

## 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)



### The Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday 25th February 11am

We welcome Bishop Alan McGuckian for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and welcome the 41 young people who are being confirmed, along with their sponsors, families and teachers.

Each family is allocated a seat each so that the church will be at full capacity with the Confirmation congregation. We advise others to attend the Vigil Mass or the 9am this weekend.

As Bishop Alan departs the diocese and takes up his new appointment as Bishop of Down & Connor, we wish him every blessing.

Guimid gach beannacht ort.



### A Prayer for Lent

Lord, in this holy season,  
give me the grace to change,  
to believe I can be changed,  
to take small steps towards my true self –  
from selfishness to service,  
from judgement to mercy, from anxiety to faith.

In this holy season, help me to give time to prayer  
as you did so often: before a major decision,  
at the end of a long day of coming and going.

In this holy season,  
help me to fast from what is holding me back  
from becoming my true self.  
Help me to choose my fasting wisely,  
and to persevere with your grace.

In this holy season,  
help me to give alms to my neighbours in need,  
and not just my spare change,  
but to better understand their needs,  
the pain, hidden in plain sight,  
to give of my time and imagination  
to help those who are vulnerable,  
to build the kingdom in my community.

At Your Side, Raymond Friel & David Wells

### Mass of Thanksgiving with Bishop McGuckian

this Monday 26th February at 7pm  
in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny,  
to mark his departure from the Diocese.  
Followed by refreshments. All welcome.

### 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.

Don't worry what you have to say,  
Don't worry because on that day,  
God's Spirit will speak in your heart,  
Will speak in your heart. (Chorus)



### Liturgy of the Word for Children

We propose to reintroduce the Liturgy of the Word for Children aged 4 upwards, on the First Sunday of each month, beginning Sunday 3rd March 11am. The children are invited to go to the Adoration Room after the Opening Prayer and the Catechists (adult volunteers) will welcome them and celebrate with them in word, song, prayer, drawing, colouring and different activities and return after Communion.

Anyone interested in helping out, please contact Ann at the Parish Office.



### 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?

Chorus 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?

Chorus

♦ Sunday 25th February 2024: Second Sunday of Lent Year B

♦ Weekday Readings: Second Week in Lent

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

Friday	23rd February:	07.00pm - Michael Cunningham (Month's Mind Mass)
Saturday	24th February:	07.00pm - Charles & Molly McCahill & Anne Moloney (Anniv) Annie Byrne (3rd Anniversary) Finola O'Rourke (5th Anniversary) Peter Breslin (12th Anniversary)
Sunday	25th February:	09.00am - Virginia Bowden (1st Anniversary) 11.00am - Sacrament of Confirmation
Monday	26th February:	10.00am - Special Intention
Tuesday	27th February:	10.00am - Columba Cunningham (2nd Anniversary)
Thursday	29th February:	10.00am - Mary Teresa Friel & Philomena McDevitt (Anniv)
Friday	1st March:	10.00am - Con McGuinness (19th Anniversary)
Saturday	2nd March:	07.00pm - Aodh O'Donnell (3rd Anniversaries) Josie & Catherine Meehan (Anniversaries) Sheila & Brendan Hickey (Anniversaries)
Sunday	3rd March:	09.00am - Bridget Molloy, Jim & Annaleen Cunningham (Anniv) 11.00am - Ann Boyle (5th Anniv) Anthony & Kathleen McCabe, John & Charlie McCabe (Anniversaries)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday 11am - 7pm. Friday: Mass 10am.

Pray for: John Gallagher, Tallaght, Dublin, formerly Tully Dungloe, who died last week (uncle of Breda McGuinness, Portnacross).

Pray for: James O'Donnell, John James McGuinness. *Suaímhneas Sioraí.*

### The Season of Lent 2024

- Trócaire Boxes are now available.
- Walk With Me: A Lenten Journey of Prayer €2. Place donation in the money boxes in porch.



Parish Choir Practice Thursday 7.15pm

### Tír Boghaine, Community & Family Support Service Home Carers Support Group

meets Monday 26th February 11am - 12:30pm  
in the Niall Mór Centre. New members welcome.  
For more info contact Nuala 086 173 4497.

### Mad Hatters Fancy Dress Tea Party

Saturday 2nd March, Foresters Hall 7.30pm  
for St. Catherine's Band, Killybegs. Music, food,  
raffle & prizes.. €10pp. To book a table ring  
Roisin 0870611064 / Sinaoife 0877496219 by Fri.

Sunday Social in Dunkineely Community  
Centre Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> Feb 8-10 pm. €10.

### The Story of Tweed in Southwest Donegal

A presentation and the launch of the short film on  
Thurs 7th March 7pm, Áislann Chill Charthaigh

Thank You Daniel Gallagher's GoFundMe raised  
€785 at the 25 Card Drive in Bay View Hotel.

Foot Clinic, Atlantic Marine, on Tuesday 5th  
March. To book contact Patricia 0863776581

Sunday Collection 18th February € 1,095.00  
Emigrants € 350.00  
Maintenance Fund 18th February € 1,160.00  
Thank you for your continued generosity.

Alone Donegal We are seeking volunteers in your area to help older people who'd like extra social contact. (1 hour a week) Full training and support provided. Sign up here: <https://alone.ie/volunteers/>  
For more info: [Helena.madden@alone.ie](mailto:Helena.madden@alone.ie) or call 086 0145829 or 074-9321598.

Mary's Meals Art Sale in Frosses Sat 9th & Sun 10th March. 150 paintings have been donated.

Áislann Chill Chartha 0749738376  
Sandy Kelly Concert Friday 1st March 8pm. €30.  
Irish classes for beginners and advanced, Adult Art class, C.P.C, Knitting and crochet, Forklift Course and Safe Pass. Ring for more info.

Adult Ceili Dance Class starting Friday 1st March  
8pm - 9.15pm in the Foresters Hall. €7.  
Contact Grace O'Callaghan 0871875620

Slieve League Special Needs Support Group  
Are you parenting a child with Sensory/Intellectual disability; Autism Spectrum Disorder; Delayed Communication?  
Next meeting Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Feb in Áislann Centre 8.30pm. Email: [slspecialneeds@gmail.com](mailto:slspecialneeds@gmail.com)