

## 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*)



### When Love Chooses You

*A series of reflections for the month of July taken from 'At Your Side' by Raymond Friel & David Wells.*

Born into a simple family, a carpenter's apprentice.  
 Born to an illiterate teenage mother with no grades.  
 Born to refugees with no known address.  
 Born into a trough the animals ate out of,  
 in a room to house animals with bovine TB.  
 Born under military rule,  
 violently imposed by a narcissist who murdered babies  
 Growing up in a sink estate, a forgotten corner.  
*God chose a troubled first-century Palestine.*

Foretold by prophets, who spoke of a face spat at,  
 of his clothes becoming a prize in a game played by  
 the bullies who murdered him.  
 Foretold by a man who lived on honey, who ate  
 insects and who shouted at crowds.  
 Foretold by his cousin, who was beheaded by a  
 machete, whose head would be paraded around like  
 something off a perverse YouTube video.  
 Foretold by his Father, who poured love upon him  
 from the skies.  
 Feared by evil, tempted by wealth, power and glory,  
 isolated and alone in the desert.  
 He could have had a media campaign, celebrity  
 endorsements and corporate sponsorship.  
 But he didn't.

*God chose a man who wore camel skins to prepare his campaign.*

He picked fishermen, prone to anger and unreliability,  
 tax collectors, the most unpopular of men,  
 James and John, who harboured career ambitions.  
 He chose a doubter, who couldn't trust what Jesus said  
 until he could see it for himself.  
 A political activist, who would go behind his back,  
 betray him and then run away.  
 He chose friends who argued amongst themselves,  
 vied for attention, feel asleep when he most needed  
 them, and who denied him as he bled to death.  
 He could have gone after people of influence: doctors,  
 professors, theologians, lawyers and entrepreneurs.  
 But he didn't.

*God chose those who were unqualified and unprepared.*

to be continued....

### Statement by Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ on recent Government Covid 19 Guidelines

*Postponement of Sacraments -  
Confirmation and First Holy Communion*

It is with a heavy heart that I have to inform priests, young people and their families and the staff in our schools of the need to postpone our Confirmations yet again. The government, at very short notice, has declared that Confirmations and First Holy Communions 'are off'. I know that all of our schools and parishes were making preparations to have small ceremonies in complete compliance with the Covid 19 guidelines. The Government have made it clear that NPHE has called for this deferment as a result of the rising threat from the very contagious Delta variant. This sudden decision will be a cause of deep disappointment to all those involved. Again I am very sorry that we need to comply with this decision and I recognise the great inconvenience this causes to so many people.

Bishop Alan McGuckian SJ, Bishop of Raphoe

### Public Mass and the Sacraments

Everyone is welcome to attend Mass once again. There is no need to book beforehand. Numbers are restricted to **100** for Public Mass. We have two zones or pods which operate independently and may accommodate **50 each**. Each section has its own entrance and exit route. There must be no movement of people between sections before, during or after Mass

**Funerals** restricted to **50** mourners (zones do not apply): this applies to church and the graveyard.

**Weddings** restricted to **50** guests in the chapel (zones do not apply).

**Baptisms** restricted to parents, child and siblings, godparents & grandparents.

**Sacrament of Confirmation** will not take place on Saturday 10th July. We will arrange a new date as soon as it is feasible to do so.

**First Holy Communion:** Sat. 18th September.

**Stewarding and Sanitising** If anyone else would like to help out, please let Fr Colm, Patricia or Ann know. We would like to have a back-up rota.

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

◆ **Sunday 4th July 2021: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: Year B**

◆ **Weekday Readings: Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time: Cycle 1**

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

<b>Saturday</b>	<b>3rd July:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - John Joe Byrne R.I.P. (Month's Mind Mass) Marie Boyle (Anniversary)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>4th July:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Stephen Boyle (27th Anniversary) <b>11.00am</b> - Brian Gillespie (Anniversary)
<b>Monday</b>	<b>5th July:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Bridie Byrne (20th Anniversary) <b>11.00am</b> - <b>Requiem Mass for Michael Cooper R.I.P.</b>
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>6th July:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Grace Sharkey (Anniversary) <b>07.00pm</b> - Sadie Mc Keever R.I.P. (Month's Mind Mass)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>8th July:</b>	<b>10.00am</b> - Patrick John O'Donnell (Anniversary)
<b>Friday</b>	<b>9th July:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Martin Gillespie (Anniversary)
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>10th July:</b>	<b>07.00pm</b> - Patsy Mc Gowan (2nd Anniversary) Patsy O'Rourke (25th Anniversary) Maureen Phelan R.I.P. Jamsie Boyle (Anniversary) Joseph & Mary Mc Menamin (Anniversaries)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>11th July:</b>	<b>09.00am</b> - Mary Teresa Rose (1st Anniversary) <b>11.00am</b> - Special Intention

*Pray for: Brigid Quinn, who died in Scotland on Wednesday (sister of Christine Smith, Church Rd and Peadar Hegarty, Kilcar); John Cassidy who died Saturday (3rd July) son of Patsy & Margaret Cassidy nee McGuinness, Killybegs. Funeral in Castleterg on Monday. Pray for: Martin Murphy, Jimmy Cassidy, Mary Teresa Rose, Mary Doogan, Lily Morgan. Suaimhneas Siorai*

**Thank You** Mary, Joe & Charles Byrne would like to thank all who sympathised with them on the death of John Joe. Thanks to Fr Dermot & Fr Colm, Dr Bourke and to all in Killybegs Community Hospital for their care & kindness. Thanks to Jackie McBrearty & Colm and to all who came out to show their respect and to anyone who helped in any way, we are deeply grateful.  
*Month's Mind Mass on Saturday 3rd July at 7pm.*

### Killybegs Employment Project

has many vacancies. Eligibility to participate on CE is generally linked to those who are 21 years or over and applicants must also be in receipt of a qualifying Irish social welfare payment for 1 year or more. To apply or to find out more information call the office on 0749731666 or email kepltd2@outlook.ie

### Learner Accommodation for Killybegs Campus Letterkenny Institute of Technology 2021/2022

Persons with accommodation to let in the Killybegs area are invited to be listed in the Accommodation Information sent to all learners commencing September 2021. Email to request an 'Accommodation Details Form'. This form should be completed and returned to the Department of Tourism by: Wednesday, 30 June 2021 Email: donna.mulligan@lyit.ie

### Sunday Collections

27th June	€ 1,420.00
<b>Restoration Fund</b> 27th June	€ 1,070.00
<i>Thank you for your continued generosity</i>	

### Requiem Mass for Michael Cooper R.I.P. Monday 5th July 11.00am.

who died in Florida on 18th May  
(brother of Phyllis Gallagher, Carricknamohill and Marie Brogan, Donegal Town).

### Theology of the Arts.

The Priory Institute will conduct a week-long online Summer School 8-13 & 22-27 August.  
Info / to register visit [prioryinstitute.com](http://prioryinstitute.com)

**Killybegs Online Bingo** Mondays 8.30pm.  
Books on sale in Curran's until Monday 11am.

### Áislann Chill Chartha 0749738376

*Áislann Health and Fitness Suite* open Monday to Friday 10am to 8.30pm. Open to current and new members and casual visits. Booking System in operation.  
*Áislann Riverside Takeaway* open Wednesday to Saturday 5-9pm; Sunday 2-7pm.  
*Snooker Room* available for individual play, booking essential.