

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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### Return to Public Worship from Monday 10th May

We can happily resume the public celebration of Mass from Monday 10th May, attendance restricted to 50.

We need to proceed with great care and make every effort to maximise protection and minimise risk. The situation in Donegal is very worrying at present with high Covid-19 infection rates. According to public health workers, Covid outbreaks are linked to peer parties, birthday parties & back-to-school parties, older secondary students congregating socially and social events linked to wakes/funerals. Covid outbreaks are widespread in some parts of the county more than others but compliance with Covid guidelines is so vital for everyone. We will do our utmost so that all safety requirements are put in place and adhered to.

There is no obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days during these pandemic times. Every person should consider carefully if returning to public worship is the safe and appropriate step for them to take at this time. Livestreaming is always available. From Monday 10th May, please consider each Mass as a Sunday Mass and if you wish to attend, please do so only once a week so that everyone gets an opportunity to attend.

**We need help with sanitising and stewarding. There will be a meeting for all helpers next Sunday 9th May at 7.00pm in the Church. If you can help, please come along and we will plan things together.**

Following Diocesan guidelines and in view of the recent Government directive that First Holy Communion and Confirmation ceremonies should not take place at this time,

**First Holy Communion** will be arranged for September (similar to last year) but First Confessions may take place before the end of the school year.

**The Celebration of Confirmation** can hopefully be arranged before the young people move on to the Vocational School, sometime after the schools close in June and before September. We will be in a better position to arrange a date in a month's time (similar format to last year).

*I know it is disappointing for the young people, parents and schools and we will try to bring greater clarity to the situation as soon as possible. The Government's real concern is not about the religious ceremonies themselves but with the possibility of parties taking place afterwards. We need to be proactive in ensuring that we do not unwittingly contribute to the spread of the virus.*

**The Celebration of Baptism** will resume after Monday 10th May but for the months of May and June attendance will be restricted to 6 people. The situation should change by July.

**Funerals** restricted to 50 mourners: this applies to the church and the graveyard. 'Related events, either before or after, should not take place'.

**Weddings** restricted to 50 guests in the chapel. 'For celebrations/receptions, a maximum of 6 people for indoor gatherings and 15 people for outdoor gatherings'.

**Sanitise your hands often... keep a distance of 2 metres from others... wear a face covering...**

**The church is open for private prayer every day: 8am - 8pm. Take care.**

◆ **Sunday 2nd May 2021: Fifth Sunday of Easter: Year B**

◆ **Weekday Readings: Fifth Week of Easter**

Masses will be relayed on the webcam: go to [killybegsparish.com](http://killybegsparish.com) for a link to the live streaming

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>1st May:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Katie & Joseph Mc Hugh (Anniversaries) Kathleen Erskine (Anniversary) Connie Gallagher (Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>2nd May:</b>	<b>11.00am</b> - Tony O'Callaghan (3rd Anniversary)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>3rd May:</b>	<b>11.00am</b> - Liam Mc Gonagle R.I.P.
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>4th May:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Vincent Cunningham (3rd Anniversary)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>6th May:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Pat & Carmel Mc Brearty (Anniversaries)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>7th May:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Special Intentions
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>8th May:</b>	<b>12 noon</b> - Shawn O'Carroll R.I.P. (Month's Mind Mass) <b>07.00pm</b> - Special Intentions
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>9th May:</b>	<b>11.00am</b> - Teresa Mc Clafferty (4th Anniversary)

*Please note: Mass on Monday livestreamed at 11.00am.*

**Pray for: Patrick John Hegarty**, late of Straleeney, whose funeral will be in Sussex on 12th May.  
*Suaimeas Siorai*

**Killybegs Online Bingo** Every Monday 8pm. Books on sale in Curran's Shop until 6pm on Sundays.

#### St. Vincent De Paul

We encourage anyone who is under financial stress to contact us, all requests treated in confidence. Ring any of the following: 087 3507727, 9731186, 9731426, 9731391. Those wishing to support our work may donate by using the above details.

**Killybegs Community Kitchen** Do you or anyone you may know need a healthy dinner cooked and delivered to your house 3 days a week. Cost is €5 per dinner. If so contact the Community Kitchen Office at the Foresters Hall, Phone 0749731666 or email [kepltd2@outlook.ie](mailto:kepltd2@outlook.ie).

#### COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open 7 days a week, 8am - 8pm, tel: 0818 222 024.

#### Experienced Cleaner available mid-week.

Contact 0872127423.

*"Humanity still has the ability to work together in building our common home. As Christians inspired by this certainty, we wish to commit ourselves to the conscious and responsible care of our common home."*

Pope Francis



**Thank You:** Ray Sheehan and Annette O'Donnell, with their extended family, would like to thank everyone who sympathised with them during the bereavement of their beautiful baby boy Matthew. Thanks to everyone who sent cards, gifts, phoned or messaged. We would also like to thank Fr Colm for the beautiful Mass of the Angels, thanks to Sacristan Patricia, Undertakers Jackie McBrearty and Colm McClafferty and the Charity Féileacáin. A Mass will be offered for your intentions.