

St. Mary's Parish, Killybegs

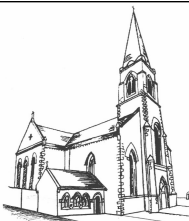
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A New Year Blessing for 2013
 May the Lord bless you and keep you.
 May the Lord let his face shine on you and
 be gracious to you. May the Lord uncover his face to you
 and bring you peace, hope and light in the New Year.

Feast of the Epiphany:
Sunday 6th January Masses at 7pm (Vigil),
 9am & 11am Masses on Sunday
Please note: All evening Masses,
 weekday and weekend, will be at 7.00pm

First Friday Calls this Thursday and Friday as usual.

Rosary New Year's Eve 11.45pm, Mass Rock

Christmas Gratitude

Sincere thanks to everyone involved in the preparation and celebration of Christmas. It was great to be back in our beautifully restored Church for all the celebrations. We are grateful to Fr Joe Chambers who lead the Examination of Conscience at the Reconciliation Service with a very apt and relevant presentation. Our thanks to everyone involved in the captivating Carol Service including the hugely talented young people from Fintra, Niall Mór & Commons National Schools and St Catherine's Vocational School and the Choral Group & Choir, under the direction of Paul Coughlan. Our thanks to everyone involved in the Children's Mass on Christmas Eve - there was literally no room in the inn! Special thanks to the Junior Choir, under the direction of Ann O'Donnell, with musicians Sara O'Donnell, Janet Boyle & Miriam Curran and all the parents who helped.

Thanks to everyone involved in all the Christmas Masses and all the celebrations: Maeve Murray and the Choir, Readers, Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers, Collectors, and Patricia O'Boyle, Sacristan. Our thanks to the Altar Society and all responsible for the Christmas Trees and the Crib, with Charlie Boyle continuing to work enthusiastically behind the scenes throughout the year. Our gratitude to all involved in the delivery of Church & Restoration Envelopes, Parish Calendars & Christmas Newsletters. Thanks to everyone who bought St Mary's Christmas Cards in aid of the Restoration Fund. Sincere thanks to Ann O'Donnell, Parish Secretary, for her commitment & enthusiasm throughout the year. We are grateful to everyone who support the parish financially during the year. It is difficult times and the restoration project has made extra financial demands on your resources. Thank you for your ongoing generosity. Our sincere thanks to all parish committees and organizations for their endeavours, including the Counters who are on weekly duty all year.

On a personal note my sincere thanks for your gifts, generous Christmas offerings and good wishes. Go raibh mile maith agaibh. Wishing you health and peace in 2013,
 Beannachtaí na hAithbhliana oraibh uilig,

Fr Colm

A New Year Thought from Mother to Child..

*I gave you life, but cannot live it for you. I can give you directions, but I cannot force you to follow them.
 I can take you to church each Sunday, but I cannot make you believe.
 I can give you love, but I cannot make you take it.
 I can teach you to share, but I cannot make you unselfish.
 I can teach you respect, but I cannot force you to be honourable.
 I can advise you about friends, but cannot choose them for you.
 I can advise you about relationships, but I cannot keep you pure.
 I can tell you about alcohol and drugs, but I cannot say 'no' for you.
 I can teach you about kindness, but I cannot force you to be courteous.
 I can pray for you, but I cannot make you walk with God.
 I can tell you how to live, but I cannot give you eternal life.*

- **Sunday 30th December 2012: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**
- **Weekday Readings: Before Epiphany**

Saturday 29th December: 07.30pm - Mary Ann McGill (Anniversary)
Sunday 30th December: 09.00am - Barney Murrin (Anniversary)
11.00am - Funeral Mass for Charlie McGuinness R.I.P.
 Special Intention (Thanksgiving)

Monday 31st December: 10.00am - Freda Gillespie (3rd Anniversary)
Tuesday *Mary, Mother of God*

1st January: 12 noon - Con Doogan (3rd Anniversary)
Wednesday 2nd January: 07.00pm - Fionnuala Gorman (5th Anniversary)

Thursday 3rd January: 10.00am - Anna Marie Murphy (Month's Mind Mass)
Friday 4th January: 10.00am - Con Gillespie (10th Anniversary)

07.00pm - John Carr R.I.P.

Saturday 5th January: 07.00pm - John McGuire, Teresa Carroll & deceased McGuire family
Sunday *The Epiphany of the Lord*

6th January: 09.00am - Mary & Con Harkin (Anniversaries)
11.00am - Bridget Cooper (Anniversary)

Adoration - No Adoration this weekend **Confessions** - Saturday 6.30pm.

Please note: Mass on New Year's Day at 12 noon. Evening Masses at 7pm

Pray for those who died recently: Charlie McGuinness, formerly Largy, whose funeral takes place today, Sunday (brother of John Paul McGuinness); Annie McGuinness, Island, whose funeral took place on Wednesday; Maggie O'Gara, Muckcross, whose funeral took place in Kilcar on Wednesday. Pray for: Elizabeth Coleman (1st Anniversary), Baby Coleen McBrearty, Bridget Byrne, Sarah O'Donnell, Suaimhneas Sioráí.

Killybegs Calendar 2013 If you need extra complimentary copies, call to the Parish Office.

Church Gate Collection A Pro-Life Trust
 Collection will be taken up on 5th & 6th January at all Masses in aid of the unborn children.

Greeting Cards from Killybegs
 now available from the Parish Office.
 Pack of 6 for €5 (two sets of cards featuring the Church) in aid of the Restoration Fund.

January Sunday Rota
READERS
Vigil: Pat Connaghan
9.00am: John Leslie
11.00am: Noleen Boyle
COLLECTORS
Vigil: Donal O'Donnell, Rosaleen Carry, Anne Marie Leslie
9.00am: Tony O'Callaghan, Mary Harkin
11.00am: Kathleen McBrearty & Pat McGinty
MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST
Vigil: Máire McGuinness, Celia McGee, Anthony McBrearty
9.00am: Anne Rodgers, Christine Smith
11.00am: Rosemary Gallagher, Mary Boyle, Mary Cunningham

Blessed Sacrament Adoration
No Adoration on 30th / 31st December
 6th January - Patricia Boyle

Sunday Collection **€1,683.00**

Restoration & Development Fund:
 Envelopes 22nd & 23rd Dec: € 1,750.00
 Donations € 2,000.00
 Carol Service € 709.00
Total Fund: €1,971,475.86
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

'Unite for Life'
 Vigil on Sat 19th January in Dublin at 4.30pm in Merrion Square for the safeguarding of the lives of mothers and babies in pregnancy.

Church Envelopes 2013
 Anyone who would like to receive a box of envelopes contact Ann in Parish Office.

Change of Date
 The next 'Do this in Memory'
First Communion Celebration will be on Sunday 20th January 11am (not Sunday 27th January) **Parents' Committee** meets Thursday 10th January 8pm in Parish Office.