

Killorglin Parish

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MASS TIMES

St. James' Church, Killorglin

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm
Sunday 12.00pm
Monday 10.30am
Tuesday 10.30am
Thursday 6.30pm
Friday 10.30am

All Masses will be livestreamed
<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/killorglin-st-james-church>

Star of the Sea Church, Cromane
Sunday 10.00am
Holydays, First Friday 7.30pm

CONFESSIONS

in St. James' Church, Killorglin
on two Saturdays every month,
12.00 - 12.30pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
in St. James' Church, Killorglin
on Tuesday, 11.00am - 7.00pm

Funeral Masses

If you would like a Funeral Mass in St. James' recorded, please request this of the Parish Office, on the day beforehand.

Funeral Masses can also be livestreamed from Star of the Sea Church, Cromane.

1st December 2024

Waiting with Longing

Advent plays havoc with our tenses - future, present, past. We wait for what has already come and celebrate what has not yet arrived. It's all a bit confusing!

The trouble is that God has no tenses, no past, no present, no future; he dwells in an eternal Now. Unlike us, God is not a prisoner of time. We poor humans, on the other hand, are formed in time and space. Our *now* is that tiny instant where what was and what will be rub together yet slips away from us as we grasp it.

Not only does God have all the advantage but he also has an extraordinary plan. His plan lies in Jesus, the Eternal Word; the *Eternal* Word who became flesh and entered into time. The Eternal *entered* time!

This plan of God is our hope - a hope so enormous that it cannot be realised in time. And what a self-sacrifice that must have been - to step out of the eternal *Now* the painful limitations of a fleeting instant between yesterday and tomorrow!

Yes, our God is a humble God. As St Paul explained to the Philippians: *His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are...*(2:6-7).

He became as we are! He put on our short-lived mortality so that we might be transformed and led into eternity. This is the essence of our meditation for the next four weeks - the love of the Father which caused him to send his Son to set us free from time. And so we wait.

Advent is the season in which *we fill our waiting with longing*. We Christians fill our waiting with longing for the arrival of the One who will set us free from all longing.

But, in the meantime, what do we do? This is a question which preoccupies our readings today. What do we do while we are waiting? The Opening Prayer suggests 'righteous deeds': *Grant your faithful, we pray, almighty God, the resolve to run forth to meet your Christ with righteous deeds at his coming*. That's certainly an important work for a people waiting for their Master. We should 'do good'.

The Responsorial Psalm suggests that we should 'walk in God's truth', which includes doing good but implies, also, the need to keep *all* God's commandments in word and in deed.

St Paul recommends 'holiness' and 'blamelessness' as preparation for the coming of the Lord, and 'to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants.' We could find no better texts to meditate on during this first week of Advent! Jesus' warning, as we await his coming is to 'watch *ourselves*' so that *our* hearts are not 'coarsened' by sin and preoccupation with worldly affairs'. To 'watch' means to pray and the Lord says we should be 'praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen.'

We pray that the Lord's arrival finds us awake. Attentive and waiting.

Anniversary Mass Diary 2025

The Anniversary Mass diary for first anniversaries for the coming year will be open on Monday 2nd December, and for all other intentions, on Monday 9th December.

Confessions

There are Confessions in St. James Church, on two Saturdays in the month, from 12.00 - 12.30pm. The next date is **7th December**. Confessions are also available on request.

Eucharistic Adoration

There is Eucharistic Adoration in St. James Church, on Tuesday, from 11.00am to 6.00pm.

Diocesan Collection

The annual diocesan collection for the *Kerry Diocesan Youth Service* will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

First Friday

Next Friday is the First Friday. Fr. Kevin and Deacon Pat will make their Communion calls during the week as arranged.

Parish Christmas Carol Service

Our Parish Christmas Carol Service will take place in St. James Church, on Saturday 14th December at 7.00pm (shortly after Mass).

Support Trócaire this Christmas

You will find Trócaire's "Gifts of Change" catalogue as you come into St. James Church. Please take one and see how you can support Trócaire's work overseas by buying your loved a Christmas gift such as a chicken (€10), seeds & tools (€15), a beehive (€75) and many more. Your donations are spent in the countries where Trócaire works and in return you will receive a Trócaire Christmas Card which you "gift" to your loved one.

Remember our Dead

Died Recently: Jim Sullivan, "Quarry Lodge", Cromane Upper
 John Moriarty, Muingaphuca & Birmingham
 Joseph Grealish, Corlough, Co. Cavan & Hackney, London

Anniversaries: Mossie Kelliher, Anglont & Callinafersey
 Mary Kelly, Ballycleave
 Danny & Bridget Joy, Castleconway
 Joan O'Brien, St. James Gardens

Mass Intentions for the coming week in St. James' Church, Killorglin

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| Monday 2 nd December | 10.30am | For the People of the Parish |
| Tuesday, 3 rd December | 10.30am | Harry & Kathleen Fairtlough, Drogheda |
| Thursday, 5 th December | 6.30pm | Helen Horgan, Laharn |
| Friday, 6 th December | 10.30am | Elizabeth & Thomas Moriarty, Glencar, Beaufort & London |
| Saturday, 7 th December | 6.00pm | John Horgan, Coomcloghane |
| Sunday, 8 th December | 12.00pm | Christy Scully, Nauntenane |

Mass Intentions for the coming week in Star of the Sea Church, Cromane

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| Friday, 6 th December | 7.30pm | Kathleen & Paddy Casey, Cromane Cross; Michael Griffin, Lake Road; Tom & Eileen Hayes, Glosa; Mary & Daniel McKenna, Cromane Lower; Mary McKenna, Cromane Lower & New York; The McCarthy & McKenna families, Cromane Lower; Michael, Bridget & Donie McKenna, Cromane Lower; Michael & Johanna Murphy, Knockaunroe; Peggy Murphy, Dooks; Danny O'Mahony, Molly O'Mahony Teahan, Mary Beattie, Dan Teahan, Cromane Upper; Seán, Julia & Patrick O'Sullivan, Cromane Lower; Johnny & Bridget McKenna, Cromane Lower; Stephen Sullivan, Cromane Lower & New York; Michael & Eileen Egan, Listowel; Don Wynn, Tralee; The Lyne family, Cromane Lower; John Arthur McCarthy, Cromane Lower; Michael Riordan, Michael Riordan Jnr. & Denis Riordan, Liss |
| Sunday, 8 th December | 10.00am | John & Josephine O'Reilly & their families, Cromane Lower |

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Sunday

*In emergency always ring your own Priest first.
 Fr. Fergal Ryan, (087) 2408540*

If he is unavailable, please ring the following:

Monday: Fr. Fergal Ryan, (087) 2408540
Tuesday: Fr. Kieran O'Sullivan, (087) 2432155
Wednesday: Fr. Fergal Ryan, (087) 2408540
Thursday: Fr. Danny Broderick, (087) 9061255
Friday: Fr. Kevin Sullivan, (087) 6277638

Ministries for next weekend

St. James Church, Killorglin, 7th & 8th December

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| Vigil | Reader | Margaret Foley |
| | Eucharistic Minister | Noreen Cahillane |
| | Altar Servers | Cillian Gleeson, Hayley Walker, Avery O'Sullivan, Julia Seagrave |
| 12.00pm | Reader | Anne Waterson |
| | Eucharistic Minister | Freda Purcell |
| | Altar Servers | Lily McCarthy, Cara McCarthy, Anja Cvitic, Cathal Courtney, Caitlin McCarthy |

Star of the Sea Church, Cromane, 8th December

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| | Reader | Eibhlín Duffy Hayes |
| | Altar Servers | Bláthnaid O'Riordan, Réiltín O'Shea |

Livestreaming & Broadcasting

All Masses are livestreamed from St. James' Church:
<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/killorglin-st-james-church>
 The webcam captures images of individuals who sit in the first two seats of the centre aisle. Please sit in another part of the Church if you do not wish your image to be broadcast in this way.

Feastdays and Readings for Weekday Masses

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| Monday 2 nd | Is 2:1-5. | Mt 8:5-11. |
| Tuesday 3 rd | St. Francis Xavier, Priest | Lk 10:21-24. |
| | Is 11:1-10. | St. Francis Xavier, 1506-1552, one of the first seven Jesuits, was sent to India by St. Ignatius. He converted many in Goa and later in Japan. He died as he attempted to enter China. He is a patron of the missions. |
| Thursday 5 th | Is 26:1-6. | Mt 7:21, 24-27. |
| Friday 6 th | Is 29:17-24. | Mt 9:27-31. |

Vacancy for Pastoral Centre Secretary

Applications are invited for the position of a part-time secretary with experience in Microsoft Office and general office duties. Closing date for applications is 5.00pm on Friday 6th December. For further information, please see www.dioceseofkerry.ie

Thank you

Killorglin Men's Social Group wishes to thank all who supported its Coffee Morning in aid of Kerry Hospice. €670 was raised.

Memory Tree Ceremony in Library Place

on Saturday 21st December, at 7.00pm
 Memory Cards, €10, from Bunkers & Eurospar

Christmas Classics - A Carol Concert

in St. Michael's Church, on Friday 20th December, at 7.00pm
 featuring Conor Prendiville, Megan O'Neill and Doireann O'Carroll
 Tickets, €20, from Eventbrite and at the door.

Ballyheigue Drama Group presents **Many Young Men of Twenty**

in aid of Irish Pilgrimage Trust, directed by Fr. Tom Leane
 on Saturday 7th December, in the CYMS, at 8.00pm
 Tickets, €15: (087) 6963814, (087) 3509117

Kerry Choral Union presents

'O Holy Night', a Christmas Gala Concert

at the Church of St. John the Baptist, Castle Street, Tralee,
 on Sunday 8th December, at 7.30pm
 Tickets, €20, available on the door. Details: www.kcu.ie