

**St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs**

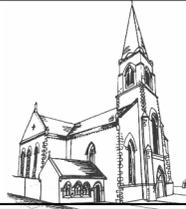
**Parish Office: Mon to Fri. 9.15am to 2.45pm. Tel: 074 9731013**

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



**Mercy and Forgiveness**

We have entered into a year of grace and forgiveness, which Pope Francis has proclaimed as a Jubilee Year of Mercy. It is a year in which God's merciful and forgiving love is offered to us in greater abundance... to receive mercy and forgiveness of our sins is something very precious. It lightens the burden that weighs on our heart. It gives peace of soul and makes us happy. We should not miss this chance to receive God's mercy and pardon..

We are asked not only to open our hearts to receive God's merciful love but also to learn ourselves to show mercy to others and forgive them. 'Be merciful even as your Father (in heaven) is merciful' (Lk 6:36)... neighbours who fall out and no longer greet or speak with each other... the same is true at times between members of the same family... having the courage to say "sorry"....

This Year then is an invitation and an opportunity to forgive others the wrong they did against us, just as God forgives us the offences we commit against Him. Forgiving others is not easy...

*Jesus, Son of the living God, have mercy on me, a sinner.*

Bishop Philp Boyce, Pastoral Letter, Lent 2016

**Thank you from Clara House**

Parents, Friends, Staff & Service Users thank all sponsors, private persons and all who bought tickets to attend our New Year's Eve Ball in aid of our Interactive Sensory Room at Clara. The night was a huge success, we raised €17,000 and will now begin the first phase of our sensory room. To finish the project the target is €44,000. We wish to thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping our service users, and your contribution will make an enormous difference in their lives.

**Thank You** Mary T Curran & family, Roshine, with her sister Aine Doogan, Falcarragh, thank their extended family, neighbours and friends for their support during their recent very sad loss of a much loved mother, granny and sister, Kathleen Doogan, Falcarragh. Thank you to the staff at Killybegs Family Health Centre, Margaret Murphy, Public Health Nurse, Aileen Henry & Palliative Nurses Carmel Brown and Bridget Mc Gill.

Thank you to Fr. Colm. Mass will be offered for your intentions on Thursday 3rd March 10am. *Kathleen's Month's Mind Mass on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> March at 11am in St. Finian's Church, Falcarragh.*

**Donegal Diabetes Church Gate Collection 5th/6th March**

**First Friday Calls** this week, Thurs & Fri, with Communion and Anointing. Anyone not on the list who would like a call let us know.

**The Lyit School of Tourism, Killybegs,**

presents

**A Four-Course Gourmet Dinner**



**A Fundraising Event**

in aid of St Mary's Restoration Fund  
in the School of Tourism, Killybegs,  
**on Tuesday, 8th March 2016, 7.00pm.**

- Includes Cocktails, Mocktails, Wine
- Raffle Prizes
- A number of items for Auction

**Why not organise a small group for this informal evening's entertainment?**

*Tickets €30 now available  
from Ann in the Parish Office.*

**Tax Rebates**

Tax relief on donations of €250 or over, made to the church annually, can be claimed for the Restoration Fund. Tax relief can now be claimed from both PAYE and SELF ASSESSED. Refunds will be given to us at a specified rate, currently 31%. A new Enduring Declaration can be signed, valid for 5 years. We will contact by post all eligible donors, inviting you to sign the Enduring Declaration (valid until 2017). We hope to process the Tax Rebates for 2013, 2014 & 2015 shortly.

**The Outreach Officer** in Foresters Hall on Thurs 3rd March 11am - 1pm. No appointment necessary. For more info: 074 9161979

**Rota:** Daily Readers, Monthly Readers & Holy Week available on table in middle aisle.

- **Sunday 28th February 2016: Third Sunday of Lent, Cycle C**
- **Weekday Readings: Third Week of Lent**

**Saturday 27th February: 07.00pm** - James O'Donnell (Anniversary)  
Peter Breslin (Anniversary)  
John James & Peter McGuinness (Anniversaries)  
Philomena McDevitt (Friel) (Anniversary)

**Sunday 28th February: 09.00am** - Special Intention  
**11.00am** - Anne Wade & deceased members Byrne family Belbane

**Monday 29th February: 10.00am** - Con McGuinness (11th Anniversary)

**Tuesday 1st March: 08.30am** - Charlie & Rose Conwell (Anniversaries)

**Wednesday 2nd March: 07.00pm** - Anthony Kelly R.I.P.

**Thursday 3rd March: 10.00am** - Special intention (thanksgiving)  
**07.00pm** - *Stations of the Cross*

**Friday 4th March: 10.00am** - Special Intention

**Saturday 5th March: 07.00pm** - Maureen McCauley (2nd Anniversary)  
Paddy & Kathleen Thornton (Anniversaries)  
Josie & Catherine Meehan (Anniversaries)  
Deceased members of O'Donnell family

**Sunday 6th March: 09.00am** - Eileen Hegarty (5th Anniversary)  
**11.00am** - Mary Theresa Friel (3rd Anniversary)

**Adoration:** Sunday 6pm to Monday Midnight. **Confessions:** Saturdays, 6.30pm.

**Rosary & Divine Mercy** Tuesday 6.30pm in Adoration Room.

**Pray for: Anne Moloney, Benroe, whose funeral took place in Killybegs yesterday (Saturday); Anthony Kelly, whose funeral was in Kilcock last Wednesday (brother of Joan Greenlaw, Largy); Nora Carr, whose funeral took place in Kilcar on Monday (mother of Jimmy Carr, St Cummins Hill) Des Barry, Longford. Pray for: Joe Kennedy, James O'Donnell. Suaimhneas Siorái.**

**I.C.A.** Meeting in the Niall Mór Centre on Wednesday 2nd March at 7.30pm.

**Family Carers Ireland** are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Support modules in Donegal Town in March. For more info tel: 05793 70221.

**Relay For Life Donegal 2016** at LYIT 4th & 5th June. Now open for team entries. A 24 hour event that brings the whole community together to celebrate the lives of cancer survivors and increasing knowledge and awareness of cancer. To take part: relayforlifedonegal@gmail.com / (087)2482775.

**Niall Mór Centre 074 97 41863**  
**southwestdonegalcdp1@gmail.com**  
3 day **First Aid Course** FETAC Level 5 in May.  
**Meditation Class** including group healing Saturday 5th March 10am -11am. Tel: Cat 086 7978500.  
**Supervisory Management Course** starts 1st March, 2 nights per week, 7pm -10pm for 10 Weeks.  
**1 day Safe Pass Course** in March, 8am -5pm. If in receipt of a S. W. payment tel: 07497 40068.  
**Bouncy Castle Parties** Includes a small indoor and large covered outdoor bouncy castle; 2-hour room hire; Karaoke Machine; Hot party food available on request; Enclosed outdoor court for football and basketball; Tea & Coffee facilities available.

**Blessed Sacrament Adoration**  
28th February - Brendan O'Keeney  
6th March - Anthony McBrearty

**Sunday Collection** € 1,355.00  
**Restoration Fund:**  
Envelopes 20th & 21st February € 1,765.00  
Murillo Donation € 500.00  
**Total Restoration Fund: €2,527.624.78**  
*Thanks for your continued generosity.*

**Anam Cara Bereavement Information**  
Evening on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March 7.30pm - 9.30pm in Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. All services available free of charge to bereaved parents. RSVP to info@anamcara.ie / 01 4045378 before Wed 9<sup>th</sup> March.

**Alzheimers Society Donegal Branch**  
wish to thank everyone who contributed to their Church Gate Collection of €803.77. Thanks also to those who helped out.

**The Millennium Room Training Restaurant**  
in the School of Tourism is open to the public on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Service is from 12.30pm to 1.30pm. Booking essential. Tel: (074) 9186600