

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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**Masses and Services:** Live streaming [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) (*link on website*)



### Earthquakes in Turkey and Syria

The Offertory Collection on Ash Wednesday amounted to €1915.00. If anyone else wishes to contribute please place your donation in the offertory boxes in the Church or hand into the Parish Office by the weekend. Otherwise if you wish to make a donation online visit one of the following sites:  
[www.iji.ie](http://www.iji.ie) (Irish Jesuits International)  
[www.unicef.ie](http://www.unicef.ie) (Unicef Ireland)  
[www.trocaire.org](http://www.trocaire.org) (Trocaire)

### Trocaire Lent 2023

Trocaire boxes available in the Church

### First Confession Celebration:

Tuesday 7th March 7pm

### Sacrament of Confirmation

Thursday 23rd March 6pm

**A Parish Survey** An informal census of Mass attendance is being carried out and next weekend 4th & 5th March we will take note of age profile and gender profile, to conclude the survey.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

every Monday. People needed for 4-5pm & 6-7pm. Contact Parish Office Anne Rodgers 087 9185174

### Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes 2023

will depart from The City of Derry Airport on Tuesday 23rd May for 5 nights. The Pilgrimage will be led Bishop Alan. €879 fully inclusive. To book contact Joe Walsh Tours directly: 01 2410800 or [info@joewalshstours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshstours.ie)

### Cursillo

Renewal weekend in Ards 24th March. A time of friendship and prayer, to reconnect with ourselves, God and each other. For info / to book tel: Clare 087 1375567 / Pat 087 9374001

### Donegal Special Olympics Collection

amounted to €645. Thank you to all who contributed.

### Do you need support right now?

Grow Mental Health Peer Support meetings are held weekly in Niall Mor Centre Thursdays 6.30pm. Meetings are supportive, encouraging, empathetic and confidential. Call Marian on 086-7856912 for more info or come along any Thursday evening.

### The Season of Lent 2023

*Because in life's journey, as in every journey, what really matters is not to lose sight of the goal. If what interests us as we travel, however, is looking at the scenery or stopping to eat, we will not get far.*

*We should ask ourselves: On the journey of life, do I seek the way forward? Or am I satisfied with living in the moment and thinking only of feeling good, solving some problems and having fun? What is the path?*

*Is it the search for health, which many today say comes first but which eventually passes? Could it be possessions and wellbeing? But we are not in the world for this. Return to me, says the Lord. To me. The Lord is the goal of our journey in this world. The direction must lead to him.* Pope Francis



**Parish Pastoral Council:** Meeting Wednesday 1st March 8pm in Parish Office for those interested in the formation of a Parish Pastoral Council

### St Mary's Graveyard

Essential work is being carried out presently in the graveyard including laying new footpaths. For your information, the updated cost of graves is as follows: Family plot (7ft wide) €300; Single plot (4ft wide) €150. Graves may not be pre-booked.

We are grateful to everyone for maintaining your graves with such great care.

A gentle reminder: please ensure that all excess material is removed from the graveyard.

**Anam Cara Donegal**, monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Thursday 9th March at 7:15pm Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. Info: 01 4045378

**Accord** We would be delighted to hear from those interested in becoming an Accord Marriage Preparation facilitator. For info on recruitment & training E: [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)

◆ **Sunday 26th February 2023: First Sunday of Lent Year A**

◆ **Weekday Readings: First Week of Lent**

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

**Friday 24th February: 07.00pm** - Special Intentions  
**Saturday 25th February: 10.00am** - Baby Bláithín O'Riordan (Month's Mind Mass)  
**12 noon** - Memorial Mass for Donal Gallagher R.I.P.  
**07.00pm** - Annie Byrne (2nd Anniversary)  
 Charles & Molly McCahill & Anne Moloney (Anniv)  
 Peter Breslin (11th Anniversary)  
 Michael & Paddy Byrne (Anniversaries)  
 Maggie McTeague (Anniversary)

**Sunday 26th February: 09.00am** - Anne McHugh (Month's Mind Mass)  
**11.00am** - Bridie Moore (1st Anniversary)

**Monday 27th February: 10.00am** - Mary Teresa Friel & Philomena McDevitt (Anniv)  
**Tuesday 28th February: 10.00am** - Columba Cunningham (1st Anniversary)  
**Thursday 2nd March: 10.00am** - Con McGuinness (18th Anniversary)  
**07.00pm** - Stations of the Cross

**Friday 3rd March: 07.00pm** - Kyle Mooney (Month's Mind Mass)  
**Saturday 4th March: 07.00pm** - Jim Boyle (1st Anniversary)  
 Aodh O'Donnell (2nd Anniversary)  
 Catherine & Josie Meehan & deceased members of O'Donnell & Meehan families  
 Lil & Con Kennedy (Anniversaries)  
 Anne & Paidín O'Donnell & deceased members of O'Donnell families

**Sunday 5th March: 09.00am** - Cathal Ó Gallchóir R.I.P.  
**11.00am** - James & Annie Byrne (Anniversaries)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Mondays 11am - 7pm.

**Pray for:** Margaret McGuinness. **Suaimhneas Sioraí.**

**Parish Choir Practice** Monday 7.15pm

**Lough Derg Seasonal Employment Opportunities 2023** Domestic / Retail / Admin / Catering / Boat Technicians.. Full details [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org). Closing date: 3rd March

**Wanted** House to Rent for family of 3 in Killybegs. Please contact Parish Office 0749731013

**Sunday Collection** 19th February €1,798.50  
**Restoration Fund** 19th February €1,712.55

**Thank You** Liam and Natasha, along with their families, wish to thank all of those who sympathised, sent cards and travelled long distances to be with them. A special word of thanks to Fr John Gallagher for Bláithín's beautiful Mass, the choir and Breda for her poem, wrote and said from the heart. To Jackie, Colm and Philomena for their compassion and kindness. We will be forever grateful.

**Sunday Social** in Dunkineely Community Centre Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February 8-10 pm. Music: Country Roads. Adm €10. Refreshments served.

**Áislann Chill Chartha 0749738376**  
 Knitting & Crochet classes starts Mon 20th Feb.  
 Curling class to start mid March for all ages.

**Niall Mór Centre:** 0749741863  
[info@niallmorcentre.com](mailto:info@niallmorcentre.com) Contact Ciara:  
*Irish* - Tuesdays 14/02/2023- 21/03/2023  
*English* - Monday, Wednesday & Friday  
*Spanish* - Mondays 20/03/2023- 22/05/2023  
*Photography* - 16/02/2023 - 23/03/2023  
*Baby and Toddler Group* -Tuesdays 10-11.30am  
*Saturday Storytime* 4/3/23; *Lego time* 23/03/23  
*Sensory Mornings* 6 mths+; *Safe Pass* 10/3/23  
*Weight & Wellness With Brid* - Wed 5.30pm  
*Slimming World* - Tuesdays 3.30-7pm  
*Grow* Thursdays 6.30; *Al Anon* Wednesdays 7.30.

**Tir Boghaine** Parenting a child with Sensory/ Intellectual disability; Autism Spectrum Disorder; Dyslexia/Dyspaxia; Delayed Communication: Tir Boghaine Community & Family Support will host an open meeting to discuss how you can be supported in your local area: Tue 28<sup>th</sup> April Aislann Chill Chartha at 8pm. Email: [tirboghaine@gmail.com](mailto:tirboghaine@gmail.com) /0861734497

**Public Mass and the Sacraments**  
 Please use hand sanitiser.  
 Face covering at your discretion

