

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Masses and Services: Live streaming www.mcn.live (link on website)



A Word from Fr Colm

I will celebrate A Mass of Thanksgiving this Sunday 28th June 11am to mark the Golden Jubilee of my Ordination. I feel very blessed to be granted the gift of fifty years in priestly ministry, made possible through the grace of God, the support of others, good health and my own humble efforts. The friendship and generosity of parishioners, of family, friends and fellow priests and many others are deeply appreciated. In particular, being here in Killybegs for 23 years has been such a great blessing. My constant companion for nearly 17 of those years was the late Charlie Boyle who made me feel so much at home in this parish. I am eternally grateful to Charlie. I was so energised by all those involved in different ministries and committees, in the church, in the schools and in the parish. The Sunday Masses are always a weekly highlight with the participation of all generations, including the children and the Parish Choir. Christmas and Easter were always so memorable. The enthusiasm, generosity and expertise of all involved in the Restoration of the Church building were overwhelming. Parish Secretary Ann O'Donnell has been invaluable both in her professional capacity with her cheerful presence and as a friend and Parish Sacristan Patricia O'Boyle has been ever reliable and ever present. It is a privilege to serve in this parish in the midst of all the joy and sorrows, the challenges and opportunities. Having been ordained on the 27th June 1976, I spent 18 years with the Irish Chaplaincy in Britain, serving in four different London parishes and on my return home 6 years in Milford and Kerrykeel. I have so much to be grateful for. After the Mass of Thanksgiving, there will be refreshments in Foresters Hall and everyone is welcome.

Entrance Hymn: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me.
I once was lost but now I'm found,
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come.

'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home. (Repeat Verse On)



A Word from Ann, our Parish Secretary

On behalf of the Parish I would like to send our warmest congratulations to Fr Colm on the occasion of his Golden Jubilee, celebrating 50 years of priesthood, the last 23 years here in Killybegs. Thank you for your kindness, compassion and unwavering dedication to the parish community. Wishing you good health and happiness and many more years of ministry.

A Blessing for Priesthood by John O'Donohue

May the blessings released through your hands
Cause windows to open in darkened minds.
May the sufferings your calling brings
Be but winter before the spring.
May your solitude be a voyage
Into the wilderness and wonder of God.
May you find words full of divine warmth
To clothe the dying in the language of dawn.
May the slow light of the Eucharist
Be a sure shelter around your future.



Liturgy of the Word for Children

Sunday 5th July 11am.



Parish Choir Practice

Monday 7.15pm



Final Hymn: Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you:

allelu, alleluia

Chorus: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu, alleluia

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock and it shall be opened unto you:
allelu, alleluia (Chorus)

We do not live by bread alone but by ev'ry word
that comes forth from the mouth of God:
allelu, alleluia (Chorus)



• Sunday 28th June 2026:

• Weekday Readings:

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Weekday 2

Masses will be relayed on the webcamera: go to killybegsparish.com for a link to Online Services or mcn.live

Saturday	27th June:	07.00pm	- Patsy Rowan (15th Anniversary) Frankie O'Donnell (49th Anniversary)
Sunday	28th June:	09.00am	- Breid & James Cunningham (Anniversaries)
		11.00am	- Thanksgiving Intention (Fr Colm) Liam Hegarty (35th Anniversary)
Monday	29th June:	10.00am	- Special Intention
Tuesday	30th June:	10.00am	- Special Intention
Thursday	2nd July:	10.00am	- Dymphna Harvey (48th), Maureen (45th), Roger (21st) Shawn (5th) O'Carroll (Anniversaries)
Friday	3rd July:	10.00am	- Special Intentions
Saturday	4th July:	07.00pm	- Patsy O'Rourke (Anniversary) Marie Boyle (12th Anniversary) Stephen Boyle (32nd Anniversary)
Sunday	5th July:	09.00am	- Baby Margaret Callaghan (50th Anniversary)
		11.00am	- Patsy McGowan (7th Anniversary)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Monday 11am to 7pm.

Pray for: Tadhg Callaghan - Carter (15) who died tragically at The Donegal Rally last weekend.

For those whose anniversaries occur: Jimmy Cassidy, Frankie Murray, Bill Tyler. [Suaimhneas Sioraí](#).

First Friday Calls: Fr Colm will begin the calls this week. If anyone not on the list would like him to call, just let him know.

Mary's Meals A sponsored beard and head shave by Fr Eamonn Kelly at the Diamond, Donegal Town, Saturday 11th July from Noon to 4pm. Mary's Meals are feeding 3,060,011 children every day in school and €22 provides food for a child for a full school year. Any support greatly appreciated <https://www.idonate.ie/event/frkellysbeardshavechallenge>

Annual Pilgrimage to Inniskeel Island

St Conal's Turas, Narin, Sunday 12th July, leaving beach at 9.30am. Everyone is most welcome.

Leitir Corn Mill, Kilcar

Car boot sale Saturday 11th July 10am -1pm.
Text 0876123184 or 0872453210

The Story of Textiles in the Southwest Donegal Gaeltacht

A book launch in Aislann Chill Chartha Friday 3rd July 7.30pm. A significant section of the book covers the history of the Killybegs Carpet Factory and the people connected to it.

Sandra's 21st Annual Run Saturday 4th July



Please put up teddies and support us for this great cause.

Dancing in Bay View from 9pm.

Music by the Minor Tones.

Free to all. Everyone welcome.

Sunday Collection	21st June	€1140.00
Maintenance Fund	21st June	€1420.00

St. Vincent de Paul Contact No. 087 3507727

Adoration in the Adoration Room

every Wednesday evening 6-7pm. All welcome.



Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Eimear Gallier and Dermot McElchar
who got married recently.

A Family Prayer for the holidays

Heavenly Father, please bless our holiday.
Help our family to have patience & understanding.
Guide us to be mindful of this time together.
Help us to make compromises when necessary
and handle any chaos with your love and grace.
Open our eyes to see the beauty of the memories
we are creating that will last a lifetime. Amen.

Dunkineely Community Centre Sunday Social
28th June 8pm to 10pm. Music Martin Robinson –
Glenside Country. Adm €10 includes refreshments

Niall Mor Community & Enterprise Centre

074 9741863

Driver CPC Safety Training Module 5- Safetech
Ltd: Saturday July 18th 9am-5pm

Citizens Advice Service - Free Legal Advice:

Tuesday June 30th 10am-2pm

we also do posters, leaflets, binding & much more.