

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 - 6.00pm

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.

21st December 2025

Christmas Message Diocese of Kerry 2025

These lines from a religious poem in the Divine Office capture the meaning and the Spirit of our celebration of Christmas:

Where true love is dwelling, God is dwelling there;

Love's own loving Presence, love does ever share.

Give Him joyful welcome, love Him and revere;

Cherish one another with a love sincere.

A happy and a faith-centred Christmas to one and all, to all homes, all families and all people living alone. It is wonderful that Christmas in Ireland remains so family centred for most people: 'Home for Christmas', 'Together for Christmas'. For homes and families all year-round every week can be pressurized and busy, Christmas is almost the only time most people are at home with their family, a few days to unwind and catch up, time to see the bigger picture of their lives and to count their blessings. I pray God's blessing on every home in the diocese.

If it has been a difficult year or if you are troubled today draw strength from the fact that Mary and Joseph relied on the innkeeper, and all he could provide was a stable, where their baby Jesus was born. What joy and happiness! Everything does not have to be perfect for life to be fulfilling.

A word of encouragement. Have time to turn to God over the Christmas days. Pause and gaze at the crib in the home, or at a simple crib-picture on a Christmas card. Visit the crib in local churches. Bring the children. Especially at the crib talk to children about the birth of Jesus - and the love God the Father has for us all. Speak to children of the love of God, and of all of us putting our Hope in God. Join in the celebration of Mass. Proclaim Christ Jesus as your Hope as you enter the New Year. Share and nourish your own faith over the days of Christmas.

This Christmas we have a new Pope, Leo XIV. We pray for him and for his shepherding of the church in the years ahead. Let us remember Pope Francis fondly. Recall the heroic effort he made on Easter Sunday to show the world his faith and joy in the Resurrection of Jesus, and how he died early the next morning.

2023 was the 800th anniversary of St Francis having the first Christmas crib in Greccio, Italy. In his crib St Francis had live people and animals - an event that is now seen as the beginning of the worldwide tradition of the crib - a model of the stable with figures of all the people, animals and objects. At the start of Advent 2019, looking forward to 2023 Pope Francis wrote an apostolic letter entitled "*The meaning and importance of the nativity scene*".

What follows are two paragraphs, from the middle and the end of Pope Francis' letter, two paragraphs that can help us reflect and pray about the birth of Jesus, Emmanuel, God with us.

"Why does the Christmas crib arouse such wonder and move us so deeply? First, because it shows God's tender love: the Creator of the universe lowered himself to take up our littleness. The gift of life, in all its mystery, becomes all the more wondrous as we realize that the Son of Mary is the source and sustenance of all life. In Jesus, the Father has given us a brother who comes to seek us out whenever we are confused or lost, a loyal friend ever at our side. He gave us his Son who forgives us and frees us from our sins."

"Dear brothers and sisters, the Christmas crib is part of the precious yet demanding process of passing on the faith. Beginning in childhood, and at every stage of our lives, it teaches us:

to contemplate Jesus,

to experience God's love for us,

to feel and believe that God is with us

and that we are with him, his children, brothers and sisters all, thanks to that Child who is the Son of God and the Son of the Virgin Mary.

And to realize that in that knowledge we find true happiness.

Like Saint Francis, may we open our hearts to this simple grace, so that from our

wonderment a humble prayer may arise: a prayer of thanksgiving to God, who wished to share with us his all, and thus never to leave us on our own."

Le gach dea-ghuí, i gcomhair na Nollag.

Every Christmas blessing on all in our communities.

May your love be upon us O Lord as we place all our Hope in you. (Ps 33:22)

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for the whole world.

+ Ray Browne, Diocese of Kerry
Christmas 2025

Remember our Dead

Died Recently:

John Bell, Kilderry South & Muingaphuca
Sr. Marie Therese O'Brien, St. Joseph's Home

Anniversaries:

Maurice & Hannah Foley, Annadale
John Fallon, Anglont
Michael Russell, Anglont
Thomas & Cecilia Raher, Dunhill, Co. Waterford
Michael Cunningham, Dooks
John Gerard McCarthy, Coolbane
Máirín, Christine, James, John, Francis, Bríd, Frances & Patrick Joseph O'Shea, Lower Bridge Street

Mary Foley, Laune View

Sheila Brosnan nee O'Sullivan, Cromane & Castleisland
John & Mary O'Sullivan, Corraballa
Eugene Griffin, Coolbane
Molly & Francis Griffin, Upper Tullig

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

Monday 22nd December	10.30am	John & Mary O'Sullivan , Corraballa; Thomas & Cecilia Raher , Dunhill, Co. Waterford
Tuesday, 23rd December	10.30am	Pat McKenna , 3 St. Brendan's Terrace, Steelroe
Friday, 26th December	10.30am	Hannah, Flor & John Gerard McCarthy , Coolbane
Saturday, 27th December	6.00pm	Marie O'Riordan , Glounaguillagh
Sunday, 28th December	12.00pm	Olive Diggin , Tulligmore

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

Sunday, 28th December	10.00am	Bridget Poff nee Purcell , 46 Iveragh Park
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Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Sunday

In emergency always ring your own Priest first.

Fr. Kieran O'Sullivan, (087) 6277638

If he is unavailable, please ring the following:

Monday: *Fr. Kieran O'Sullivan, (087) 2432155*
Tuesday: *Fr. Kieran O'Sullivan, (087) 2432155*
Wednesday: *Fr. Fergal Ryan, (087) 2408540*
Thursday: *Fr. Kevin Sullivan, (087) 6277638*
Friday: *Fr. Timothy Kiplagat, (087) 0009181*

Ministries for next weekend

St. James Church, Killorglin, 27th & 28th December

Vigil	Reader	<i>Anne Waterson</i>
	Eucharistic Minister	<i>Denis O'Connor</i>
	Altar Servers	<i>Caoimhe O'Connor, Adele O'Keefe, Caoimhe Sheehan, Aine O'Connor, Aoibhinn Gamble</i>
12.00pm	Reader	<i>Robert Murphy</i>
	Eucharistic Minister	<i>Freda Purcell, Nóirín O'Grady</i>
	Altar Servers	<i>Fionn Griffin, Rhys Jones, Fionn Sheehan, Cathal Courtney, Padraig Sheehan, Elijah Ampong</i>

Star of the Sea Church, Cromane, 28th December

	Reader	<i>Louise Farrell</i>
	Altar Servers	<i>Bláthnaid O'Riordan, Réiltín O'Shea</i>

Livestreaming & Broadcasting

All Masses are livestreamed from St. James' Church:
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Feastdays and Readings for Weekday Masses

Monday 22nd 1 Sm 1: 24-28. Lk 1: 46-56.
 Tuesday 23rd Mal 3: 1-4, 23-24. Lk 1: 57-66.
 Friday 26th Acts 6: 8-10, 7: 54-59. Mt 10: 17-22.

Christmas Mass Times

ST. JAMES CHURCH, KILLORGLIN

Christmas Eve..... 6.00pm
 Christmas Day 8.30am, 12.00pm
 St. Stephen's Day 10.30am

Star of the Sea Church, Cromane

Christmas Eve..... 8.00pm
 Christmas Day 10.00am

Confessions

A Reconciliation Service will be held in St. James Church, on Monday 22nd December, at 7.00pm. Visiting Priests will be present.

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

Christmas Offering

A second collection will be taken up after Communion at all Masses in the Parish on Christmas Eve & on Christmas Day. This collection is an opportunity to support your clergy financially. Please return your Christmas Dues envelope in this collection. Many thanks for your generous support during the year.

Goal Mile

on Christmas Day in the Dragon's Den, ISK, 10.00am - 12.00pm
 Walk, jog or run and support Goal's work.

Purcell's Christmas Lights, Sunhill, V93 Y2H7

Every night from 5.30 - 9.30pm, until 10th January

Killorglin Pantomime Group

presents **Robinson Crusoe!** in January 2026

Tickets are now available online at:

<https://www.universe.com/events/killorglin-panto-2026-robinson-crusoe-tickets-4S9WK5?ref=universe-discover>

Vouchers are available from the CYMS.

Tickets will be on sale at the CYMS from early January.

Samaritans Freephone 116 123

Samaritans Ireland offers free 24/7 emotional support 365 days a year for anyone who needs someone. Samaritans are there, day or night, for anyone who's struggling to cope.