

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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A Thought from Pope Francis

There are Christians who live as if it were always Lent and never Easter.

I realise, of course, that joy is not always expressed in the same way throughout one's life, especially during times of great difficulty.

Joy adapts and changes; but when all is said and done, there is always a flicker of light that lives inside us.

We know that we are infinitely loved.

I understand the grief of people who have to endure great suffering, yet slowly and surely, we have to let the joy of faith revive us.

Our faith has to be like a firm secret, even amid the greatest of distress.

"God's mercies are not over, his deeds of faithful love are not exhausted".



Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion: 13th April



Blessing of Palms & Solemn Reading of the Passion

Service of Reconciliation: Monday 14th April 7pm



Holy Thursday: 17th April

4pm: Children's Mass of the Lord's Supper
7pm: Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

Good Friday: 18th April

11am: Stations of the Cross
3pm: The Lord's Passion
9pm: Stations of the Cross



Holy Saturday: 19th April

9pm: The Easter Vigil

Easter Sunday: 20th April

Masses at **9am & 11am**



Final Hymn: Amazing Grace

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
 That saved a wretch like me.
 I once was lost but now I'm found,
 Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 And grace my fears relieved.
 How precious did that grace appear
 The hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares,
 I have already come.
 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
 And grace that will lead me home.

Children's Holy Week Practices:

Palm Sunday 13th April, after 11am Mass: practice for Holy Thursday Mass 4pm including Junior Choir
Monday 14th April 5pm: Practice for Good Friday Stations of the Cross 11am including Junior Choir

Entrance Hymn: Come To The Water

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water
 And let all who have nothing,
 let them come to the Lord.
 Without money without price
 why should you pay the price, except for the Lord.

And let all who seek, let them come to the water
 And let all who have nothing
 let them come to the Lord.
 Without money, without strife,
 why should you spend your life, except for the Lord.

And let all who toil, let them come to the water
 And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord.
 All who labour without rest,
 how can your soul find rest, except for the Lord.

And let all the poor let them come to the water
 Bring the ones who are laden,
 bring them all to the Lord.
 Bring the children without might.
 Easy the load and light, come to the Lord

Sunday 6th April 2025:

Weekday Readings:

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

		Fifth Sunday of Lent Year C
Friday	4th April:	07.00pm - Keith Gallagher (23rd Anniversary)
Saturday	5th April:	07.00pm - Doris & Barney Conwell (Anniversaries)
Sunday	6th April:	09.00am - Bernadette Donaghue R.I.P. 11.00am - Funeral Mass of Mary Murrin R.I.P. Kevin O'Boyle (2nd Anniversary) & deceased members Conyard & O'Boyle families
Monday	7th April:	10.00am - Tommy & Evelyn Blaine (Anniversaries)
Tuesday	8th April:	10.00am - Special Intentions
Thursday	10th April:	10.00am - Special Intentions
Friday	11th April:	10.00am - Seamus Doherty, Kilcar (Anniversary)
Saturday	12th April:	07.00pm - Agnes Friel (1st Anniversary) Irene (2nd) & Joe (9th) Mc Crudden (Anniversaries) John Murrin (3rd Anniversary) Kieran Harvey (5th Anniversary) Eugene Mc Guinness (6th Anniversary) Hugh & Bridget Gallagher (Anniversaries) Matt & Kathleen Erskine (Anniversaries)
Palm Sunday	13th April:	09.00am - Thomas Michael Faherty (Anniversary) 11.00am - Bridie Mc Brearty (1st Anniversary) Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday 11am - 5pm

Pray for: Mary Murrin, Church Rd: Funeral Mass Sunday 11am; Seamus Gillespie, Drumaghy, whose funeral was on Tuesday; Mary Henry, Curry, Co. Sligo: funeral in Curry on Saturday (sister of Aileen Henry, Parkhead) Pray for Denis Nolan, James Byrne, Michael & Paddy Byrne Suaimhneas Síorái

Rota for Ministers of the Word,
 Ministers of the Eucharist and Basket Collectors
 for April - November 2025 and Easter Rota
 are now available for collection in the Sacristy.

Sunday Collection 30th March €1,420.00
Maintenance Fund 30th March €1,310.00
 Thank you for your continued generosity.

First Communion Grow in Love Celebration
 Sunday 13th April 11am (Palm Sunday).

The Season of Lent 2025
 Please return your Trócaire donation during Holy Week or send it directly to Trócaire.

Parish Choir Practice Mondays 7.15pm

The Cross of Suffering
 The box, with your intentions, to be placed at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, unopened until its contents will be placed in the Easter Fire on Holy Saturday Night, praying that the Risen Christ will bring hope and healing to all for whom we

25 Card Drive: €2,800 was raised for Donegal Hospital and Spina Bifida. Thank you to the staff of the Bay View Hotel and to all who supported and donated. From The Gallagher Family, Ardara.

St Vincent de Paul Ugandan Appeal
 Special Collection next weekend 12th/13th April

Liturgy of the Word for Children
 • This Sunday 6th April 11am
 • Sunday 20th April 11am

Lough Derg Pilgrim Path Walk Easter Monday
 Guided walk 10.30am. 8km or 12km. Free event.
 Booking essential. More info www.loughderg.org

Killybegs Festival: Remembrance Walk Good Friday 18th April 5-6.30pm: St Catherine's Well to St John's Graveyard and St Mary's Graveyard. A candle lit walk through town to remember our loved ones who have died. Candles €2 available at the Well. Refreshments after in Foresters Hall.

Ards refurbishment fundraiser. A vintage tractor & car run & coffee morning in the Creeslough Hub Easter Monday 11.00am to 2.00pm. All welcome

Killybegs Tidy Towns Clean Up Week
 7th-10th April, Meet Shore Road Traders Carpark 6.30pm (each evening) for one hour. Bags, pickers & gloves provided. All help appreciated

Anam Cara, supporting bereaved parents, will hold Parent Support Evening Thursday 10th April 7.30pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. Info: 01 4045378 or email info@anamcara.ie