

## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish, Killybegs

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### Reflection for Good Friday

Why do we call this Friday 'Good' when so many bad things happened? It is a day of contrasts and of paradox, a day of contradictions. It is a day of unparalleled evil but we strangely call it 'Good'. God came to earth so that we may go to heaven. God became human so that we might become divine. The Son of God became a slave so that we could be set free. Jesus was rejected so that we might be accepted. Jesus forgave so that we would forgive. Jesus was convicted so that we might have conviction. Jesus was sold so that we could be redeemed. Jesus has hurt so that we could be healed. Jesus was scourged - we were purged. Jesus descended into hell so that we might ascend to heaven. Jesus was crowned with thorns so that we might have the crown of eternal life. The sky went dark so that we might see the light. The earth shook so that we might be calm. Jesus was condemned as guilty so that we might be found innocent. Jesus carried his cross so that Satan's plan would be crossed out. Jesus heart was opened by a spear so that our hearts might be opened by love. Jesus laid in a borrowed tomb for only three days. This is a day of supreme contrasts, paradox and even contradiction. Jesus suffered all those bad things, so that we might call this Friday 'Good'.



**Summertime: Church opens 8am, closes 8pm**



### Easter Blessing Prayer

*Beyond all doubt  
it is right, and fitting,  
and the fullest expression of who we are,  
that we should always  
praise and bless your name.*

*For you are the source of our life  
and without you we vanish into nothingness.*

*But out of all our days  
it is on this day above all  
that our very being must cry out  
in joyful benediction.*

*For it is today that you renew us  
and give us new hope  
by calling Jesus forth from the tomb  
and crowning him as the Christ,  
the fullness of all life.*

*In the power of his Spirit  
We re-live his time among us,  
his passage through death to new life,  
and the gift of his life-giving Spirit  
shaping us as his body in the world.*

*His Spirit is the living one,  
going before us on our way.*

George B Wilson S.J.

***We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song.  
The joy of the Resurrection renews the whole world  
Beannachtaí na Cásca oraibh uilig.***

***Happy Easter! Alleluia!***

- ◆ **Sunday 9th April 2023:** *Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection* *Year A*
- ◆ **Weekday Readings:** *Easter Octave*

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

**Good Friday 7th March:** **11.00am** - Family Stations of the Cross  
**03.00pm** - Celebration of the Lord's Passion  
**09.00pm** - Stations of the Cross

**Holy Saturday 8th April:** **09.00pm** - The Easter Vigil: Intentions of Parishioners and friends

**Easter Sunday 9th April:** **09.00am** - James Walsh (9th Anniversary)  
**11.00am** - Kieran Harvey (3rd Anniversary)

**Easter Monday 10th April:** **11.00am** - Denis Nolan (4th Anniversary)

**Easter Tuesday 11th April:** **11.00am** - Seamus Doherty (6th Anniversary)

**Easter Thursday 13th April:** **11.00am** - Special Intention

**Easter Friday 14th April:** **07.00pm** - John Murrin (1st Anniversary)

**Easter Saturday 15th April:** **07.00pm** - Irene McCrudden (Month's Mind Mass)  
 Aggie & Neil Quinn (Anniversaries)  
 Eugene McGuinness (4th Anniv) & deceased family members  
 Hugh & Bridget Gallagher (Anniversaries)  
 Francie & Paddy Gallagher, Stragar (Anniversaries)

**Sunday 16th April:** **09.00am** - Cahir Gallagher (5th Anniversary)  
**11.00am** - Liz & Bill McClean (Anniversaries)

*Please note: No 7pm Mass this Saturday. Easter Vigil at 9pm.  
No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Bank Holiday Monday.*

**Pray for: Tory Glen**, who died in Coventry on Holy Thursday (formerly Tory Cannon, sister of the late Peg Murrin & Nancy O'Donnell); **Con Meehan**, formerly of The Commons, whose funeral was in Monaseed, Co Wexford, last Monday; **Margaret Ward**, who died in Coventry recently; **Brid Mc Gonigle**, whose funeral was in Glen on Tuesday. **Pray for: Cecelia McLaughlin, Anne Neill** (birthday remembrance), Patrick John Hegarty, Straleeney & UK. **Suaímhneas Sioraí.**

**Sunday Collection** 2nd April € 1,130.90  
**Restoration Fund** 2nd April € 1,281.75

**Yoga for Kids** 4 week course suitable for ages 7-12 in Niall Mór Centre, Thursday 27th April, 4.30pm-5.30pm. €40. To book tel Zia 0876463956

**Loughros Heritage Group** book launch of Pointe Luacharais Loughros Point: Placenames & Tales of Nooks & Crannies on Saturday, 22nd April at 3pm in the Parish Centre, Ardara (beside Holy Family Church). Please RSVP to loughrosheritagegroup@gmail.com. Bigí linn.

**Fundraising walk** in aid of Glencolmille Parish Building Fund on Easter Monday 10th April at 1pm. leaving Carrick old school to Meenanearry, returning via Bogagh. Refreshments. €20 pp (children free).

**Lough Derg 2023**

**Three day Pilgrimage:** from 1st June to 15th August Adm: €80  
**One Day Retreat:** specified dates in May, August and Sept. Adm: €45  
**Residential Retreat:** 11th-15th June / 6th-10th August €400  
**Lakeshore Pilgrimage:** 21st May & 30th Sept €25  
**Quiet Day:** 12th May & 15th Sept €35  
 Full details: See noticeboard or [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

### Church Car Park

The car park adjacent to the Church is a church car park and was recently lined. The section nearest the houses wasn't fully lined to facilitate through-traffic but may be used for parking at busy times.

Please observe the line marking when parking. Priority parking for those attending Mass or other church services. We cannot facilitate campers or larger vehicles or long stay parking.

*Please allow for emergency access at all times.*  
 We would ask the owner of the red Audi 08KK2170 to remove the vehicle immediately.

**Killybegs WEEE Collection Day** Thursday 13th April 10am-4pm at Traders' Car Park Shore Rd. Free Electrical Recycling Day and it's time to start gathering your old electrical waste.

**Pam's Creations Hair Salon 0749731820**  
 Due to renovations Pam's Creations will be closed from Tues 11th until Wed 19th April. Sincere apologies for any inconvenience caused.

**Mary's Meals** Please drop off old coins at the Traders' Car Park on Saturday 8th April, between 9.30am-2pm or contact Fr. Eamonn Kelly on 087 9077985 for collection.