

## 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)



### Pope Leo XIV Speaks

Peace is one of the great issues of our time, and is both a gift and a commitment: a gift from God built by men and women throughout the ages.



We live in a world wounded by too many conflicts and hostilities.

Bitter nationalism tramples on the rights of the weakest.

Even before it is crushed on the battlefield, peace is defeated in the human heart when we give in to selfishness and greed and when we allow partisan interests to prevail instead of looking to the common good.

The heart is the source of peace: there we must learn to meet rather than clash with each other, to trust and not to mistrust, to listen and to understand. Only peaceful hearts can build just and lasting peace.

### Liturgy of the Word for Children

Sunday 10th May 11am;  
Sunday 24th May 11am.



### Celebration of First Holy Communion:

Saturday 9th May 11am,  
followed by refreshments for everyone  
in Foresters Hall.

### Available in the Parish Office

Selected Poems by Martin Shovlin.  
All Around Bruckless Bay Again by Paul McMenamin

### Entrance Hymn: Morning Has Broken

Morning has broken like the first morning.  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning.  
Praise for them springing fresh from the world.  
Sweep the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven.  
Like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.  
Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning.  
Born of the one light, Eden saw play  
Praise with elation, praise every morning.  
God's recreation of the new day.



### Raphoe Safeguarding Services

are holding an Information & Training Session in the Parish Office, Killybegs, this **Wednesday 29th April 7pm** for anyone involved in parish ministry with children.  
Please bring Photo ID and proof of address.  
Please text Ann to confirm attendance 0876735139

### Synodal Pathway Meeting

in Donegal Town Parish Centre this **Tuesday 28th April 7pm** to explore how to move forward as a vibrant faith community. All are welcome.  
Please text Ann to confirm attendance 0876735139

### Fintra N.S. Board of Management Statement

Following last week's meeting, the Board of Management met again on Wednesday 22nd April to review the situation regarding the future of the school. One enrolment has been received during the past week. After careful consideration and with deep regret, the Board will now liaise with the school's Patron, Bishop Niall Coll, regarding the closure of the school from the end of June 2026. The Board will continue to keep the community updated.



### Congratulations and Best Wishes

to Aisling Campbell & Lee Mallion  
who were married recently.

### Adoration in the Adoration Room

every Wednesday evening 6-7pm. All are welcome.

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

**Parish Choir Practice** Monday 7.15pm

### Final Hymn: Abba Father

Abba, Abba Father, you are the potter,  
We are the clay, the work of your hands.  
Mould us, mould us and fashion us  
Into the image of Jesus your Son, of Jesus your Son.  
Father, may we be one in you, as he is in you  
And you are in him, and you are in him.



- **Sunday 26th April 2026:** Fourth Sunday of Easter Year A
- **Weekday Readings:** Fourth Week of Easter

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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>25th April:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Johnny Mc Gowan (Anniversary) Mary Robinson (8th Anniversary) Jackie (9th) & David (8th) Meehan (Anniversaries) Oliver Cunningham (15th Anniversary) Francie & Paddy Gallagher (Anniversaries) John Patrick Lynch (30th Anniv) & deceased family members Tony Brennan (3rd Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>26th April:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Special Intentions <b>11.00am</b> - Tadhg Gallagher (1st Anniversary)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>27th April:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Tommy & Evelyn Blaine (Anniversaries)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>28th April:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Special Intention
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>30th April:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Special Intentions
<b>Friday</b>	<b>01st May:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Special Intentions
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>2nd May:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Cathal Conaghan (4th Anniversary) Brendan & Eugene Mc Guinness (Anniversaries) Gerard Byrne (Heavenly 70th birthday) Connie Gallagher (Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>3rd May:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - John Keeney, Balbane (9th Anniv) & deceased members <b>11.00am</b> - Karen (6th) & Bernie (27th) Cahill (Anniversaries)

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:* Monday 11am to 7pm

**Pray for: Brigid Campbell, Harbour View Drive, whose funeral took place on Tuesday;**  
**Dan Mc Keever, Lough Head, whose funeral took place last Sunday;**  
**Pray for: Ann Boyle (Trim), Suaimhneas Sioraí.**

*"Better to be the oldest one in the gym  
than the youngest one in the nursing home"*

**Sunday Collection** 19th April €1,070.00  
**Maintenance Fund** 19th April €1,065.00  
*Thank you for your continued generosity.*

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

### Vacancies at Killybegs Employment Project Ltd

2 x Maintenance Workers - Killybegs  
1 x Maintenance Worker - Dunkineely  
1 x Tourism Information Officer - Killybegs  
Tel: 074 9731666, email: [kepltd2@outlook.ie](mailto:kepltd2@outlook.ie)  
or call to the Project Office in the Foresters Hall.

**Wanted:** House to Rent 3/4 bedrooms.  
Ring Erika 085 7685676

**The NW Branch of Parkinson's Ireland**, in conjunction with Physio Eireann, Donegal Town, are offering a chair based exercise class to anyone living with Parkinson's Disease in SW Donegal. The class is structured to the specific needs of people living with PD. Held every Monday 1pm to 1.45, free to all members of Parkinson's Ireland. Contact Regina (re class) 085 1707997, Contact Mary (re membership) 087 1211764

**Áislann Chill Chartha 074 9738376**

*Irish Conversational Classes* begins 27th April.  
*Car-Boot /Country Market* 2nd May 1 - 4pm  
*Tractor Run*, 3rd May, begins 12 noon.

### Killybegs Cruise Schedule 2026

Date	Ship	Arrive/Depart	Passengers
04 May	Le Laperouse	08:00 / 18:00	131
11 May	Spirit of Adventure	09:00 / 16:30	1,000
15 May	Douglas Mawson	12:30 / 18:00	105
19 May	Vasco da Gama	08:00 / 18:00	1,000+
19 May	Douglas Mawson	09:00 / 13:00	105
30 May	Arcadia	08:00 / 18:00	1,904
02 June	Spirit of Discovery	08:00 / 17:00	1,000
03 June	Hanseatic Nature	08:00 / 19:00	138
05 June	Nieuw Statendam	10:00 / 20:00	3,218
14 June	Balmoral	08:30 / 16:30	1,420
15 June	Queen Anne	08:00 / 18:00	3,000+
29 June	Marina	08:00 / 18:00	1,250-1,400
06 July	Amadea	09:00 / 18:00	624
12 July	Borealis	08:00 / 18:00	1,685
22 July	Bolette	08:00 / 18:00	1,656
24 July	Seven Seas Mariner	08:30 / 17:00	779
06 Aug	Artania	08:00 / 17:00	1,260
08 Aug	Insignia	10:00 / 18:00	803
12 Aug	Star Legend	08:00 / 15:00	312
14 Aug	Azamara Quest	09:00 / 20:00	781
15 Aug	Seabourn Ovation	08:00 / 17:00	638
29 Aug	Hebridean Sky	08:00 / 22:00	91
03 Sept	Vista	08:00 / 17:00	1,200
17 Sept	Bolette	08:00 / 16:30	1,656