

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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Masses and Services: Live streaming [www.mcn.live](http://www.mcn.live) (link on website)



• **Sunday 8th March 2026:** *Third Sunday of Lent* *Year A*  
 • **Weekday Readings:** *Third Week of Lent*

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](http://mcn.live)

**Saturday 7th March: 07.00pm** - Jim Boyle, Fintra Rd (4th Anniversary)  
 Eileen & Neil Hegarty, Liam, Patrick John & Kim Hegarty,  
 & Thomas Sheridan (Anniversaries)  
 Rose & Charlie Conwell (Anniversaries)

**Sunday 8th March: 09.00am** - Mary Teresa Friel (13th Anniversary)  
**11.00am** - Frank Gallagher (Month's Mind Mass)  
 Paddy Haughey (28th Anniversary)

**Monday 9th March: 10.00am** - Special Intention (Thanksgiving)

**Tuesday 10th March: 10.00am** - Nora Mulrooney R.I.P.

**Thursday 12th March: 10.00am** - Special Intentions

**Friday 13th March: 10.00am** - Special Intentions

**Saturday 14th March: 07.00pm** - Bernard Conaghan (Month's Mind Mass)  
 Irene McCrudden (3rd Anniversary)  
 Bridie Moore (4th Anniversary)  
 Lil & Con Kennedy (Anniversaries)  
 Nancy O'Donnell (Anniversary)  
 Brendan & Sheila Hickey (Anniversaries)  
 Pat O'Callaghan (16th Anniversary)  
 Pat Quinn (Anniversary)  
 Virginia Bowden (Anniversary)

**Sunday 15th March: 09.00am** - Special Intentions  
**11.00am** - Special Intentions

*Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday 11am to 7pm*

**Pray for: Paula Sweeney**, whose funeral took place in Dungloe on Thursday (formerly Paula O'Donnell, Church Rd). **Pray for: Cahil McLaughlin, Alfred Lydon.** *Suaímhneas Sioraí.*

### The Cross of Suffering

We invite you to write a name or an intention, personal or global, on the Intentions Sheet provided, which will be remembered collectively at all Masses for the remainder of Lent. By putting your concerns into words and placing them into the Box of Suffering, we pray that your Cross of Suffering will be transformed into a Beacon of Light through the healing power of God. The box will be placed at the foot of the Cross on Good Friday, remaining 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 who are suffering.



<b>Sunday Collection</b>	1st March	€1,195.00
<b>Maintenance Fund</b>	1st March	€1,140.00
Ton of Mackerel		€2,000.00



### Áislann Chill Chartha 074 9738376

*Indoor Country Market/ Car Boot Sale*  
 Sat 4th April 1-4pm. Tables €20.  
*Children's Easter Camp* 30th March to 2nd April  
*Concert* Tanya McCole Friday 27th March €20

### Niall Mór Centre

**0749741863** [info@niallmorcentre.com](mailto:info@niallmorcentre.com)  
*Irish Language Classes* all levels Thursdays 11am  
*Willow Weaving Creel Basket Making Course*  
 Starts Monday 23rd March 2pm-4pm for 6 weeks  
*Wellness-Mindfulness-Meditation Course*  
 with Mary Kara starts Monday 16th March 7-9pm  
*Children's Easter Camp* 7th-9th April 10am-1pm

**Anam Cara Donegal** Parent Support Evening for bereaved parents on Thursday 12th March 7.30pm in the Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny

### Confirmation Congratulations 2026

Congratulations to the 39 young people who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation last Saturday. It was a very special celebration and we are grateful to all the Confirmandi who played a full part in all the preparation and in the celebration itself. Our sincere thanks also to the parents, sponsors, family members, teachers & principals, SNA, school & parish secretaries, Ministers of the Eucharist, Sacristan Patricia, ushers, portrait artist Roisín O'Donnell, chief photographer Alan Hennigan [alanhennigan@gmail.com](mailto:alanhennigan@gmail.com) & Plunkett Smith and to all who helped and all who supported the young people in their journey of faith. Special thanks to the Killybegs Parish Choir with Frank Urquhart, Miriam Curran, Maeve McGowan, Iuliia Vakhlamova, Sara O'Donnell, Ann O'Donnell (Coordinator) & the Junior Choir with soloist Kate Oria Johnston. It was a very uplifting celebration and we pray God's blessing on all who were confirmed and their families.



*To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you.*

### Primary School enrolments 2026/27

Fintra N.S. accepting new enrolments until Friday 27th March.  
 See [www.fintrans.scoilnet.ie/blog](http://www.fintrans.scoilnet.ie/blog) under the enrolment tab or tel: 074 9731668

### First Communion 'Grow in Love' Celebration

Next celebration today, Sunday 8th March 11am.  
**Celebration of First Confession:**  
 Tuesday 24th March 7pm

### Liturgy of the Word for Children

Sunday 22nd March 11am.  
 Sunday 5th April 11am.



**Parish Choir Practice** Mondays 7.15pm

### Final Hymn: Be Still and Know

Be still and know that I am God,  
 Be still and know that I am God,  
 Be Still and know that I am God.  
 I am the lord that health thee.. (x3)  
 In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust..(x3)



### A Lenten Prayer

Oscar Romero

*It helps now and then,  
 to step back and take the long view.  
 The Kingdom is not only beyond our efforts,  
 it is even beyond our vision.  
 We accomplish in our lifetime only a tiny fraction  
 of the magnificent enterprise that is God's work.  
 Nothing we do is complete,  
 which is another way of saying  
 that the kingdom always lies beyond us.  
 No statement says all that could be said.  
 No prayer fully expresses our faith.  
 No confession brings perfection;  
 no pastoral visit brings wholeness.  
 No programme accomplishes the Church's mission.  
 No set of goals and objects includes everything.  
 That is what we are about.  
 We plant seeds that one day will grow.  
 We water seeds already planted,  
 knowing that they hold future promise.  
 We lay foundations  
 that will need further development.  
 We provide yeast that produces effects  
 far beyond our capabilities.  
 We cannot do everything,  
 and there is a sense of liberation in realising that.  
 This enables us to do something, and do it very well.  
 It may be incomplete, but it is a beginning,  
 a step along the way, an opportunity  
 for the Lord's grace to enter and do the rest.  
 We may never see the end results,  
 but that is the difference  
 between the master builder and the worker.  
 We are workers, not master builders,  
 ministers, not messiahs.  
 We are prophets of a future that is not our own.*

### Entrance Hymn: God of Mercy and Compassion

God of mercy and compassion,  
 Look with pity upon me  
 Father, let me call thee Father  
 'Tis thy child returns to thee.  
*Jesus Lord, I ask for mercy  
 Let me not implore in vain  
 All my sins I now reject them  
 Never will I sin again.*  
 By my sins I have abandoned  
 Right and claim to Heaven above  
 Where the saints rejoice forever  
 In a boundless sea of love. (Chorus)

