

St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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The Season of Creation 2024

Each year from September 1st to October 4th, the Christian family unites for this worldwide celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. Our well-being is interwoven with the well-being of the Earth. This year, the theme for the season is "To hope and act with Creation". Many are beginning to despair and suffer from eco-anxiety amid the triple crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution.

Thanksgiving for the Earth

*God of Holy Dreaming, great Creator Spirit,
 from the dawn of Creation you have given your
 children the good things of our mothering Earth.
 You spoke and the gum tree grew.
 In the vast desert and the dense forest,
 and in the cities and at the water's edge,
 Creation sings your praise.
 Your presence endures at the rock
 at the heart of our land.*

*When Jesus hung on the tree you heard the cries of
 all your people and became one with your wounded
 ones: the convicts, the hunted, the dispossessed.
 The sunrise of your Son coloured the Earth anew
 and bathed it in glorious hope.*

*In Jesus, we have been reconciled to you,
 to each other and to your whole Creation.*

*Lead us on, Great Spirit,
 as we gather from the four corners of the Earth.
 Enable us to walk together in trust
 from the hurt and shame of the past
 into the full day that has dawned in Jesus Christ.
 Amen.*

(Aboriginal and Torres Strait Liturgical Resources)

Entrance Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
 Be all else but naught to me, save that thou art:
 Be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
 Both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word.
 Be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord:
 Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son.
 Be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright sun.
 O grant me its joys, after victory is won:
 Great heart of my own heart, whatever befall.
 Still be thou my vision, O ruler of all.



Child Safeguarding Notice

To report a suspicion, concern, or complaint of child abuse, either current or historical, please contact Margaret Northage, the Designated Liaison Person for the Raphoe Diocese, on 086 2183 011.

You are advised also to contact statutory authorities:

- Tusla (Child & Family Agency) - Tel: 074 9102233
- Gardaí National Protective Services Bureau - Tel: 01 6663430/6663435

In an emergency, please contact Letterkenny Garda Station – Tel: 074 9167100

Free Counselling & Support is available from *Towards Healing*, an independent organisation giving professional support for people who have experienced institutional, clerical or religious abuse in Ireland. Freephone - RoI: 1800 303416
 Freephone - N.Ireland & UK: 0800 0963315
 Freephone - Hearing Impaired: 085 8022859



Liturgy of the Word for Children this Sunday 8th September 11am.

Final Hymn: God's Spirit is in My Heart

God's spirit is in my heart,
 He has called me and set me apart,
 This is what I have to do, what I have to do.

*He sent me to bring the good news to the poor,
 Tell prisoners that they are prisoners no more,
 Tell blind people that they can see,
 And set the downtrodden free.
 And go tell everyone
 The news that the kingdom of God has come,
 And go tell everyone
 The news that God's kingdom has come.*

Just as the Father sent me,
 So I'm sending you out to be,
 My witnesses throughout the world,
 The whole of the world. (Chorus)



- ♦ **Sunday 8th September 2024: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time** Year B
 - ♦ **Weekday Readings: Twenty-Third Week in Ordinary Time** Cycle 2
- Masses will be relayed on the webcam: go to killybegsparish.com for a link to Online Services**

Friday	6th September:	10.00am - Special Intentions
Saturday	7th September:	07.00pm - Ryan McCrudden (13th Anniversary) John & Margaret McTeague (Anniversaries) Sean Melly (Anniversary) Kathleen Boyle (Anniversary)
Sunday	8th September:	09.00am - Ann Boyle R.I.P. (Birthday Mass) 11.00am - Kay Mangan nee Griffith, Alice & Anthony Griffith, Gabrielle Mangan (Anniversaries)
Monday	9th September:	10.00am - Fr Joseph Foy (Anniversary)
Tuesday	10th September:	10.00am - Special Intention
Thursday	12th September:	10.00am - Cahir & Annie Kennedy (Anniversaries)
Friday	13th September:	07.00pm - Tommy & Bridget Dorrian & family (Anniversaries)
Saturday	14th September:	11.00am - Dessie Rowan R.I.P. 07.00pm - Anne Quinn R.I.P. Una Cunningham (14th Anniversary) & baby Linda
Sunday	15th September:	09.00am - Áine & William & Glenis Murray (Anniversaries) 11.00am - Packie & Mary Boyle (Anniversaries)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: *Monday 11am - 7pm* .

Pray for: Marie Murray, Derrylin, who died recently. *Suaimhneas Síoraí.*

Adoration, Rosary & Divine Mercy in the Adoration Room every Wednesday from 7 - 8pm. Everyone welcome.

Sunday Collection 1st September € 1,805.00
Maintenance Fund 1st September € 1,810.00

Parish Choir Practice Monday 7.15pm

Congratulations to the Church Rd Residents who are having their Fifty Years Reunion next Saturday 14th September.

Raphoe Online Faith Formation Course beginning Wednesday 11th September 8pm. It's an eight-part study to understand the Bible. For further details and to register, email dpr@raphoediocese.ie or call/text 0874504873

St John's Church
 Annual Harvest Coffee Morning Saturday 28th Sept 10am -1pm ... enjoy some lovely home bakes and catch up with friends. Everyone welcome.

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Now taking names for classes starting Monday 23rd September. Booking essential. Contact the Centre. Updates on Facebook page.
Concert: Reckless performing Bryan Adams Greatest Hits on Friday 27th Sept. €15.

Leitir Corn Mill Car Boot Sale
 Sat 21st September 10:30am -1pm. All welcome.

Sing 550 As part of the Donegal Town 550th anniversary celebrations, a 'Big Sing' will take place in St Agatha's Church, Clar, Donegal Town on Sunday Sept 22nd. All singers are invited to register on Event Brite /Sing 550. The aim is to gather 550 singers! Reg fee is €5.50 and all details on Event Brite. Closing date Sept 15th.

Visiting Cruise Ships
Silver Spirit Sun 15th Sept 8am - 5pm;
 412 Crew, 648 Passengers.

*To live anywhere in the world today
 and be against equality because of race or colour
 is like living in Alaska and being against snow.*

William Faulkner

Donegal Garden Society A talk by John Gault on Mon 9th Sept 7pm, Salthill Garden Rm, Mtcharles.

Anam Cara Donegal, Parent Evening on Thursday 12th Sept at 7.15pm in the Raddison Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. Tel: 01 4045378

Retreats at Ards Friary
Welcoming Autumn – Reflections on Retirement: Wed 25th Sept 10.30am-4pm.€45 (includes lunch).
The Path to Self-Acceptance: Fri 27th-Sun 29th Sept. €220. Both retreats led by Philip McParland. Contact Ards 074 913 8909; E: info@ardsfriary.ie.