

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Graveyard Mass Thanks

We were blessed this year again with good weather for our Graveyard Mass which was celebrated on Friday 26th July. There was a huge congregation and the graveyard was in pristine condition. Our sincere thanks to everyone for their attendance, participation and help. A huge effort was made in caring for the graves of loved ones for this celebration of remembrance, honouring the memory of those whose resting place is St Mary's Graveyard, entrusting them to God's eternal care in heaven, as their presence continues to be felt among us.

We also acknowledge the efforts of John Hegarty, Straleel, from Killybegs Community Employment, who has worked tirelessly throughout the year with startling results, the graveyard in such great order. We are grateful to the Ministers of the Word, Ministers of the Eucharist, Collectors, Gift Bearers, Wreath Bearers Seren & Noah, our Sacristan Patricia O'Boyle, Parish Secretary Ann O'Donnell who coordinated the event and concelebrant Fr Michael McKeever.

The Parish Choir made a special effort, 15 of them huddled in Scathlán Mhuire, their music and singing enhancing an uplifting celebration, conducted in a spirit of gratitude and hope.

Thanks to Brid Murphy for renewing the Scathlán flowerbed and the Children's Garden of Remembrance, Killybegs Men's Sheds for their help, to James, Hubert & Thomas who helped with chairs and furniture and to Darren & Neil from Reynolds of Raphoe for arranging the PA System. Our thanks to Gary Blaine & his team who laid the new footpaths and helped with a number of other tasks. We are grateful to Iuliia Vakhlamova who has restored the three statues of the Crucified and Risen Christ and Our Lady. And a great addition has been the provision of 7 seats which was an initiative of the Killybegs Women's Group and financed by generous donations from parishioners & friends. Thanks to ever-present Plunkett Smith for keeping a record of the gathering. May the women, men & children who are laid to rest in St Mary's Graveyard enjoy the love, joy & peace of heaven.

"You can close your eyes and pray that they will come back. Or you can open your eyes and see all that they have left."

May they Rest In Peace. Suaimhneas Síoraí

Blessing of the Fleet Thanks

Thanks to everyone who helped with last Saturday evening's Blessing of the Fleet Mass in the chapel, followed by the laying of a wreath at the Memorial Garden in memory of those who lost their lives to the sea. The wreath-laying was performed by Dominic Rihan, the C.E.O. of the Killybegs Fishermen's Organisation, accompanied by Christine Cunningham, Mayor of Killybegs, and Manus Boyle, newly elected Councillor. The Blessing of the Fleet prayers were said by Fr Colm. Thanks to everyone involved, including Tony Byrne who brought us around the Harbour & the Marina for the blessing.



First Friday Calls Fr Colm will be making his calls throughout the week. Anyone not on the list and who would like a call, please let Ann or Fr Colm know in the Parish Office.

Liturgy of the Word for Children

Sunday 11th August 11am.

 **Parish Choir Practice** Thursday 7.15pm

Entrance Hymn: Christ Be Our Light

Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
Light for the world to see.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has pow'r to save us.
Make us your living voice. (Chorus)

- ◆ **Sunday 4th August 2024:** *Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time* *Year B*
 - ◆ **Weekday Readings:** *Eighteenth Week in Ordinary Time* *Cycle 2*
- Masses will be relayed on the webcam: go to killybegsparish.com for a link to Online Services**

Friday	2nd August:	07.00pm - Mary McGill Williamson (1st Anniversary)
Saturday	3rd August:	07.00pm - Tommy Hegarty (1st Anniversary) John Paul & Agatha McGuinness (Anniversaries) & deceased family members Margaret & Charlie Murrin (Anniversaries)
Sunday	4th August:	09.00am - Dermot & Lena O'Callaghan (Anniv) deceased family 11.00am - Mona & Aidan McGinley (Anniversaries) & Anthony R.I.P.
Monday	5th August:	07.00pm - Damien Keeney (1st Anniversary)
Tuesday	6th August:	10.00am - Susan Byrne (Anniversary)
Thursday	8th August:	10.00am - Nana & Tommy McNulty (Anniversaries) 02.00pm - Memorial Service for Margaret & Leanova O'Shea R.I.P. (formerly Margaret Meehan, The Commons) followed by burial of ashes in graveyard.
Friday	9th August:	10.00am - Special Intentions
Saturday	10th August:	07.00pm - Donal O'Donnell (1st Anniversary) John Joe Dowd (2nd Anniversary)
Sunday	11th August:	09.00am - Kevin McBrearty (6th Anniversary) 11.00am - Willie Tully (1st Anniversary)

No Adoration on Monday (Public Holiday). Mass on Monday 7pm

Pray for: Dessie Rowan, Marine Drive & Letterkenny whose funeral takes place today, Sunday 4th August, in Irish Martyrs Church, Letterkenny at 1pm;

Benny Mooney, The Hill, Killybegs, whose funeral took place on Wednesday; **Charlie McGarrigle** who died in Scotland on Thursday (brother-in-law of Thomas & Margaret McColl, Croahbeg, Kilcar); **Michael McLaughlin** whose funeral was in Moville on Tuesday (brother of Celia Doherty).

Pray for: George Murray (70th Anniv). *Suaimhneas Síoraí.*

Mass at Croaghlin Mass Rock

Thursday 15th August 7pm

Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

Saturday 17th August

www.knockshrine.ie Tel: 0949388100

Best wishes to Killybegs Summer Festival

next weekend Friday 9th - Sunday 11th August

Best Wishes to Killybegs Rowing Club

Regatta Day Saturday 3rd August.

Final Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art:
Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word.
Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord:
Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son.
Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun.
O grant me its joys, after victory is won:
Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall.
Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.

Sunday Collection 28th July € 1,360.00

Maintenance Fund 28th July € 1,365.00

Graveyard Mass Collection € 3,050.00

Thank you for your continued generosity.

Don't find fault, find a remedy

Mary's Meals Fundraising Walk

from Malin to Knock 7th - 15th August. More info tel: Veronica 0877970531 / Fr Kelly 0879077985.

Visiting Cruise Ships

Island Sky Mon 5th Aug 8am - 11pm;

70 Crew, 118 Passengers.

Nautica Sat 10th Aug 8am - 6pm;

372 Crew, 803 Passengers.



Pilgrimage to Fatima

12th September 7 nights, Hotel Avenida. Spiritual Director Fr Rory Brady. Tel: Olive 0877831468

Student Accommodation

Any person in the Killybegs or surrounding areas with accommodation for ATU students such as a room, house, apartment, digs etc for the academic year 2024/2025 please contact Aine: 086 7702700 / suwellfare.donegal@atu.ie for more info.