

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

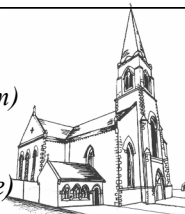
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### The Miracle of Morning

by Amanda Gorman

*I thought I'd awaken to a world in mourning.  
Heavy clouds crowding, a society storming.  
But there's something different on this golden morning.  
Something magical in the sunlight, wide and warming.*

*I see a dad with a stroller taking a jog.  
Across the street, a bright-eyed girl chases her dog.  
A grandma on a porch fingers her rosaries.  
She grins as her young neighbour brings her groceries.*

*While we might feel small, separate, and all alone,  
Our people have never been more closely tethered.  
The question isn't if we will weather this unknown,  
But how we will weather this unknown together.*

*So on this meaningful morn, we mourn and we mend.  
Like light, we can't be broken, even when we bend.*

*As one, we will defeat both despair and disease.  
We stand with healthcare heroes and all employees;  
With families, libraries, schools, waiters, artists;  
Businesses, restaurants, and hospitals hit hardest.*

*We ignite not in the light, but in lack thereof,  
For it is in loss that we truly learn to love.  
In this chaos, we will discover clarity.  
In suffering, we must find solidarity.*

*For it's our grief that gives us our gratitude,  
Shows us how to find hope, if we ever lose it.  
So ensure that this ache wasn't endured in vain:  
Do not ignore the pain. Give it purpose. Use it.*

*Read children's books, dance alone to DJ music.  
Know that this distance will make our hearts grow fonder.  
From a wave of woes our world will emerge stronger.*

*We'll observe how the burdens braved by humankind  
Are also the moments that make us humans kind;  
Let every dawn find us courageous, brought closer;  
Heeding the light before the fight is over.  
When this ends, we'll smile sweetly, finally seeing  
In testing times, we became the best of beings.*

Amanda Gorman is an American poet and activist.

Her work focuses on issues of oppression, feminism, race and marginalisation, as well as the African diaspora.

She was the first person to be named National Youth Poet Laureate.

She was also the youngest poet, at the age of 22, accorded the honour of delivering the presidential inaugural poem 2021.

She published the poetry book, The One for Whom Food is Not Enough, in 2015.



When Amanda Gorman wrote this poem, it was early on in the coronavirus pandemic, when we were only beginning to comprehend the scale of national mourning to come. But even then, she wanted to acknowledge the promise of healing, like the light of morning, that springs from despair.

- Sunday 7th February 2021: Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B
- Weekday Readings: Fifth Week of Ordinary Time Cycle 1

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

Saturday	6th February: 11.00am - Brendan O'Keeney R.I.P. (Month's Mind Mass) 07.00pm - Special Intentions
Sunday	7th February: 11.00am - Charles & Conal O'Donnell (Anniversaries)
Monday	8th February: 10.00am - Special Thanksgiving Intention
Tuesday	9th February: 10.00am - Onzey, Francisco & Mary Graglia (Anniversaries)
Thursday	11th February: 10.00am - Margaret Leslie (Anniversary)
Friday	12th February: 10.00am - Peggy O'Connor R.I.P.
Saturday	13th February: 07.00pm - Lurna Beirne (3rd Anniversary) Minnie Murrin (Anniversary)
Sunday	14th February: 11.00am - Ann Boyle (2nd Anniversary)

Please note: No Mass on Wednesday.

**Pray for:** Conal Byrne, Muckross, whose funeral was in Kilcar on Wednesday (brother of Maire Byrne, Lisnacloya); Lily Morgan, who died in Manchester (sister-in-law of Margaret O'Boyle, Church Rd); Conal Sills, whose funeral was in Leopardstown last week (nephew of the late Constantine Murrin); Michael Walsh, Headford, who died last week. **Pray for:** Pat Callaghan (1st Anniv.), Eddie Sweeney, Sarah Carr, Margaret Carr, Joe Neal. **Suaimhneas Siorai.**

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**Thank you:** Kieran Gamble and family would like thank everyone who sympathised with them on the loss of his father Michael Gamble. Those who sent Mass cards, sympathy cards, phone or sympathised in any way. It meant so much during these Covid times. We are very grateful. Mass will be offered for your intentions.

**Thank You:** Mairead Gallagher and family wish to thank everyone who sympathised with them following the death of her brother Willie John Cunningham, all who sent cards and all who went to Bundoran. Mass is offered for your intentions (Monday 10am).

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	€ 1,340.00
<b>Mission Sunday</b>	€ 100.00
<b>Restoration Fund</b>	
Envelopes 30th & 31st January	€ 885.00
Ton of Mackerel Donation	€ 3,000.00
Standing Orders for Sept	€ 895.00
Standing Orders for Oct	€ 845.00
Standing Orders for Nov	€ 1,535.00
Standing Orders for Dec	€ 855.00
<b>Total Restoration Fund:</b>	<b>€3,248,086.43</b>

Thank you for your continued generosity

**Sacraments of Confirmation / First Confession / Holy Communion**

The date for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be rearranged once the schools reopen. The date for the Sacrament of First Confession will be rearranged once the school reopens. First Holy Communion on Saturday 15th May is still under consideration.

**LEVEL 5 COVID REGULATIONS**

Stay at home... restrict your movements... wash your hands... stay 2 metres apart... wear a face covering... reduce contacts.

- Mass celebrated here behind closed doors, all Masses live streamed.
- Funerals restricted to 10, Weddings to 6, No Baptisms for now
- The church is open for private prayer every day: 8am - 7pm. Take care.