

St. Mary's Parish, Killybegs

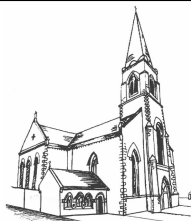
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Masses and Services: Live streaming on www.churchservices.tv



Mass at St Catherine's Well
Our tenth and concluding Pilgrimage Mass of Summer 2013 was celebrated last Wednesday evening at St Catherine's Well. Local tradition has it that devotion to St Catherine of Alexandria at this Holy Well dates back to the 6th century and this sacred location continues to be a place of daily pilgrimage. This was the first occasion for Mass to be celebrated at the Well and over 250 men, women and children joined in worship, concluding with a feast of fine foods and an abundance of home-baking. It was a fine Summer's evening and once again the looming dark clouds kept their distance. St Catherine's Well overlooks Killybegs, with the ruins of Kit's Castle in the background and St Catherine's Church and graveyard in close proximity. Celebrating Mass at this most ancient of sacred sites was a fitting conclusion to our pilgrim season. Our thanks to St Catherine's Well Committee, to all the Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Gift-bearers, Altar Servers, Singers and the Booklet Boys. Sincere thanks to our regular team of Johnny Paul McGuinness, James Gavigan, Charlie Boyle, Hubert Breslin and Seamus Gillespie, Sacristan, Patricia and Secretary Ann: throughout the season they ensured the smooth running of all the celebrations. Patrick Boyle & Betty took their task very seriously and put the plaques in place with great care and attention. The refreshments gathered momentum as the season unfolded and Meehan's Mobile Kitchen was ever-ready. Our thanks to Donal O'Donnell & extended family and all who helped with the tasty bites on Wednesday. Thanks to Brendan O'Keeney and family for looking after the transport and Rosanna Boyle who brought along the Penal Cross which has been in the McGinn family for 176 years. Matty Smith and Plunkett Smith have kept an audio-visual record of all the celebrations and we are greatly indebted to them. The summer of 2013, with its blend of spiritual & social, will live for a long time in the memory of pilgrims:
'There is treasure in our fields,
there is treasure in our skies,
there is treasure in our dreaming,
from the soul to the eye,
for where-ever we gather
in the light of God's grace,
and for all whom we remember,
there will ever be a place.'

First Friday Calls This Week 29&30 August

Congratulations & Best Wishes to Stephen McDonald and Breanna Mosch who were married in St Mary's recently.

Diocesan Mass for Expectant Families in St Eunan's Cathedral, Thursday 12th September 7.30pm.

Living Links 'Hope & Healing'
A conference for those bereaved or affected by suicide in Abbey Hotel
Sunday 15th September 10am-4pm.

National Grandparents Pilgrimage
Sunday 8th September, Knock Shrine.
Tel 09824877.
www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

Learner Accommodation for School of Tourism, Killybegs 2013/2014
Due to an increase in demand for courses this year, we will now accept further applications from persons with accommodation to let in Killybegs area. Write or phone for an 'Accommodation Details Form' and return as soon as possible.
Tel 074 9186613/ donna.mulligan@lyit.ie

Re-opening of Schools
Commons N.S. Thursday 29th August.
Junior Infants finish at 12 noon.
Fintra N.S. Monday 2nd September
Junior Infants finish at 12.30.
Niall Mór N.S. Monday 2nd September
Junior Infants finish at 12.25.

Re-opening of St. Catherine's V. S.
Tuesday 27th August: 1st and TY only
Wed 28th August: 1st, 2nd & 4th years only
Thursday 29th August: All classes
Monday 9th Sept: PLC commences
Please note there are places still available on our FETAC Level 5 Nursing Studies course.
Tel school office 074 9731491 for more info.

- **Sunday 25th August 2013: Twenty First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Cycle C)**
- **Weekday Readings: 21st Week in Ordinary Time (Cycle 1)**

Saturday 24th August: 07.00pm - Frank & Margaret Brennan (Anniversary)
Sunday 25th August: 09.00am - Mary Simpson (Month's Mind Mass)
11.00am - Michael Hamilton (Anniversary)
Monday 26th August: 10.00am - John Dolan R.I.P.
Wednesday 28th August: 07.00pm - Joe Cannon (Anniversary)
Thursday 29th August: 10.00am - Denis Kinsella (Anniversary)
Friday 30th August: 10.00am - Kathleen & John Briordy (Anniversaries)
Saturday 31st August: 07.00pm - Shaun O'Neill R.I.P.
Sunday 1st September: 09.00am - Special Intention
11.00am - Liam Hegarty (Anniversary)

Adoration - Sunday 6pm to Monday Midnight **Confessions** - Saturday 6.30pm

Pray for those who died recently: *John Dolan, who died in Luton recently (his mother was the late Catherine Dolan, nee Hegarty, Straleel, Kilcar); Michael Corcoran, The Downs, Mullingar, whose funeral was in Mullingar on Saturday; Con Diver, Crove, whose funeral was in Kilcar on Saturday.*
Pray for: *Paddy Thornton, Gerry O'Doherty (formerly The Green, Killybegs, 2nd Anniv), Stella Ryan, Mary McNally, Shalvey. Suaimhneas Sioraí.*

Irish Dancing Classes resume
Wednesday 4th September at 4pm in the Tara Hotel.
Beginners welcome.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration
25th August - Brendan O'Keeney
1st September - Anthony McBrearty

Swimming Lessons Bus to Ballyshannon starting
14th September for 10 weeks.
Tel Dessie 086 6000098 / 9732650.

Sunday Collection € 1,572.00
Restoration & Development Fund:
Envelopes for 17th & 18th August € 1,650.00
Donation € 500.00
Croaghlin € 235.00
Total Fund: €2,091,617.66

St Catherine's Band Committee
wishes to thank all who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection which amounted to €1,338.

Lough Derg One Day Retreats
continue until September 23rd
Living With Suicide Workshop Wed 25th Sept.
Advance booking is essential. Cost: €40 pp includes return boat fare, tea/coffee & scones, Services & a light lunch. For info: Maureen 071 9861518 email: info@loughderg.org

Donegal Leprosy Fund wishes to thank everyone who contributed and helped out with their recent Church Gate Collection which amounted to €583.63

Peru Children's Charity
Church Gate Collection this weekend. Please support our Therapy Centre for Children with special needs in a very poor township in Lima.

Project Maths Join www.themathstutor.ie for online support. Fee €99.
Discount code: MDL496 for 10% discount.

Weight Watchers Mondays, 6.30pm
in Niall Mór Centre.

Sliabh Liag Walkers
• Next walk on Sunday 25th August. Grade C Easy, 3 hours, 9km. Meet at Filling Station, Killybegs Rd, Ardara at 1pm. Tel 086 8040519.
• Sliabh Liag Walkers Walking Weekend 31st August - 1st September. For more details: 087 6737614 / sliaghiagwalkers.com

Letterkenny General Hospital
The Emergency Department has reopened. Temporary arrangements for outpatients clinics and planned surgery continue to be in place. Patients will be written to directly. For any emergency requiring an ambulance dial 112 / 999 as normal. Non emergency patients should continue to contact their GP in the first instance. For daily updates go to hse.ie/Letterkenny.