

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.

22nd December 2024

Christmas Message Diocese of Kerry 2024

*The Word was made flesh, he lived among us,
And we saw his glory,
the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father,
full of grace and truth. Jn 1:14*

Dia dhiabh. Nollaig Shona dhiabh go léir. A happy and faith-filled Christmas to one and all. Christmas is a time to count our blessings and rejoice, to think of and give thanks for all that is good in all the communities and parishes of our diocese. Thank you to the priests and all in our parishes; thank you to all our school communities. Thank you to all involved in voluntary groups: in sport, in the arts, in social care - so many wonderful things are happening everywhere. From the local media, print, radio and online, again and again we realize the wonderful voluntary bodies present in our communities. Long may it continue. Sincere thanks to all the volunteers involved.

It is wonderful that Christmas continues to be a family celebration in Ireland. Families celebrate together, family members love to 'be home for Christmas'. Children grow up with fond memories of Christmas at home. I encourage all families to share their faith with their children through the story of Christmas. The birth of Jesus both fulfilled and revealed the loving plans of God the Father for all peoples. Jesus reveals that God is love, Jesus has offered us the gift of eternal life. May a simple family crib have a special place in your home.

This year we cannot ignore the fact that many families in Ireland lack the basics required to have a happy Christmas. Thousands of individuals, couples and families are spending another Christmas without a home of their own. Many adults are exhausted by the year-round struggle to earn sufficient money to pay the ordinary bills that arise for a family. Many living among us find themselves far from their families and homeland this Christmas. For those struggling and almost despairing, may the scene in the stable of Mary, Joseph and baby Jesus give hope and comfort.

In the Church, in tune with the ancient biblical tradition, 2025 will be a Jubilee Year, a Holy Year. A Jubilee year is held every twenty-five years in celebration of the Christmas event, the Incarnation, the Birth of Jesus Christ. In all our parishes we will celebrate the opening of the jubilee year on Sunday 29th December, the Feast of the Holy Family. For Jubilee 2025 Pope Francis has chosen the theme, 'Pilgrims of Hope'.

Pilgrimage points to life as a journey, a journey in search of meaning and fulfilment, a fulfilment that is to be found in our relationship with Jesus Christ. The following from the writings of Pope Francis speaks to us all of Christian hope:

"Dear sister, dear brother, even if in your heart you have buried hope, do not give up: God is greater. Darkness and death do not have the last word. Be strong, for with God nothing is lost! The first Christians depicted hope as an anchor. Hope was an anchor fixed to the shores beyond. ... The message of hope should not be confined to our sacred places but should be brought to everyone. For everyone is in need of reassurance, ... How beautiful it is to be Christians who offer consolation, who bear the burdens of others and who offer encouragement: messengers of life in a time of death!

In every Galilee, in every area of the human family to which we all belong and which is part of us – for we are all brothers and sisters – may we bring the song of life! Let us silence the cries of death, no more wars! May we stop the production and trade of weapons, since we need bread not guns. Let the abortion and killing of innocent lives end. May the hearts of those who have enough be open to filling the empty hands of those who do not have the bare necessities. ..."
What loving, challenging words from Pope Francis.

Put the crib scene, the birth of Jesus, at the centre of your Christmas. Let it remind you of how God 'loved the world so much, that he gave his only Son' (Jn 3:16), and that all of us have so much to be grateful for. May God's goodness to us inspire in us goodness towards others. This Christmas carry in your heart the song of the angels to the shepherds:

*'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
And peace to all people who enjoy his favour.' (Lk: 2.14)
Our Lady, Queen of Peace, intercede for peace for the whole world.*

Le gach dea-ghuí i gcomhair na Nollag. Every Christmas blessing on all in our communities.

+ Ray Browne
Diocese of Kerry, Christmas 2024

Remember our Dead

Died Recently: **Mary Ferris nee McKenna**, Steelroe
Thomas Hearne, Mitchell's Square, Moyderwell, Tralee & Tipperary
Pat Ferris, Dungeel, Meanus & New Jersey
Bernadette "Bernie" Costello, Gurrane West & England

Anniversaries: **Mary Foley**, Laune View **Denis "Den" Mangan**, Dromin **John Fallon**, Anglont
Patrick & James Murphy, Coomnafanida **Michael Russell**, Anglont **Josie O'Neill**, Cromane Lower
Sheila Brosnan nee O'Sullivan, Cromane Lower & Castleisland **Michael J. Houlihan**, Dromore House, Gurrane West

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

Monday 23 rd December	10.30am	For the People of the Parish
Friday, 27 th December	10.30am	Andrew Doyle , Glencuttane & Birmingham; Jim Doyle , Glencuttane
Saturday, 28 th December	6.00pm	Marie O'Riordan , Glounaguillagh
Sunday 29 th December	12.00pm	Joan & Florence Brosnan , Shanara

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

Sunday, 29 th December	10.00am	Jane McGillycuddy , Dooks
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Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Sunday

In emergency always ring your own Priest first.

Fr. Danny Broderick, (087) 9061255

If he is unavailable, please ring the following:

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

Feastdays and Readings for Weekday Masses

Monday 23rd Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24. Lk 1: 57-66
 Thursday 26th **St. Stephen, First Martyr**
 Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59 Mt. 10: 17-22.
 St. Stephen, the first Christian Martyr, was one of those in charge of the poor and needy. He is outstanding for his forgiveness of his enemies. He is the Patron of deacons, stonemasons and bricklayers.
 Friday 27th **St. John, Apostle and Evangelist**
 1 Jn 1: 1-4. Jn 20: 2-8.
 St. John, brother of James, son of Zebedee, the disciple whom Jesus loved, is traditionally to have died in Ephesus. He is considered to be the author of the Fourth Gospel, the Book of Revelation and three letters. The Letters especially teach us the law of love; John is said in his old age to have preached only one message: love one another.

Ministries for next weekend

St. James Church, Killorglin, 28th & 29th December

Vigil	Reader	<i>Margaret Foley</i>
	Eucharistic Minister	<i>Denis O'Connor</i>
	Altar Servers	<i>Cillian Gleeson, Hayley Walker, Avery O'Sullivan, Julia Seagrave</i>
12.00pm	Reader	<i>Sinéad Oman</i>
	Eucharistic Minister	<i>James Cashman</i>
	Altar Servers	<i>Ava O'Shea Joy, Dara O'Brien, Adam Houlihan, Danielle Lynch</i>

Star of the Sea Church, Cromane, 29th December

	Reader	<i>Eibhlín Duffy Hayes</i>
	Altar Servers	<i>Elie Foley, Grace Keary</i>

Christmas Mass Times

ST. JAMES CHURCH, KILLORGLIN

Christmas Eve..... 6.00pm
 Christmas Day 8.30am, 12.00pm
 St. Stephen's Day 6.30pm

STAR OF THE SEA CHURCH, CROMANE

Christmas Eve..... 8.00pm
 Christmas Day10.00am

Please Note - Mass on St. Stephen's Day in St. James Church, will be celebrated at **6.30pm**

Confessions

There will be Confessions on Christmas Eve in St. James Church, from 12.00 - 1.00pm.

The Christmas Offering Collection

This collection will be taken up at all Masses in the Parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. It will be taken up after Communion. Please return your Christmas Dues envelope in this collection. Many thanks for your generous support during the year.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday 24th December or 31st December.

Goal Mile in the Dragon's Den

Christmas Day from 10.00am - 12.00pm

Purcell's Christmas Charity Lights

Each evening from 5.30 - 9.30pm until 6th January

Wren Day Walk

The Wren Day Walk will take place from Cromane Community Centre on St. Stephen's Day, at 11.00am with refreshments after.

Samaritans Freephone 116 123

The Samaritans are available 24/7 to offer non-judgemental emotional support to people experiencing crisis in their lives.