

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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



Lockdown by Brother Richard Hendrick OFM Cap., Guardian of Ards Friary & Retreat Centre:

Yes there is fear. Yes there is isolation. Yes there is panic buying. Yes there is sickness.

Yes there is even death. But,

They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise you can hear the birds again.

They say that after just a few weeks of quiet the sky is no longer thick with fumes but blue & grey & clear.

They say that in the streets of Assisi people are singing to each other across the empty squares,

keeping their windows open so that those who are alone may hear the sounds of family around them.

They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.

Today a young woman I know is busy spreading fliers with her number through the neighbourhood

So that the elders may have someone to call on.

Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples

are preparing to welcome and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary

All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting

All over the world people are looking at their neighbours in a new way

All over the world people are waking up to a new reality

To how big we really are. To how little control we really have. To what really matters. To Love.

So we pray and we remember that yes there is fear. But there does not have to be hate.

Yes there is isolation. But there does not have to be loneliness.

Yes there is panic buying. But there does not have to be meanness.

Yes there is sickness. But there does not have to be disease of the soul

Yes there is even death. But there can always be a rebirth of love.

Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.

Today, breathe. Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic the birds are singing again,

The sky is clearing, Spring is coming, And we are always encompassed by Love.

Open the windows of your soul and though you may not be able to touch across the empty square ...Sing

The Coronavirus Pandemic:

In accordance with Government directives and Diocesan norms the following arrangements are in place, following the STAY AT HOME directive, operative until Easter Sunday (with exceptions).

- All Masses with congregations, Sunday and weekday, are cancelled for the time being. Everyone is dispensed from the Sunday obligation.
- Mass will be celebrated behind closed doors at St Mary's, Killybegs, and streamed live.

Go to the parish website: killybegsparish.com to get a link or go to mcnmedia.tv

Sunday: 7pm (Vigil), 11am. **Weekday:** Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday 10am / see Holy Week timetable

- The church will be open at the usual times 8am - 8pm, except during Mass and services, but subject to the Government's very strict limits on movement and health directives. Use the hand sanitiser on entering and leaving for your protection and for the protection of others.
- Confirmation is postponed until further notice. First Communion arrangements are pending. There will be no baptisms or weddings for the time being.

- **All funeral services** to be conducted only at the burial in the graveyard with no more than 10 family representatives, as per Covid-19 guidelines. Your loved one who has died goes directly from hospital/ funeral home or equivalent to the graveyard. This is a difficult one for families of loved ones who have died. A Funeral Mass may be said in the church (behind closed doors) which would be live-streamed. These extreme arrangements are deemed necessary because of the extreme circumstances.

The Parish Newsletter will be available in the church and online as usual, from Friday 3pm.

- **Sunday 5th April 2020:** *Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord* Year A
- **Weekday Readings:** *Holy Week*

Due to the Coronavirus restrictions all celebrations below take place behind closed doors and will be relayed on the webcam: go to killybegsparish.com for a link to the live streaming

Saturday	4th April:	07.00pm - Denis Kinsella (3rd Anniversary) Denis Nolan (1st Anniversary)
Palm Sunday	5th April:	11.00am - Keith Gallagher (18th Anniversary)
Monday	6th April:	10.00am - Charles & Cecelia & Cahil McLaughlin (Anniv)
Tuesday	7th April:	10.00am - Special Intentions
Wednesday	8th April:	10.00am - Special Intentions
Holy Thursday	9th April:	07.00pm - Mass of the Lord's Supper Intentions of the people
Good Friday	10th April:	03.00pm - Celebration of the Lord's Passion 09.00pm - Stations of the Cross
Holy Saturday	11th April:	09.00pm - The Easter Vigil Seamus Doherty (3rd Anniversary)
Easter Sunday	12th April:	11.00am - Sheila & Brendan Hickey & Paul Conway (Anniv) Rosanna & Charlie Boyle (Anniversaries)

Pray for: Francis Cunningham, Tullid, whose funeral took place on Thursday;
Joe Meehan, Leiter, whose funeral took place on Tuesday;
John Curran, St Cummins Hill, whose funeral took place on Tuesday;
John Erskine, Shepherd's Bush, London / Bungostin, Killybegs, who died recently;
Dennis McGinley, Hanwell, London, whose funeral took place on Wednesday.
Pray for: Mary Ellen Gillespie, James Byrne.
Suaimhneas Sioraí.

Mass from St Eunan's Cathedral: on RTE News Now every morning 10.30am or churchservices.tv
Rosary and a time of prayer with Bishop Alan each night 9.15pm: www.churchservices.tv/letterkenny
or <https://m.facebook.com/Raphoe-Diocese-108004564165043/>
Radio Maria Ireland Listen via TV on Saorview - Channel 210 and Freeview - Channel 826.

Celebrating Holy Week: Sunday 5th April to Sunday 12th April

All celebrations live-streamed behind closed doors:

- **Palm/Passion Sunday: Masses at Saturday 7pm (Vigil) & Sunday 11am**
- **The Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Holy Thursday, 7.00pm**
Trócaire Envelopes to Parish Office please
- **The Celebration of the Lord's Passion: Good Friday, 3.00pm.**
Your intentions will be placed at the foot of the Cross, awaiting the Light of Christ.
- **Stations of the Cross: Good Friday 9pm**
- **The Easter Vigil Holy Saturday Night 9pm**
- **Easter Sunday Mass: 11.00am.**


You are welcome to place their weekly envelopes (Parish & Restoration) through the Parish Office letterbox or into either donation box in the church porch.

Sunday Collection € 415.00
Education of Students € 240.00
Restoration Fund
Envelopes 28th & 29th March € 640.00
Total Restoration Fund: € 3,175,216.43
Thank you for your continued generosity.

St Mary's Church, in conjunction with Churches throughout the country, will ring the Church Bells on **Sundays 11am** and **Thursday 8pm** to show support for our healthcare workers.

Ann O'Donnell, Parish Secretary, can be contacted outside office hours: 087 6735139

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People
ALONE: Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open Monday to Friday, 8am-8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

 God was walking around Killybegs the other morning. He was asked what was he doing? 'I'm working from home' he replied!