

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Masses and Services: Live streaming [www.mcnmedia.tv](http://www.mcnmedia.tv) (link on website)



### The Icon of St Brigid

This is the creative work of the late Sr Aloysius Mc Veigh, aunt of Celia Mc Gee, Killybegs.

St. Brigid stands on her father's jewelled sword to signify her renunciation of wealth and her abhorrence of violence. Note the basket of food for the poor (bottom left).

The open book and flame (Solas Bhríde) symbolise her openness to God's Word as well as the presence of the Holy Spirit in her life. Brigid was leader of the Church in Kildare (Cill Dara, meaning church of the oak). See the oak trees and the beehive cells. Nature, creation and animals feature throughout St. Brigid's life. She was farsighted in terms of climate change and ecology awareness.

The parable of Brigid spreading her cloak over the Curragh of Kildare is evocative of the gift of God's lavish love. Brat Bhríde ort, the cloak of Brigid upon you, is a popular Irish blessing.

Take a look at St Brigid's Cross on the top left panel. St Brigid's Cross is frequently placed over a door as a symbol of protection and blessing. The symbols of the four evangelists (clockwise bottom left: Matthew, Mark, John and Luke) indicate her living of the Gospel.

### Sacraments of Confirmation / First Confession / Holy Communion

- The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be rearranged once the schools reopen.
- The date for the Sacrament of First Confession will be rearranged once the school reopens.
- First Holy Communion on Saturday 15th May is still under consideration.

### Feast of St Brigid: Monday 1st February:

Blessing of Crosses at 10am Mass. Have your crosses ready at home for the blessing or leave them in the church beforehand.

### Presentation of the Lord: Tues. 2nd February:

Blessing of Candles at 10am Mass. Have your candles ready at home for the blessing or leave them in the church beforehand.

### Feast of St. Blaise: Wednesday 3rd February:

The Blessing of Throats will take place at 10am Mass. Tune in for the blessing.

- Sunday 31st January 2021: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
- Weekday Readings: Fourth Week of Ordinary Time Cycle 1

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

Saturday	30th January: 07.00pm - Annie McBrearty, Johnny & Bridget Harkin (Anniversaries)
Sunday	31st January: 11.00am - Con O'Donnell (Anniversary) Special Intention
Monday	1st February: 10.00pm - Mike Gulvin (7th Anniversary)
Tuesday	2nd February: 10.00am - Baby Rian Vince (Anniversary)
Wednesday	3rd February: 10.00am - Special Intention
Friday	5th February: 10.00am - Bernie Keeney (Anniversary)
Saturday	6th February: 11.00am - Brendan O'Keeney R.I.P. (Month's Mind Mass) 07.00pm - Special Intentions
Sunday	7th February: 11.00am - Charles & Conal O'Donnell (Anniversaries)

Please note: No Mass on Thursday.

Pray for: Paddy Byrne, Church Rd, whose funeral took place on Wednesday;  
Veronica Fleury, whose funeral was in Ardara on Thursday (mother of Brian Fleury, Fintra).  
Pray for: Francisco Graglia. *Suaímhneas Sioraí.*

The Blessing of the Throats: "Through the intercession of St Blaise, may God deliver you from all ailments of the throat and from every other illness, In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen."

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The above schools are now accepting Junior Infant applications for the 2021-22 school year.  
Please visit website or email/phone for further details.

Sunday Missal 2021 Special Price: €5  
Complimentary copy from Parish Office for Ministers of Word & Eucharist and all involved in ministry.

WISE Women's Integration, Skills & Employment is a free service for Donegal women to assist them into education, employment or self-employment.  
You can contact us by phone or by our Facebook page: The WISE Project Tel: Michelle 086 145 2249

Sunday Collection	€ 910.00
Restoration Fund	
Envelopes 23rd & 24th January	€ 595.00
Donation	€ 500.00
<b>Total Restoration Fund:</b>	<b>€3,240,071.43</b>

Thank you for your continued generosity

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

### 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.

### LEVEL 5 COVID REGULATIONS

Stay at home... restrict your movements... wash your hands... stay 2 metres apart... wear a face covering... reduce contacts.

- Mass celebrated here behind closed doors, all Masses live streamed.
- Funerals restricted to 10, Weddings to 6, No Baptisms for now
- The church is open for private prayer every day: 8am - 7pm. Take care.