 28th May: 10.00am** - Fr Lorenzo Marcolongo (1st Anniversary)  
**Friday 29th May: 10.00am** - Marie Byrne (1st Anniversary)  
**Saturday 30th May: 07.00pm** - John Joe Byrne (5th) & Anne & Mickey Haughey (Anniv)  
 Paidín Moore (1st Anniv) & Bernadette Shorten (18th Anniv)  
**Sunday 31st May: 09.00am** - Brendan Kelly (40th) & Philip Mc Fadden (Anniversaries)  
**11.00am** - Margaret & Connell McBrearty (Anniversaries)

**Adoration** of the Blessed Sacrament this Monday 11am - 7pm

**Pray for:** Francis Doogan *Suaimhneas Síoraí.*

**Thank You** The family of the late Dan McKeever would like to thank all who attended his wake and funeral, those who sent Mass cards and messages of condolences and those who helped in any way. Your kindness is greatly appreciated. Mass will be offered for your intentions.


**Sunday Collection** 17th May €1,515.00  
**Maintenance Fund** 17th May €1,160.00

**St. Vincent de Paul Contact No. 087 3507727**

**Rosary at Fintra Rd Grotto.** All welcome. Every Sunday evening 8pm during May.

**Adoration in the Adoration Room** every Wednesday evening 6-7pm. All welcome.

**Rosary Rally at Knock Shrine** Saturday 6th June  
 Info: [AllIrelandRosaryRally.com](http://AllIrelandRosaryRally.com)

**Liturgy of the Word for Children** this Sunday 24th May 11am.  
 Sunday 7th June 11am; 

**Board of Management Meeting** Fintra N.S. Tuesday 26th May, 4.30pm.

**Sunday Social** Dunkineely Community Centre Sunday 31st May 8pm - 10pm. Music by Country Roads. Adm €10 with refreshments

**Aislann Chill Chartha 0749738376**  
**Job Vacancy: Centre Manager** Full time FTC email: [hraislannchillchartha@gmail.com](mailto:hraislannchillchartha@gmail.com)  
 Closing date for applications: 29th May 5pm

**Irish Conversational classes**  
 Concerts: Sean Keane Friday 26th June  
 Altan Monday 27th July  
 Seeger Sessions Wednesday 29th July  
 Onoir Friday 11th September  
 Frankie Gavan & Catherine McHugh Fri 25th Sept

**New Parish Secretary** required for Tawnawilly Parish (Clar & Donegal Town)  
 Part-time: Monday to Friday (20 hours per week)  
 Contact: Parish Office, Parish Centre, Main Street, Donegal Town, F94 EWR4, Phone: 074 97 21026 (Mon-Friday, 9:30am - 1:30pm)  
 or email: [clardonegal@gmail.com](mailto:clardonegal@gmail.com)  
 Closing date for applications: Friday 29th May.

**Mass at Gortnagolan Mass Rock**  
 Wednesday 3rd June 7pm.

Directions: Coming from Killybegs, turn right at Fintra School and continue to the top of the bray & follow directions. The Mass can be seen and heard from the roadside or, if you wish, climb up the side of the hill to be nearer. A complimentary bus will leave the Church carpark at 6.15pm.  
**Hour of Adoration:** there will be an Hour of Adoration in the Church 7pm-8pm.

**Leitir Corn Mill** Saturday 13th June  
 Car boot sale 10am -1pm. Ball race at 12  
 Sat 20th June 7.30pm Pot Luck dinner John Joe's  
 Booking 0876123184 or 0872453210

### Killybegs Cruises 2026

Date	Ship	Arrive/Depart	Passengers
30 May	Arcadia	08:00 / 18:00	1,904