

Christmas Wishes from St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

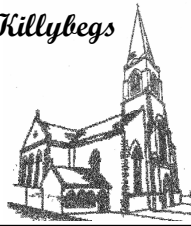
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May the Lord bless you and keep you in 2014 and bring you peace and hope, health and light.

Christmas Gratitude

The Celebration of Christmas is always an invitation to be more mindful of the presence of God in our world. Since God was made flesh in Jesus Christ, we have a heightened awareness of God's presence in each human being upon the face of the earth, including ourselves. It is in that spirit of awareness and gratitude that we celebrated the Advent Service of Reconciliation, the Christmas Carol Service and our Christmas Masses.

Sincere thanks to everyone who helped with the preparations and the celebrations. We are indebted to Fr Joe Chambers who led the Service of Reconciliation. In acknowledging our sins in thought, word and deed, we also acknowledge God's life-giving presence with us in thought, word and deed. 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 Choral Group and Choir, under the direction of Paul Coughlan. Out 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, Eoin and Jack, under Ann O'Donnell's direction, accompanied by musicians Sara O'Donnell, Janet Boyle and Miriam Curran. There was a beautiful rendering of O Holy Night by Roisín O'Donnell, along with Kelly McGinley, as there was at the Midnight Mass by Megan Quinn. Maeva Murray, who is recovering from illness, would be very proud of them!

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. Charlie Boyle was looking after the Crib for the 49th year, assisted by Patrick and Betty Boyle. I think we got the location spot-on this year! Our thanks also to the Christmas Tree Team and the Altar Society.

Our gratitude to all involved in the delivery of the Church & Restoration Envelopes, the Parish Calendar 2014 & the Christmas Newsletter. The whole operation was coordinated by Ann O'Donnell, Parish Secretary, whose enthusiasm and endeavour in the Parish Office is much appreciated. We are grateful to everyone who supports the parish financially throughout the year. I am conscious that, in these difficult times, the restoration project has made extra financial demands on your resources. Your ongoing generosity is much appreciated. Our sincere thanks to all parish committees and organisations who do such good work throughout the year, including the Counters who are on weekly duty all year. Our thanks to 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 míle maith agaibh. Wishing you good health and peace throughout 2014.

Beannachtaí na hAithbhliana oraibh uilig, Fr Colm.

First Friday Calls

will be on Thursday 9th & Friday 10th January

Rosary at Croaghlin Mass Rock

on New Year's Eve at 11.45pm

Last Man Standing

A football competition in aid of the Restoration Fund: covers 6 weeks of Premiership matches, beginning Saturday 11th January. Entry fee €10, prize of €400. Two €50 consolation prizes. Please return entries with fee to Parish Office by Friday 10th January. More entry forms in Parish Office.

The Children's Liturgy will take place in the Parish Office (weather permitting) while the Adoration Room is closed.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

will take place every Sunday evening 6pm - 7pm in the Church, until the Adoration Room is back in use.

Pro-Life Trust Church Gate Collection 4th/5th January.

- **Sunday 29th December 2013: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
- **Weekday Readings: Before Epiphany**

Saturday	28th December:	07.00pm - Mary Ann McGill (Anniversary)
Sunday	29th December:	09.00am - Ethel Blaine (Anniversary) 11.00am - Barney Murrin (Anniversary)
Monday	30th December:	11.00am - John O'Donnell (Month's Mind Mass) 07.00pm - Con Doogan (Anniversary)
Tuesday	31st December:	10.00am - Freda Gillespie (Anniversary)
Wednesday	<i>Mary, Mother of God</i>	1st January: 11.00am - Charles McLaughlin (Anniversary)
Thursday	2nd January:	10.00am - Jason McGovern, Monaghan (Anniversary)
Friday	3rd January:	10.00am - Norah & Edward Leslie (Anniversaries) 07.00pm - Josie O'Donnell (1st Anniversary)
Saturday	4th January:	07.00pm - Justine & Hughie McGuinness (Anniversaries)
Sunday	5th January:	09.00am - Fionnuala Gorman (6th Anniversary) 11.00am - Annie McGuinness (1st Anniversary)

Confessions Saturday 6.30pm;

Adoration Sunday 6pm - 7pm;

Please note: Mass on Monday & Wednesday 11am

Pray for those who died recently: Eileen Doherty, whose funeral took place in Moville on Thursday (sister in law of John Doherty, Church Rd).

Pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Baby John Kelly, Sarah O'Donnell, Michael Hugh Byrne, Con Gillespie, Patrick Ryan. Suaimhneas Sioraí.

Killybegs Calendar 2014

A complimentary Calendar has been delivered to your home.

Extra complimentary copies available from the Sacristy or the Parish Office.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to

Louise Cunningham & Paul McNulty who were married recently.

'The Mass Rocks of Killybegs' Available in Parish Office, Sacristy and locally. Price €15 (2 for €25).

Best Wishes and every success

to the owner & staff of The Bay View Hotel.

January Sunday Rota

READERS

Vigil: Patricia Dowd

9.00am: Eleanor Gallagher

11.00am: Patricia Murrin

COLLECTORS

Vigil: Donal O'Donnell, Rosaleen Carry, Fred Smith

9.00am: Michael Melly, Mary Harkin

11.00am: Rosemary Kelly, Kathleen McBrearty

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST

Vigil: Máire McGuinness, Anthony McBrearty, Patricia O'Boyle

9.00am: Linda Gallagher, Lisa McGing

11.00am: Celia McGee, Rosemary Gallagher, Mary Boyle

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

29th December - Caroline O'Gorman

5th January - Patricia O'Boyle

Sunday Collection € 1,705.00

Restoration & Development Fund:

Envelopes 21st & 22nd December € 1,706.00

Donations € 400.00

Total Fund: €2,135,287.53

Donegal Waste Christmas Collections

Wednesday's Collection will be on Tues 31st.

Sacrament of Baptism

Congratulations to

Carly Eileen McMahon

Enda Kevin Collum Curran

Megan Cormack

Shannon Toni McGinty

Kayla Cunningham

Conor Hugh Doogan

Teegan Anne Murphy

Disco for National School children in Bruckless Community Centre on Monday 30th December 7pm - 9pm. All welcome!

Sunday Missal 2014 €5

Sacristy/Parish Office. Complimentary copy for all Readers & Ministers of the Eucharist.