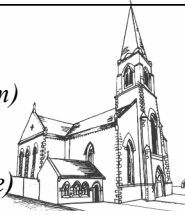


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The Slow Work of God

*Above all, trust in the slow work of God.
 We are quite naturally impatient in everything
 to reach the end without delay.
 We should like to skip the intermediate stages.
 We are impatient of being on the way
 to something unknown, something new.*

*And yet it is the law of all progress
 that it is made by passing through some stages of
 instability -
 and that it may take a very long time.*

*And so I think it is with you;
 your ideas mature gradually - let them grow,
 let them shape themselves,
 without undue haste.
 Don't try to force them on,
 as though you could be today what time
 will make of you tomorrow.*

*Only God could say what this new spirit
 gradually forming within you will be.
 Give the Lord the benefit of believing
 that his hand is leading you,
 and accept the anxiety of feeling yourself
 in suspense and incomplete.*



Pierre Teilhard
 de Chardin SJ
 from
 Hearts of Fire

The Sacrament of First Holy Communion



Congratulations to the 26 young people who celebrated their First Holy Communion last Saturday. It was a very special occasion, with three celebrations in all. We are grateful to all the children who played an active part in the celebrations and who were also actively involved in the preparation at school, at home and with limited involvement in the parish because of covid restrictions. Thank you for your patience and may God continue to bless you and your families. Our thanks to everyone for their help and cooperation especially parents, all the teachers, special needs assistants & the school secretaries for their invaluable help. Thanks to Ann, Parish Secretary, for all the coordination, Patricia, the Parish Sacristan, for looking after the details of the liturgy, thanks to all the steward & sanitizers, Thanks to chief photographer John McConnell and also to Plunkett & Matty Smith for their help. Special thanks to Roisín O'Donnell for the lovely portraits of all the children, which the children will surely treasure. Roisín was also responsible for the singing, along with her sister Sara. Sincere thanks to the Legion of Mary and to everyone who helped.

Public Mass and the Sacraments

Everyone is welcome to attend Mass. Numbers are restricted with every second seat in use. Please continue to wear a face covering and observe social distancing. Kneelers are not in use. Communion will be distributed after the final blessing, leaving by the two designated exits. **Funerals & Weddings:** numbers attending continue to be monitored and subject to the above restrictions. Weddings restricted to 100 people. **Baptisms** continue to be restricted to parents, child and siblings, godparents & grandparents and immediate family.

The church is open for private prayer every day: 8am - 8pm. Take care.

- ◆ **Sunday 26th September 2021: Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B**
- ◆ **Weekday Readings: Twenty-Sixth Week in Ordinary Time: Cycle 1**

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

Saturday	25th September:	07.00pm - Dinny & Rose Rowan (Anniversaries) Maisie & Packie Gallagher (Anniversaries)
Sunday	26th September:	09.00am - Special Intention 11.00am - Mary Gallagher, Stragar (5th Anniversary)
Monday	27th September:	10.00am - Liam Lagan (12th Anniversary)
Tuesday	28th September:	10.00am - Cathal Mooney (Anniversary)
Thursday	30th September:	10.00am - Jack O'Hara, Aranmore (Anniversary)
Friday	1st October:	07.00pm - Noel Mc Menamin & deceased family members
Saturday	2nd October:	07.00pm - Special Intention (50th Wedding Anniversary) Danny & Mary Breslin & Mary Byrne (Anniversaries) Tommy Byrne (Anniversary)
Sunday	3rd October:	09.00am - Special Intention 11.00am - Special Intention

Pray for: Annie Friel whose funeral was in Manchester on Thursday.

Pray for: Cathal Campbell whose anniversary occurs at this time. **Suaímhneas Stóraí**

North West Simon Community Virtual Sleep Out 1st Oct 2021: to get involved and sign up visit: www.northwestsimon.ie/register-to-take-part-in-annual-sleep/ or collette@northwestsimon.ie

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine
 Saturday 9th October 2pm
 (Stations of the Cross, Rosary, Anointing of the Sick).
 To book, contact Liam Conneely 0872944555
 Depart Tara Hotel Bus Stop 8.35am.



Congratulations & Best Wishes to
 Mary Faherty and John Culbert
 who were married recently.

Donegal ETB Further Education and Training
 Part-time courses in Donegal Town:
Computer Skills starts in Sept: Mon & Wed mornings
ECDL/ICDL starts Nov: Tues & Thurs mornings
Health Service Skills Sept: Wed, Thurs & Fri morning
 To apply / more info tel: Dawn Sweeney 0749725520
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Thank You
 The families of the late Margaret Mc Groarty Gallagher, both here and overseas, would like to thank everyone for their kind words of sympathy, Mass cards, sympathy cards, phone calls and flowers. We are so grateful. Mass will be offered for all your intentions.

Irish Classes resume on Thursday 21st October
 7pm - 9pm for 6 weeks in Niall Mór Centre.
 To book your place tel: Rosaleen 0749731356.

*We are here, not because we are law-breakers;
 we are here in our efforts to become
 law-makers. Emmeline Pankhurst*

Ladies Active Age Group Killybegs
 in Well Brae Bar Wednesdays 2pm-4pm.
 Everyone is welcome

Irish Dancing Class have resumed Wednesday
 in the Tara Hotel at 4pm.
 Beginners welcome. Guidelines in place.
 Marie Bonner-Cannon

Killybegs Coast Guard are recruiting .Would you like to volunteer your time to help others? Gain valuable skills and knowledge to assist people in land and sea rescues? If you feel enthusiastic email before 30th September: killybegscoastguard@hotmail.com

Killybegs Women's Group
 Knit & Natter group starts back Tuesday, 28th September, Bay View Hotel (Writers Corner), 7.30 - 9.30pm. Everyone welcome. *Mask to be worn on entry to venue, optional when seated.*

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People
ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, 0818 222 024.