

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

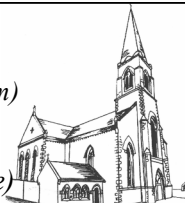
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New Year 2019 Statement from Ireland's Church Leaders

One of the major themes of the Christmas season is the message of the coming of Light into the darkness of our world... Yet some 2,019 years later, there is still much darkness in this world. We see pictures in newspapers and on television that speak of suffering and despair in different countries and regions, and even here on the island of Ireland, both north and south, many live their lives with a lack of security and an absence of hope. The ongoing uncertainty of Brexit has added to those worries, both for businesspeople and ordinary citizens alike. Many businesses fear for the future, while many families, struggling to make ends meet today, are anxious about what that future might hold. It is a great encouragement to see the willingness of people in our local communities to reach out to their neighbours in need through initiatives such as food banks. However, the marked increase in people needing to avail of such facilities is a worrying trend. Added to this, in Northern Ireland, the lack of a functioning devolved government not only drains hope from our society, but also has meant an ever increasing pressure on our schools, our hospitals, our welfare system and many other aspects of society's infrastructure. As so often happens, it is the vulnerable and the marginalised that suffer most and they should be at the forefront of our thoughts and prayers as we enter into a new year. While such situations can be very challenging for many people, today across Ireland there are also glimmers of hope. Up and down the island, neighbours are looking out for neighbours. Ordinary people, community and church groups are caring for those in need. People of good intent are stepping up to the mark and giving positive leadership on the ground, working for the common good. In villages and towns across the island, political, church and community leaders are making a difference at a local level. As Church leaders we have urged the leaders of our political parties in Northern Ireland to do the same – to make a difference and to bring a sense of hope. We were encouraged by the willingness of party leaders to meet with us last September, as we sought to provide a safe space to facilitate open discussion and mutual understanding. A series of regional meetings is also underway, bringing together local politicians, community and church leaders to talk with one another, to build relationships and again to foster mutual understanding.... The Christmas message of the Light coming into our darkness brings us our ultimate hope, for it is the Lord Jesus Christ who remains the hope of the world. No matter how dark our world might be, the Gospel reminds us, "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." At the start of this New Year, may we put our trust in Him – as we look to Him in simple faith and in His name seek to bring hope and light to our local community and to this our island home. May you know the blessing of the Lord in the year ahead.

First Communion Parents Liturgy Group meets Parish Office Monday 14th January 8pm.
Next 'Do this in Memory' Celebration:
Sunday 20th January 11.00am

Sunday Missal 2019 Special Price: €5
Complimentary copy for all Readers and Ministers of the Eucharist.
Available from Sacristy or Parish Office.

Parish & Restoration Envelopes
Anyone who would like a set of envelopes please let the Parish Office know.

Sacrament of Baptism Congratulations
Welcome to the Catholic Christian Community
Mia Colleen McGilloway
Ryan Martin Gillespie
Eva Maria Gallagher

Gluten-free Bread for Holy Communion available at Mass.

Induction Loop is available in the Church for hearing-aid users, switch to T position.

Live Streaming from the church is available on www.mcmedia.tv
It can easily be accessed by visiting our website www.killybegsparish.com

Confirmation 2019: Sunday 24th March, 11am
First Communion: Saturday 11th May 11am

Crying Room
Adults, with child in arms, are welcome to avail of the Altar Servers Room during all Masses. It is located to the left of the Church Toilets. Audio and visual facilities are provided. The Adoration Room is also available during Saturday evening Mass at 7pm and the Sunday Morning Mass at 9am. The Children's Liturgy takes place there during 11am Sunday Mass.

Christmas Quiz Thanks
Thanks to all who attended the quiz in the Tara and all the sponsors. €870 was raised for Crumlin Hospital.

I.C.A. Meeting
Niall Mór Centre Wednesday 9th Jan 7.30pm

• **Sunday 6th January 2019:** *Epiphany of the Lord*

• **Weekday Readings:** *After Epiphany*

Saturday 5th January: 07.00pm - Bridget Cooper (Anniversary)
Michael Hugh Byrne (Anniversary)
Patrick Byrne (Anniversary)

Sunday 6th January: 09.00am - Edward & Nora Leslie (Anniversaries)
11.00am - Michael Boyle (Anniversary)

Monday 7th January: 10.00am - Brendan & Rose Fitzgerald & Mary Worley (Anniv)
Tuesday 8th January: 10.00am - Bernard & Helen Doogan (Anniversaries)
Wednesday 9th January: 10.00am - Special Intention
Thursday 10th January: 10.00am - Georgie Murray R.I.P.
Friday 11th January: 10.00am - Special Intention

Saturday 12th January: 07.00pm - Joe Kelly (Month's Mind Mass)
Ron Matthews (1st Anniversary)
Mary Brogan (Anniversary)
Packie & Mary Ann O'Donnell (Anniversaries)
Bridie Rawdon (Anniversary)
Jacqueline Callides (Anniversary)

Sunday 13th January: 09.00am - Noel Cahill (Anniversary)
11.00am - Rose & Charlie Boyle (Anniversaries)
Sarah Agnes & Paddy Doc Hegarty (Anniversaries)

Adoration: Sunday 6.00pm to Monday Midnight **Confessions:** Saturday 6.30pm
Rosary/ Divine Mercy/Adoration Adoration Room Tues 5.45pm - 6.45pm.

Pray for: Charlie Harkin, whose Funeral Mass will be in Glenties on Friday 11th January 11am, followed by burial in Killybegs (brother of Mary Harkin, Stragar).

Mary Lafferty, Conlin Rd, whose funeral took place on Wednesday;

Moira Mallon, The Diamond, whose funeral took place on Tuesday;

Ena O'Doherty, Letterkenny, whose funeral took place here on Wednesday:

Patrick McCallig, Mountcharles, whose funeral took place on Wednesday;

Eileen McGeady, Gortahork, whose funeral took place on Thursday (aunt of Mary T Curran).

Pray for: Patrick & Anne Gallagher, Island, Rose O'Donnell, Bridget Byrne, Hugh Joseph Boyle, Patrick Ryan, Kathleen O'Boyle, Crew of Evelyn Marie: Paddy Bonner, Hughie Gallagher, Tom Ham, Johnnie Óg O'Donnell, Joe O'Donnell, Roland Faulkner. **Suaímhneas Siorai.**

Áislann Chill Chartha 0749738376

Indoor Boot Sale: Sat. 19th Jan 12 - 3pm. Tables €10

Children's Art Classes: Tue 15th Jan 6 - 7pm with Conal McIntyre. Booking essential.

Fitness Suite Year Membership Adults €99 Students €80
Tiny Tots Play Morning: up to 4 years. Fri 11th Jan, 10am - 12.30pm. €3 per child, 2+ children €5

Pilates Classes: Tue 8th January 11.15am - 12.15pm.
Booking essential. Martina Mulhern 086 3846302

Niall Mór Centre 9741863 Ring to book a place..

Coming in Jan 2019: Scrabble: Mondays at 10.30am
Walk & Talk Group: Mondays, 10am.

Spanish: Mondays, 6-8pm & 8-10pm, date TBC.

Pilates: Mondays, Ladies 8-9pm, Men's 9-10pm,

Relax Kids: Thursday 10th Jan, 4-5pm for 6 weeks.

Ladies Art Class: Thursday 17th Jan 7-9pm, 8 weeks.

Eileen Mc Gonigle Yoga: Thur 10 Jan 9.30-10:45am.

Tai Chi: Fridays 9.30 - 11am, 8 weeks, date: TBC

Kids Drama Class: Friday 18th Jan 5-8 years, 3.30-5pm & 9-12 years 5.15 - 6.45pm.

Basket Making Workshop: 12/13 Jan 10am - 4pm

Blessed Sacrament Adoration

6th January - Brendan O'Keeney
13th January - Anthony McBrearty

Sunday Collection	€ 1,590.00
Church Flowers	€ 25.00
Restoration Fund	
Envelopes 29th & 30th December	€ 2,460.00
Donation	€ 500.00
Total Restoration Fund:	€2,997,064.43

Anam Cara Donegal: Parent Evening Thurs. 10th Jan 7:20pm Radisson Blu Hotel, Lkenny. Free and open to all bereaved parents.

History of Killybegs

If you are interested in recording undocumented history of Killybegs, come & have your say at a meeting in the Tara Hotel on Wed. 9th Jan. 9pm

Blood Transfusion at The Tara Hotel
Thursday 10th January 2pm - 9.30pm.