

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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POPE FRANCIS
1936-2025

Memorial Mass here this Tuesday 7pm

*Eternal rest grant unto him O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.*

*May the soul of Pope Francis
and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God rest in peace.
Amen.*

*Suaimhneas síoraí tabhair dó, A Thiarna,
agus go lonraí solas suthain air.
Tabhair ionad sosa faoi shíocháin dó.
Amen.*



Easter Thanks from Fr. Colm

During Holy Week, we celebrated the Passion, Death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, entrusting a number of our own parishioners and former parishioners to the eternal love of the Risen Christ. On Easter Monday morning we heard the sad news that our beloved Pope Francis had died. May the Risen Christ welcome Pope Francis home to heaven and may he now enjoy God's love and compassion which he faithfully ministered on earth. During this Easter Season we pray that the power of love and compassion may make its presence felt in our conflict-ridden & grief-stricken world, paving the way for a just and lasting peace in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan and throughout the world.

We are grateful to everyone who attended, helped with and participated in the liturgies of Lent & Holy Week, calling us to renew our faith in God's love for us and in God's faith in us: Palm Sunday, Monday's Service of Reconciliation, the Lord's Supper on Thursday, the simplicity and starkness of the Good Friday liturgies, and the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday Masses, as darkness gives way to light, proclaiming the power of love in overcoming the powers of darkness, even the power of death itself.

Christ is Risen, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Thanks to the Ministers of the Word & Eucharist, Collectors, altar servers, gift bearers, cross bearer and all who helped with the decoration of the church, especially the Easter Garden team. Thanks to Brid Murphy for the wonderful outdoor Easter Garden. James Gavigan looked after the palms and the Easter Fire with his usual gracefulness. Special thanks to the Parish Senior Choir who excelled, making a huge effort throughout Lent, culminating in Holy Week excellence and exhaustion! Our thanks to musicians Maeve McGowan, Miriam Curran, Iuliia Vakhlamova, Frank Urquhart and Sara O'Donnell. Special thanks to Ann O'Donnell who coordinates the choir. The First Communion children and others took part so enthusiastically in their celebrations on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday and Good Friday - at the end of Friday's Stations of the Cross you couldn't hear a pin drop! The junior choir, under Ann's direction, accompanied by Miriam & Sara, greatly enhancing their celebrations, with Lauren Hegarty, Kate Oria Johnston and Niall Doherty doing solo parts.

Sincere thanks to the Parents' First Communion Group for their help with the practices, celebrations and the imaginative Lent & Easter displays. The Liturgy of the Word for Children every fortnight continues to go from strength to strength under the wise guidance of Stephanie McHugh, Tracey Meehan & Emma O'Keeney. Thanks to Maureen Cunningham who looks after the candles throughout the year. Ann O'Donnell, Parish secretary, coordinated everything without fear or fuss, while Patricia O'Boyle, sacristan, attended to many tasks in her own quiet way. We appreciate the ongoing dedication of those who open and close the Church day and night. Thanks to Lawrence for looking after the grounds and Diva who looks after the interior of the church.

May the Love of the Risen Christ continue to sow seeds of hope, peace and joy. Alleluia! Alleluia!

	Sunday 27th April 2025:	Second Sunday of Easter	Year C
	Weekday Readings:	Second Week of Easter	
	Masses will be relayed on the webcam: go to killybegsparish.com for a link to Online Services or mcn.live		
Saturday	26th April:	07.00pm	Johnny McGowan (Anniversary) David (7th) & Jackie (8th) Meehan (Anniversaries) Oliver Cunningham (14th Anniversary) Liz Prior (15th Anniversary) & Bill McClean (18th Anniversary) Neil & Aggie Quinn (Anniversaries)
Sunday	27th April:	09.00am	Seamus Gillespie (Month's Mind Mass)
		11.00am	Frances Rawdon (1st Anniversary)
Monday	28th April:	10.00am	Special Intentions
Tuesday	29th April:	07.00pm	Memorial Mass for Pope Francis R.I.P.
Thursday	1st May:	10.00am	Anna Marie Lydon R.I.P.
Friday	2nd May:	10.00am	Vincent Cunningham (9th Anniversary)
Saturday	3rd May:	07.00pm	Kathleen McGuinness (1st Anniversary) Cathal Conaghan (3rd Anniversary) John Keeney (8th Anniversary) & deceased family members Connie Gallagher (Anniversary) Stuart (20th) & Rose (25th) & Chris Costello (Anniversaries) & deceased members Hegarty, Murrin & Costello families.
Sunday	4th May:	09.00am	Tony O'Callaghan (7th Anniversary)
		11.00am	Mary Murrin (Month's Mind Mass)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday 11am - 7pm. 🎵 Choir Practice: Monday 7.15pm

Pray for: Dáire Nolan, son-in-law of Paul & Mary Rouiller whose Funeral Mass was in Lahardane, Co Mayo, followed by burial in Dublin; **Eddie Friel**, Harbour View Drive, whose funeral was on Easter Sunday; **Bella McClafferty**, Largy, whose funeral was on Holy Thursday. **Suaimhneas Síoraí**

First Holy Communion: Saturday 10th May, followed by refreshments for everyone in Foresters Hall

Entrance Hymn: Be Thou My Vision 🎵
Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art:
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word.
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord:
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son.
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun.
O grant me its joys, after victory is won:
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall.
Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

Final Hymn: A New Hymn of Praise 🎵
A new hymn of praise, let us sing to the Lord
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia
This is the day the Lord has made;
Ransom for sin his life he gave. (C)

To save us he was crucified,
Raising our hearts when hope had died (C)
Bringing him gifts of bread and wine,
We receive back his life divine. (C)

So live within us, make us one;
Stay with us Lord, 'til life is done. (C)

Sunday Collection	20th April	€2,195.00
Trócaire		€3,840.00
Maintenance Fund	20th April	€1,875.00

Liturgy of the Word for Children
Sunday 4th May 11am & Sun 18th May 11am

Leitir Corn Mill Kilcar
Car Boot Sale Saturday 10th May, 10am to 1pm.

Áislann Chill Chartha 0749738376
Kids Art classes Tuesday 29th April.
Dublin City Ramblers 16th May, tickets €20
Frankie Gavin, Dermot Byrne & Steve Cooney
Saturday 21st June. €20

Killybegs Festival: Kids Disco Sunday 27th April
3.30 - 5.30pm in Forester's Hall. All ages welcome.
Proceeds to Killybegs Summer Festival.

South Donegal Vintage Club A Vintage Working
Day in Rossnowlagh on Sun 27th April 11am-4pm
for Donegal Hospice & Sligo Oncology Adults €10

Marys Meals: Donate old notes or coins to
Marys Meals at Traders Car Park Sat 3rd May,
9.30am-1pm or tel: Eilis Conneely 087 7060457.