

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

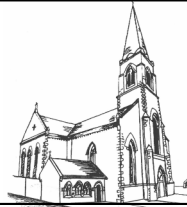
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Masses and Services: Live streaming on **www.mcmedia.tv**



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary

Tuesday 8th December.

Masses at 7pm (Vigil) and 9am & 11am.

On today's Feast Day, Pope Francis opens the Door of Mercy in St Peter's Basilica in Rome, thus inaugurating the Jubilee Year of Mercy. His fervent desire in that this Jubilee Year may be a fresh opportunity for everyone to experience the great mercy of God. Experiencing the mercy of God is embarking upon a journey, a spiritual pilgrimage in which we look into our hearts, coming face to face with our Maker, our Loving Father, and come again to see the face of Jesus.

Very Rev. Seamus L. Gallagher R.I.P.

We were very sad to hear that our beloved Fr Seamus died at University Hospital, Galway, on Wednesday evening, after a brave battle with illness these past few months. Fr Seamus was a native of Killybegs, born 6th October 1933. He was ordained priest in Newry on 7th April 1957 for the Society of African Missions.

He worked in Ondo Diocese, Nigeria, 1957-1983. He served as a Curate in Donegal Town 1983-1984, Ballyshannon 1984-1989 and Milford 1989-1996. He was incardinated into the Diocese of Raphoe in 1987. Fr Seamus was appointed Parish Priest of Glenswilly in 1996 where he served until his retirement in 2007. After retirement, he returned to his native Killybegs where he was Chaplain to Killybegs Community Hospital. May he rest in the peace of Christ.

Parish Christmas Deliveries

- The Parish Christmas Newsletter and the complimentary Parish Calendar 2016 are being delivered this week to each household in the parish. Further complimentary calendars are available from the Parish Office
- At the same time the Church Envelopes and the Restoration Envelopes will be delivered. Anyone who would like a set of envelopes, please let Ann know in the Parish Office.

First Communion Parents Liturgy Group meets this Monday 7th December at 8pm in the Parish Office.

'Do this In Memory' Celebration:
Sunday 13th December at 11am.

Christmas First Friday Calls this Thursday 10th & Friday 11th December with Holy Communion and Anointing. Anyone not on the list who would like a call, please let Fr Colm or Ann know at the Parish Office.

Important Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Carol Service:

Wednesday 16th December 7.00pm

Service of Reconciliation:

Thursday 17th December 7.30pm

Christmas Children's Mass:

Christmas Eve 7pm

Christmas 'Midnight' Mass

Thursday 24th December 11pm

Christmas Day Masses

Friday 25th December 9am & 11am

Practices for Children's Mass:

Tuesday 22nd December 5pm and

Wednesday 23rd December 11am.

The Killybegs 'Murillo'

a beautifully-produced A4 print of our treasured painting now available with flyer: €5.
Some framed prints: €15.
Framed Postcard: €6.

'Walk with Me', from the Parish Office €1: reflecting on the mercy of God during Advent.

Parish Office Christmas Gifts

There is a large and varied supply of Christmas gifts and cards available in the Parish Office.



Rosary & Divine Mercy: Tuesday 6.30pm

in Adoration Room. All welcome.

Bus to Knock Monday 7th December

(Night Vigil). To book a seat tel: McBrearty's 9731056 / 0872286552

St Vincent de Paul Society

Annual Special Christmas Collection will be taken up after Masses on Sat & Sun 12th & 13th December. Our sincere thanks to all who contributed over the past year. Contact us on 0873507727 or any member. Strictly confidential.

Found.. Skoda Car Key found on Fintra Beach. Contact Parish Office 074 9731013.

Thanks from St John's

Thank you to everyone who donated trees or lights, decorated trees, sang, visited us or even gave a gift towards our Christmas tree festival. It was much appreciated.

• **Sunday 6th December 2015: Second Sunday of Advent (Cycle C)**

• **Weekday Readings: Second Week of Advent**

Saturday 5th December: 07.00pm - Margaret Gallagher (10th Anniversary)
Sunday 6th December: 09.00am - Philip & Barry Gallagher (Anniversaries)
11.00am - Rosemary nee Gillespie Rafferty & Raymond (Anniv)
Monday 7th December: 07.00pm - *Vigil Mass* Peter Gerald Breslin (Anniversary)
Tuesday 8th December: 09.00am - Paddy, Sheila & Mary McGee (Anniversaries)
11.00am - Maude Gallagher (8th Anniversary)
Wednesday 9th December: 07.00pm - Kathleen & Liam McTeague (Anniversaries)
Thursday 10th December: 10.00am - Alice Keeney (Anniversary)
Friday 11th December: 10.00am - Sean McBrien R.I.P.
07.00pm - Maeve McNulty (10th Anniversary)
Saturday 12th December: 07.00pm - John Sharkey (Anniversary)
Sunday 13th December: 09.00am - Anna Martin (Anniversary)
11.00am - Jerry O'Neill (5th Anniversary)

Please note: *There will be no Adoration this weekend due to the inclement weather.
*No Mass on Monday morning.

Pray for: Fr Seamus L. Gallagher, Glenlee, whose funeral Mass took place yesterday (Saturday), followed by burial in the Church grounds; Anthony O'Donnell, Meenaneary & London, who died recently; Pray for: Willie Murray, Val Smyth. Suaimheas Siorai.

St Catherine's FC Annual Bazaar

in Tara Hotel, on Sunday 13th December at 6.30pm sharp. Prizes galore!!
Please support your local club.

Killybegs Cubs & Beavers

First ever Children's Christmas Jumper Disco in Bayview Hotel on Sunday 13th Dec 3-5pm.
Spot prizes for best Christmas jumper.
Adm €5 per child with concessions for siblings.

Santa and Christmas lights switch on

Postponed to: Sunday 6th December at 7.30pm
Christmas Craft Fair
Sat. 5th December 6pm - 8.30pm in Bay View Hotel.

Killybegs Community Care Senior Citizens Party

in Tara Hotel this Sunday 6th December at 1pm.
Mr & Mrs Claus, music, singing, craic agus ceol.
All welcome.

Niall Mór Centre 074 97 41863

Homeopathy in the Home 4 Week Course
tel: Pauline McGuire: 087 6089100 / 07497 41863
Cost €50.00. Starts January 7.30pm - 9.30pm.
Letterkenny's Women's Centre Counselling Service
Tuesdays & Wednesdays Tel Breid: 9124985 for app
Food Safety & HACCP Fetac Level 5 Day Course
starting 13th January. Tel for more info.
Safe Pass Course Wed 9th Dec 8am - 5pm. €100.
Drama & Creativity 6 week Course in January.
Cost: €50 Tel: 087 7189 620

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

No Adoration this weekend
13th December - Mary Murrin (J)

Sunday Collection €1,560.00
Cemetery € 26.00
Restoration Fund:
Envelopes 28th & 29th November €1,777.00
Donation € 600.00
Donation to 'Murillo' €1,000.00
Total Restoration Fund: €2,474,519.93
(Murillo collection to date € 9,090.00)

Killybegs International Carpet & Fishing

Centre Christmas Craft Fayre
Thurs 3rd - Fri 11th Dec. Tel 074 97 41944.

Billy's Annual Fund Raising Dance for

Cancer Patients in Abbey Hotel
Wednesday 9th Dec, 9pm - 1am. Tickets €10.

The Carers Association are providing the

QQI (FETAC) Level 5 Healthcare Support
Award training in your area in January.
For more info contact 057 9370221.

Áislann Chill Chartha Christmas Market &

Indoor Boot Sale. Sunday 6th December
from 12 - 3 p.m. Christmas Classic film 'ELF'
in Cinema at 1pm. Free Adm. 0749738376.
Áislann Health & Fitness Suite End of Year
Special Offer. Gift Vouchers available for
Fitness Suite, Library Membership & Cinema.

Anam Cara Parent Evening on Thurs 10th Dec, 7.30pm - 9pm, Mount Errigal Hotel.