

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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



When my father died

I could take you to the very spot.

A café in a motorway service station overlooking the traffic heading madly north and south, an empty coffee cup on the formica top in front of me.

My brother phoned me, said that dad has gone,

I was too late.

He was spirit.

And when I got back in the car and headed on north, less in a hurry now, wiping away tears,

I was glad that, on my last visit, sitting on his hospital bed, I said to him, for the first time, 'I love you, Dad.'

By then, he was far removed from who he had been, but when he heard that, his blue eyes flared and he tried to sit up. Our whole life, our difficult years, coming to a point of grace that afternoon at the end of visiting time.

Now he is spirit.

And I am glad that once, just once, I let go and said the one thing that freed us both from the knots of pride and pain.

Lord, this kind of loss is not easy.

When a parent dies,

one who was there for us over the years, though it all,

no matter what the age, or illness beforehand,

it knocks the wind out of us, opens up a great gap in our being.

We cling to those we love, those we know.

So it's hard to let go, to imagine the bigger life they inhabit still.

We cramp with grief, just as you did

when your friend Lazarus died,

or when your father Joseph died unbeknown to

history, of a fever, an injury at work, we don't know.

But we imagine you with him in his final, hard hours,

the man who taught you the ways of God,

the workings of wood and stone, an honest day's labour.

Dear Lord, who knew the pain of human loss,

be with all those who mourn, comfort them in their dark,

lonely hours, may they find some strength from faith and

friends to get through, to sort out the day, and then,

one day, to wake to the morning light

and figure it will all go on, and they will go on,

with a heart more tender for having loved.

'At Your Side' Raymond Friel / David Wells



**Graveyard Mass
with Blessing of Graves
this Friday 29th July 7.00pm.**



Thank You

The family of the late Mary Molloy Goretti, Main Street, Killybegs, thank most sincerely all those who sympathised, gave Mass cards and attended the wake and funeral; to neighbours, friends and family for all your kindness and support; to those who lined the road on Mary's final journey and to St. Catherine's F.C. who formed a guard of honour.

We took great comfort and consolation from the beautiful Funeral Mass and a special thanks to Fr Colm, Sacristan Patricia, Ann in the Parish Office, McBrearty's Funeral Directors and the gravediggers. For all the wonderful care that Mary got especially her carers 'the dollies' who cared for Mary so well over the years at home. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for your intentions.



Congratulations and Best Wishes to
Sarah Grealis & Garvan McDwyer,
Dearbhla Kelly & Eoin Kelleher
who were married recently.

Leiter Corn Mill, Kilcar, is open to visitors,
Fri to Sun, 11am - 9pm. All are welcome.

Public Mass and the Sacraments

Covid guidelines for the chapel:

**Face covering,
Social distancing
and using hand sanitiser.**

Every alternative seat in use.



◆ **Sunday 31st July 2022:**

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year C

◆ **Weekday Readings:**

Eighteenth Week of Ordinary Time Cycle 2

Masses will be relayed on the webcam: go to killybegsparish.com for a link to Online Services

Friday	29th July:	07.00pm - Graveyard Mass
Saturday	30th July:	07.00pm - Annie Murphy (4th Anniversary) Jenny Smith (3rd Anniversary) & Michael Smith R.I.P.
Sunday	31st July:	09.00am - Margaret & Charlie Murrin (Anniversaries) 11.00am - Mary Molloy Goretti (Month's Mind Mass)
Monday	1st August:	11.00am - Special Intentions
Tuesday	2nd August:	10.00am - Special Intentions
Thursday	4th August:	10.00am - Susan Byrne (Anniversary)
Friday	5th August:	07.00pm - Aidan (10th) & Mona (7th) McGinley (Anniversaries)
Saturday	6th August:	07.00pm - Special Intentions
Sunday	7th August:	09.00am - Dermot, Lena & Roisin O'Callaghan (Anniversaries) 11.00am - Pauric Conneely (Anniversary)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: *Monday 12 noon to 7pm. Please Note: Mass on Monday at 11am.*

Pray for: Sarah O'Donnell, who died in London.

Pray for: Terence & Bridget Carry, Angela Cunningham, Pat Cunningham.

Suaimehneas Siorai

A new post of Director of Pastoral Renewal as per the Diocesan Plan

Below is a link which contains the job description and Application Form:

<https://www.raphoediocese.ie/news/post-of-director-of-pastoral-renewal/>

Chime the National Charity for Deafness and Hearing Loss have an Outreach Clinic in Primary Care Centre, Drumlonagher, Donegal Town from 9.30pm to 4pm on 2nd & 4th Monday every month. Contact us for an appointment: Tel. 074 91 88252 Text. 086 8858194 Email. letterkenny@chime.ie Appointment is necessary.

Do you find it hard to hear? Are you missing out on conversations? Drop in or contact us for free and confidential support including: - Information on Assistive Technology - Minor Hearing Aid Repairs - Hearing Aid Batteries for €2 - Tinnitus Advice & Support - Cochlear Implant / BAHHA Information & Support.

Ceol na gConallach – The Donegal Sessions

The first of this year's concerts in the Kilcar Parish Hall next Saturday, 6th August at 8.30pm. Featuring Aidan O'Donnell (fiddle), Aine O'Donnell (accordion), Aisling Ní Churraighín (accordion) and Hannah Doogan (songs). €10/€5. Refreshments.

Sunday Collection 24th July	€ 868.50
Restoration Fund 24th July	€ 657.15
Wedding Donations	€ 1,000.00
Total Restoration Fund	€ 3,361,325.43

Thank you for your continued generosity

'It's Cardiac Rehab' – A podcast series bringing together experts in cardiac rehab and patients who have attended cardiac rehabilitation. Topics included are exercise, medication, healthy eating and the psychological impact of living with heart disease. If you have had a cardiovascular event such as a heart attack, coronary artery stenting or coronary artery bypass surgery log onto <https://irishheart.ie/services-for-you/its-cardiac-rehab-podcast/>

Sunday Social in Dunkineely Community Centre on Sunday 31st July 8pm - 10pm. Music by Glenside Country. Adm €10. Refreshments.

Step by Step to Feed the Next Child To raise funds and awareness of Mary's Meals, we are walking throughout Ireland from 7th to 15th August. Maybe you could get involved.. Visit our website www.marysmeals.ie For more info tel: Fr Eamonn Kelly on 0879077985.

Rosary at The Immaculate Heart Grotto

Fintra Road, every Tuesday evening 8pm.
Please join us in prayer.

Killybegs Cruise Ships 2022

1st August *Azamara Pursuit* 777 passengers
9th August *Island Sky* 118 passengers