

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

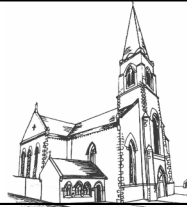
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The Celebration of Christmas: Thank You

Christmas is very much a family feast and we hope it's proving to be a time of great wonder and excitement for all the children. It's a time of togetherness for adults, as we embrace those who are with us and those separated from us, through distance, division or death, as God embraced the whole of humanity and the whole of creation that first Christmas and forever. It is in that spirit that we celebrated the Advent Service of Reconciliation, the Christmas Carol Service and all our Christmas Masses.

Sincere thanks to everyone who helped with the preparations and the celebrations. Our thanks to all the priests who helped out at the Reconciliation Service. The Carol Service was uplifting and captivating as the young people of St Catherine's Vocational School, and Commons, Fintra and Niall Mór National Schools celebrated in song and word the Christmas story, along with the Parish Choir. Our thanks to everyone involved in the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve including all the parents who helped. The children excelled, as did the Junior Choir including Dearbhla & Orla, under Ann O'Donnell's inspired direction, accompanied by musicians Sara O'Donnell and Miriam Curran. There was a beautiful rendering of O Holy Night by Kelly McGinley, as there was at the Midnight Mass by Maeve Murray, who got a standing ovation. Our sincere thanks to all involved in the Christmas Masses: the Choir, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors, Altar Servers, Ushers, Gift Bearers and Sacristan Patricia O'Boyle. Patrick and Betty Boyle looked after the Crib this year: awe-inspiring and meticulous. Our thanks also to the Christmas Tree Team and the Altar Society.

Our gratitude to all involved in the express delivery of the Church & Restoration Envelopes, the Parish Calendar 2016 and the Christmas Newsletter. The whole operation was coordinated by Ann O'Donnell, Parish Secretary, whose enthusiasm and endeavour in the Parish Office are much appreciated. We are grateful to everyone who supports the parish financially throughout the year. Your ongoing generosity to the Restoration Fund is much appreciated. Our sincere thanks to all parish committees and organisations who do such good work throughout the year, including the Maureen Cunningham who looks after the candles, Counters and all who open and close the church. Our thanks to Colin & Ann Marie and participants of Killybegs Employment Project who look after the church and grounds and graveyard throughout the year. On a personal note, my sincere thanks for your gifts, generous Christmas offerings and good wishes. *Go raibh mile maith agaibh. Wishing you good health and peace throughout 2016.*

Beannachtaí na hAithbhliana oraibh uilig, Fr Colm

- **Sunday 27th December 2015: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
- **Weekday Readings: Before Epiphany**

Saturday 26th December: 07.00pm - Sarah McCloskey (Anniversary)
Sunday 27th December: 09.00am - James & Sarah O'Donnell (Anniversaries)
11.00am - Ethel & Charlie Blaine (Anniversaries)

Monday 28th December: 12.00 noon - Fionnuala Gorman (Anniversary)

Wednesday 30th December: 07.00pm - Con Doogan (Anniversary)

Thursday 31st December: 10.00am - Patrick O'Donnell (Anniversary)

Friday *Mary, Mother of God*

1st January: 11.00am - Special Intention (Thanksgiving)

07.00pm - Josie O'Donnell (Anniversary)

Saturday 2nd January: 07.00pm - Gerard Byrne & Mickey Cannon (Anniversaries)

Sunday 3rd January: 09.00am - Michael Boyle (2nd Anniversary)

11.00am - Barney Murrin (Anniversary)

NO ADORATION THIS WEEKEND

Pray for: Carolyn McMonagle, formerly Carolyn Carr, St Cummins Hill, whose funeral took place in Letterbrick on Christmas Day; Rose Boyle, Ballyara, whose funeral took place on Christmas Eve;

Josephine Haughey, Fintra Bay, whose funeral took place on Christmas Eve;

Michael Boyle, Glasgow, who died on Tuesday (brother of Bridie McGinley, Five Points).

Pray for: Patrick Ryan, Bridie Rawdon, Jackie Kallides, Paddy Doc & Sarah Agnes Hegarty. Suaimhneas Sioraí.

Christmas Table Quiz in Tara Hotel on Boxing Night at 9.30pm. Proceeds to Donegal/Galway Cancer Bus.

Blessed Sacrament Adoration
No Adoration this weekend 27th /28th Dec
 3rd January - Maureen Cunningham

The Killybegs 'Murillo'
 A4 print of now available in the Church at Our Lady's Altar with flyer: €5. Postcards: €1
Also available in Parish Office:
 Framed Prints: €15. Framed Postcard: €6.

Sunday Collection €1,655.00
Restoration Fund:
 Envelopes 19th & 20th December €1,671.00
Total Restoration Fund: €2,482,896.93
 (Murillo collection to date € 9,250.00)

Pro-Life Church Gate Collection 2/3 January.

January Sunday Rota

READERS
Vigil 7pm: Ann Marie Leslie
09.00am: Maeve Murray
11.00am: Anne Haughey

COLLECTORS
Vigil 7pm: Donal O'Donnell, Rosaleen Carry, Fred Smith
09.00am: Mary Harkin, Seamus Gillespie
11.00am: Pat McGinty, Susan McGilloway

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Vigil 7pm: Máire McGuinness, Anthony McBrearty, Patricia O'Boyle
09.00am: Lisa McGing, Anne Rodgers
11.00am: Rosemary Gallagher, Mary Boyle,

Last Man Standing
 A football lottery in aid of the Restoration Fund. Entry forms available from Parish Office. Covers 6 weeks of Premiership matches, beginning Tuesday 12th January. Choose one winning team each week, naming a team only once. Entry fee €10. Winner gets €400, two €50 consolation prizes.

A clarification on rules regarding Tie Break Questions:

- Highest Scoring Team in Week 6 means singular highest scoring teams (joint highest does not count)
- Total goals scored in Week 6 or the nearest to the total.
- If there is more than one winner, total prize money (€500) will be shared.

Community Care Christmas Draw 2015 Winnes: 1st Eoin McGing, €100; 2nd Atlantic Marine Services, Hamper; 3rd Sgt Tom Mitchell, Cake. Thanks to the factories, businesses and all who supported our draw this year.

Fashion Illustration & Expression Workshop hosted by designer Timothy Mullin on Wed 6th & Thurs 7th January 7 - 9pm in Niall Mór Centre. For more info & pricing: timothymullindesign@gmail.com /086 2661459

Rosary & Divine Mercy and Adoration for the sick of the Parish at home and in hospital: **Tuesday 6.30pm** in Adoration Room. All welcome.

Killybegs Parish Calendar 2016: Some extra complimentary calendars available in Parish Office.

Parish and Restoration Envelopes Anyone who would like a set of envelopes please let Ann know in the Parish Office.

Sunday Missal 2016 Sacristy /Parish Office Complimentary copy for all Readers and Ministers.

First Friday Calls will be on Thursday 7th & Friday 8th January.

Sacrament of Baptism
 Congratulations and Welcome to
Paul Joseph Maguire
Deyan John O'Donnell
Mathew Leon Briers Friel
Bobby Josh Torrens
Xiang Yi Hou
Ailbhe Hou
Ruoyi Riona Hou
Dylan Senan Gillespie-McMenamin
Darragh Thomas Leese Meehan