

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

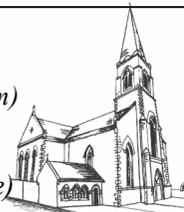
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Masses and Services: Live streaming www.mcncmedia.tv (link on website)



The Coronavirus Pandemic

In accordance with Government directives and Diocesan norms the following arrangements apply:

All Masses with congregations, Sunday and weekday, are cancelled for the time being.

Everyone is dispensed from the Sunday obligation. Mass will be celebrated behind closed doors at St Mary's, Killybegs, and streamed live on the webcam. Go to the parish website:

killybegsparish.com to get a link or go to mcncmedia.tv

A full list of Masses on the opposite page.

A recording of one Sunday Mass will be available.

The church will be open at the usual times 8am - 8pm (summertime opening) except during Mass. You are encouraged to call in and pray and light a candle if you wish.

There will be no organized Adoration for the time being. People are welcome to pray for an hour in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament at any time.

Confirmation is postponed until further notice. Special arrangements will be made for weddings, funerals and baptisms, with only the immediate family present. It is important that people be discouraged from travelling to funerals at this time. The Parish Newsletter will be available in the church and online as usual, from Friday 3pm.

It's vitally important that we take every precaution to protect ourselves and others from the Coronavirus and to pray especially for those who are working in the frontline services, in healthcare, retail and in many other capacities.

Ann O'Donnell, Parish Secretary, can be contacted outside office hours on: 0876735139

The Coronavirus:

basic guidelines to protect yourself and others

- Wash your hands thoroughly & frequently.
- Keep your hands away from your mouth, eyes and nose.
- Keep your distance from sneezes and coughs
- Use tissues and dispose of them safely. Otherwise, cough into your elbow joint.
- We will keep the holy water fonts empty.

Dear Parishioners & Friends

We live in surreal times. We are being reminded that this is the calm before the storm, as the Covid-19 pandemic is about to descend upon us with all its might. It is a time to be calm, careful, compassionate and prayerful. It is so important to keep reminding ourselves that God is love and that God is with us in all our trials & tribulations.

It was a real moment of national solidarity on Thursday evening at 8pm when people throughout the country, including Dáil members, took a moment to applaud all who are doing tremendous work in our health services and all frontline workers. Our own Church bells rang in solidarity. We are so grateful to the many people who are in the frontline locally: health-workers, all in the retail and service industries, including drivers who keep the show on the road.

It is a major disappointment for our 36 Confirmation candidates that the celebration could not proceed last Sunday and the 42 First Communion children will also have to adjust to a new timetable. We all have to make major adjustments. It helps to have the web-camera in the Church so that Masses can be live-streamed and it will be the same for Holy Week. We will try our best to adapt the ceremonies for live-streaming. Presently it is only Patrician, our Sacristan, and Ann, our Parish Secretary, with myself who are in the church during the celebrations. I am very grateful to them and also to Roisín & Sara O'Donnell who are providing us with beautiful hymns, pre-recorded in their own home. All being well, the O'Donnell family will help with the Holy Week celebrations.

Though this is a time of self-isolation and physical distancing, it is also very much a time to be united. The threat we face is great but every person has to be self protected for their own good and for everybody's good. Though apart, we are very much together. May the Lord bless his people throughout the world including our own, at home and abroad, and protect us during these coming days and weeks and watch over all frontline workers and be with all who are suffering at this time.

le gach dea-ghuí, Fr Colm

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE: Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

- **Sunday 29th March 2020:** Fifth Sunday of Lent Year A
- **Weekday Readings:** Fifth Week of Lent

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions all celebrations below take place behind closed doors and will be relayed on the webcam: go to killybegsparish.com for a link to the live streaming

Saturday	28th March: 07.00pm - Michael Carroll (2nd Anniversary) Margaret Mary Rowan-Mackie (6th Anniv) Jack Murchan (Anniversary)
Sunday	29th March: 11.00am - Anne Dorrian (1st Anniversary) Annie & James Byrne (Anniversaries)
Monday	30th March: 10.00am - John Erskine R.I.P.
Tuesday	31st March: 10.00am - Special Intentions
Wednesday	1st April: 10.00am - Special Intentions
Thursday	2nd April: 10.00am - Tom Reddington (Anniversary) 07.00pm - Stations of the Cross
Friday	3rd April: 10.00am - Dennis McGinley R.I.P.
Saturday	4th April: 07.00pm - Denis Kinsella (3rd Anniversary)
Sunday	5th April: 11.00am - Keith Gallagher (18th Anniversary)

Adoration, Confessions, Rosary/ Divine Mercy Cancelled until further notice

Pray for: John Erskine, London / Bungostin, Killybegs, who died Friday, funeral arrangements later; Dennis McGinley, Hanwell, London, whose funeral takes place on Wednesday (brother-in-law of Myles Cunningham). Pray for: Mary Kate & Mick McGuire, Annie Byrne. Suaimhneas Storaí.

Mass from St Eunan's Cathedral: on RTE News Now every morning 10.30am or churchservices.tv
Rosary and a time of prayer with Bishop Alan each night 9.15pm: www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny or <https://m.facebook.com/Raphoe-Diocese-108004564165043/>

Radio Maria Ireland Listen via TV on Saorview - Channel 210 and Freeview - Channel 826.

Celebrating Holy Week:

Sunday 5th April to Sunday 12th April

All celebrations live-streamed behind closed doors:

- **Palm/Passion Sunday: Masses at Saturday 7pm (Vigil) & Sunday 11am**
- **The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Holy Thursday, 7.00pm**
- **The Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Good Friday, 3.00pm.**
Your intentions will be placed at the foot of the Cross, awaiting the Light of Christ.
- **Stations of the Cross: Good Friday, 9pm**
- **The Easter Vigil: Holy Saturday Night, 9.00pm.**
- **Easter Sunday Mass: 11.00am.**

Good Friday 2pm: Procession of Witness from Our Lady's Grotto, Fintra Rd, to the Church (Fr Colm & 3 others, subject to circumstances).

You are welcome to place their weekly envelopes (Parish & Restoration) through the Parish Office letterbox or into either donation box in the church porch.

Sunday Collection	€365.00
Education of Students	€ 90.00
Trócaire	€ 50.00
Restoration Fund	
Envelopes 21st & 22nd March	€240.00
Total Restoration Fund:	€3,174,576.43

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Church Opening & Closing Times:

Summertime opens at **8am**, closes at **8pm** (or after evening Mass).



Church will remain open throughout the day except during Mass times & Stations of the Cross.

O God of love, whose compassions fail not, we bring before you the suffering of all humanity: the pains of those sick and their carers; the sorrows of the bereaved; the fragility of the aged and infirm; the necessities of the homeless; the plight of refugees; the anxiety of all in the valley of the shadows.

Almighty and merciful God, you who are afflicted in the affliction of your people, comfort and relieve all of them according to their several needs and your great mercy; for the sake of your Son and our saviour Jesus Christ.