

## 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)



### Confirmation Congratulations 2025

Congratulations to the 27 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, ushers, 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, Maeve McGowan, Iuliia Vakhlamova, Sara O'Donnell, Karen Heena, Joe Armstrong, 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.



### Fast and Feasts for Lent

*Fast from judging others.  
 Feast on Christ living in them.  
 Fast from darkness.  
 Feast on the reality of light.  
 Fast from anger.  
 Feast on patience.  
 Fast from bitterness.  
 Feast on forgiveness.  
 Fast from emphasis on difference.  
 Feast on the unity of life.  
 Fast from thoughts of sickness.  
 Feast on the healing hand of God.  
 Fast from worry.  
 Feast on the providence of God.  
 Fast from pessimism.  
 Feast on optimism.  
 Fast from negatives.  
 Feast on the affirmation.  
 Fast from complaining.  
 Feast on appreciation.* Redemptorist Publications



### The Season of Lent 2025

**Trócaire Boxes** are now available. This year focuses on Guatemala, a country which is one of the least responsible for causing the climate crisis, yet is bearing the brunt of the consequences. We tell this story through Ilma, Julio and their family. Find our more at [trocaire.org](http://trocaire.org).

**Walk With Me:** A Lenten Journey of Prayer €2. Place donation in the money boxes in porch or in the Candle Shrines.



 **Parish Choir Practice** Mondays .15pm

### Entrance Hymn: Christ Be Beside Me

Christ be beside me, Christ be before me,  
 Christ be behind me, King of my heart.  
 Christ be within me, Christ be below me,  
 Christ be above me, never to part.

Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand,  
 Christ all around me, shield in the strife.  
 Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting,  
 Christ in my rising, light of my life.

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me,  
 Christ be in all tongues telling of me,  
 Christ be the vision in eyes that see me,  
 In ears that hear me, Christ ever be.



### Liturgy of the Word for Children

- this Sunday 9th March 11am
- Sunday 23rd March 11am



### Entrance Hymn: God of Mercy and Compassion

God of mercy and compassion,  
 Lord of life and blinding light,  
 Truth whom creatures would refashion,  
 Force on us the gift of sight.

*Truth insistent and demanding,  
 Love resented and ignored,  
 Life beyond all understanding,  
 Give us peace and pardon, Lord.*

Lord who out of love consented,  
 To the worst that we could do:  
 Lord abandoned and tormented,  
 Let us love and suffer too. (Chorus)



- ◆ **Sunday 9th March 2025: First Sunday of Lent** Year C
  - ◆ **Weekday Readings: First Week of Lent** Cycle 1
- 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)

**Friday 7th March: 07.00pm** - Ann Kelly (Month's Mind Mass)  
**Saturday 8th March: 07.00pm** - Mary Teresa Friel (Anniversary)  
 Brendan & Sheila Hickey (Anniversaries)  
**Sunday 9th March: 09.00am** - Bridie Moore (3rd Anniversary)  
 11.00am - Jimmy Doherty (Month's Mind Mass)  
**Monday 10th March: 10.00am** - Special Thanksgiving Intention  
**Tuesday 11th March: 10.00am** - Nancy O'Donnell (4th Anniversary)  
**Thursday 13th March: 10.00am** - Alfred Lydon (Anniversary)  
**Friday 14th March: 10.00am** - Gerry McCallig (15th Anniversary)  
**Saturday 15th March: 07.00pm** - Lil & Con Kennedy (Anniversaries)  
 Margaret McGuinness, Main St (10th Anniversary)  
 Pat Quinn (17th Anniversary)  
 Paddy Haughey (17th Anniversary)  
 Eileen, Neil, Liam, Patrick John & Kim Hegarty & Thomas Sheridan (Anniversaries)  
 Bridgit O'Hara (7th Anniversary)  
 Rose & Charlie Conwell (Anniversaries)  
**Sunday 16th March: 09.00am** - Special Intentions  
 11.00am - Pat O'Callaghan (15th Anniversary)  
 07.00pm - St Patrick's Eve Mass  
 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Monday 11am - 7pm.

**Pray for: Marion Darcy, Bruckless: Funeral Mass in Bruckless 1pm Sunday, burial in Killybegs Graveyard; Raymond Gillespie, Elmwood Terrace, Killybegs and Glenellan, Cloonamahon, Sligo, whose funeral took place on Wednesday; Patrick Connelly, Galway, who died in Galway.**  
**Pray for: Annie Byrne, Virginia & Jim Bowden. Suaimhneas Siorai.**

### The Society of St Vincent De Paul (SVP)

Please consider volunteering with SVP and become part of the largest charitable organisation in the country. Offering a little bit of help at the right time can give people hope for the future.

SVP will host a drop-in information meeting in Community Centre, Dunkineely, on Wednesday 19th March 7pm-8pm for people interested in joining SVP conferences in Killybegs and local areas. For more info t: Orla Beirne 087 775 7426 or email: [orla.beirne@svp.ie](mailto:orla.beirne@svp.ie)

**The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes** has added another date to this year's Pilgrimage due to demand. 18th - 23rd May from Dublin. €925. To book contact Joe Walsh Tours on 01 2410800.

**Lost and Found** Tel: Parish Office 0749731013  
 • A necklace was found in the Church on Saturday.  
 • A sum of money was found in the Graveyard.

**Mary's Meals** recent Church Gate Collection amounted to €1058.35. Thanks for your support.

**25 Card Drive:** In memory of John 'Big Francie' Gallagher in Bay View Hotel on Thursday 20th March at 7.30pm in aid of Donegal Hospital and Spina Bifida. All players welcome. : 087 9440257.

<b>Sunday Collection</b>	2nd March	€1,225.00
<b>Maintenance Fund</b>	2nd March	€1,265.00

**Niall Mór Centre**  
 0749741863 [info@niallmorcentre.com](mailto:info@niallmorcentre.com)  
 Mon 10th March 10am SNA Course QQI Level 5  
 ETB Course- Information Day  
 Thurs 13th March Watercolour Landscape Art  
 Tues 18th March Ladies DIY Home Improvement  
 Mon 24th March & 7th April, 7pm-9pm Donegal Women's Collective  
 Thurs 10th April Flower Arranging Class  
 Wed April 16th-18th Children's Easter Camp  
 May 2025 Sugar Crafting Class

**Thank You** Kathleen & family of the late Seamus Tully wish to thank everyone who sympathised, sent Mass Cards, sent messages of condolences, attended wake and funeral of their late husband, father, grandfather. We are most appreciative of your support.  
 Mass will be offered for our intentions.

**Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration Knock National Pilgrimage 2025**  
 Evening Session: Saturday 5th April 7pm-9.30pm  
 Pilgrimage Day: Sunday 6th April 10.30am - 5pm  
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