

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.

29th December 2024

Hope Does Not Disappoint

Last May, Pope Francis announced a Jubilee Year for 2025 and the theme as 'Pilgrims of Hope' (Spes non Confundit – Hope Does Not Disappoint). This theme of hope encourages each of us to be messengers of hope in our very troubled world. It began on Christmas Eve 2024 and concludes on January 6th, 2026.

A Jubilee or Holy Year is a special year of forgiveness and reconciliation in which we are invited to come back into right relationship with God, with one another, and with all creation.

The theme is 'Pilgrims of Hope'. Pope Francis has invited Catholics to renew our hope and discover a vision that can "restore access to the fruits of the earth to everyone". We are also invited to rediscover a spirituality of God's creation in which we understand ourselves as "pilgrims on the earth" rather than masters of the world.

The word Jubilee comes from the Hebrew word 'yobel', which is a ram's horn. This wind instrument is blown to mark the start of a Jubilee Year in the Bible (Leviticus 25:9). In the Bible the Jubilee Year occurred every 50 years and involved the cancelling of debts, a period of rest for people and the earth, and land being restored to the landless.

In the Gospel of Luke, Jesus makes clear his own mission is to bring Jubilee. In the synagogue at Nazareth he reads from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah, proclaiming the year of the Lord's favour:

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim the Lord's year of favour." (Luke 4:18-19)

After reading, Jesus announces: "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." Jesus shows us what God's Kingdom of justice, compassion and freedom looks like. He invites us join him in making it a reality.

The Papal Bull announcing the Jubilee Year is titled "Spes non confundit" (Hope does not disappoint) and urges us to look for signs of hope in the world around us and work for peace and justice. In the document Pope Francis writes: "If we really wish to prepare a path to peace in our world, let us commit ourselves to remedying the remote causes of injustice, settling unjust and unpayable debts, and feeding the hungry."

Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,

*may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.*

*May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators
of the seeds of the Gospel.*

May those seeds transform

*from within both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.*

*May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.*

*May that same grace spread the joy and peace
of our Redeemer throughout the earth.*

*To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever. Amen.*

Remember our Dead

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| Died recently: Olive Diggin nee Brick, Tulligmore | | |
| Anniversaries: Andrew Doyle, Glencuttane & Birmingham | Jim Doyle, Glencuttane | John Fallon, Anglont |
| Michael Russell, Anglont | Tony O'Connor, Tulligmore | Sheila & Stephen Scales, Cromane |
| Timothy Healy, Liss | Johanna Tuohy, Gortloughera | Noreen Dennehy, Tulligmore |

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

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| Monday, 30th December | 10.30am | Funeral Mass of Olive Diggin nee Brick, Tulligmore |
| Tuesday, 31 st December | 10.30am | Timothy & Mary Carey, Mary Halpin nee Carey & the deceased members of the Carey family, Upper Tullig |
| Thursday, 2 nd January | 10.30am | Micheál Concannon, School Road |
| Friday, 3 rd January | 10.30am | Timothy O'Neill, Meanus |
| Saturday, 4 th January | 6.00pm | Maura Kelliher, St. James Gardens |
| Sunday, 5 th January | 12.00pm | John Waterson, Dunmaniheen |

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

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| Sunday, 5 th January | 10.00am | Adrian Moore, Upper Tullig |
| Friday, 3 rd January | 7.30pm | For the People of the Parish |

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

Feastdays and Readings for Weekday Masses

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| Tuesday 31 st | 1 Jn 2: 18-21. | Jn 1:1-18. |
| Thursday 2 nd | <i>Ss Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen</i> , bishops and doctors of the Church | |
| | 1 Jn 2: 22-28. | Jn 1: 19-28. |
| | St. Basil , 330-379, Bishop of Caesarea, lived an ascetic life establishing norms for monastic life. He was a theologian of distinction. | |
| | St. Gregory , 329-389, a friend of Basil, was Bishop of Sasima and later of Constantinople. He retired to live a monastic life. | |
| Friday 3 rd | 1 Jn 2: 29-3:6. | Jn 1: 29-34. |

Ministries for next weekend

St. James Church, Killorglin, 4th & 5th January

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| | Vigil | Reader <i>James T. Murphy</i> |
| | Eucharistic Minister | <i>Patricia Foley</i> |
| | Altar Servers | <i>Caoimhe O'Connor, Adele O'Keeffe, Caoimhe Sheehan</i> |
| 12.00pm | Reader | <i>Jerome Conway</i> |
| | Eucharistic Minister | <i>Eoghan O'Grady</i> |
| | Altar Servers | <i>Lily McCarthy, Cara McCarthy, Anja Cvitic, Cathal Courtney, Caitlin McCarthy</i> |

Star of the Sea Church, Cromane, 5th January

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| | Reader | <i>Seamus McMahon</i> |
| | Altar Servers | <i>Bláthnaid O'Riordan, Réiltín O'Shea</i> |

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.

First Friday

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

Confessions

There are Confessions in St. James Church, on two Saturdays in the month, from 12.00 - 12.30pm. The next date is 11th January. Confessions are also available on request.

Thanks at the End of the Year 2024

We are deeply indebted to everyone who contributes to the life of our parish. To name people individually would be a mistake.

However, I would like to acknowledge the work of all who are involved in various aspects of life in the parish. You know the work that you do, the commitment you have shown, the hours you have selflessly given. It is deeply appreciated. It is all done in the service of God but we in the parish are the beneficiaries.

This commitment makes being here in this parish both fulfilling and enjoyable. The vitality and vibrancy of any parish depends on the commitment and generosity of people to work together. Thankfully that is happening on so many levels.

There was a time when 'helping out in the parish' meant that it had something to do with keeping the church clean and sparkling. The giftedness of parishioners is recognised and given expression. At every level of parish life, from decision making to teaching our children, from leading choirs to serving at Mass, from Eucharistic Adoration to child protection, people are making both a contribution and a difference. The parish does not belong to any one person or group. It is a coming together of so many to worship, as well as putting in place the building blocks to pass on the gift of faith today and in the future.

Thank you once again and may God bless the work that he has begun in so many who actively participate in parish life.