

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.

28th December 2025

Feast of the Holy Family

None of us would ever dare to describe our families as 'holy'. We are aware of the imperfections we possess and (maybe more aware) of the faults of others in our families! Our family history is written in our hearts, and it is not all sweetness and light.

I believe that a holy person is someone who is aware of the gifts that God has given them and they do their best to live and share these gifts. Most importantly amid their families. So, while we would not describe our families as 'holy', we can agree that we have the potential to be 'holy families'.

Acceptance and patience in the heart of our families is fundamental. Respecting the uniqueness of each family member is a basic starting point. We are all different. Accepting every person for who they are rather than who we feel they should be, is crucial.

Forgiveness is also a cornerstone to holiness. We forgive family members not because they deserve it but precisely because they do not. If they deserved it, it would be called justice. God forgives us when we least deserve it, and we are called to do the same. Otherwise, past hurts and arguments stay at the surface of our lives, and we never move past them.

Gratitude is also foundational to holiness. Counting our blessings instead of our hurts and trials. Life wounds us all in so many ways but they are never the entire story. But if we become fixated on them, they could define us. And there is much more to us than that. We have been blessed in wonderful ways, but we need eyes to see the blessings and hearts to appreciate them.

These are gifts that we have within us and are called to share.

Seeing all the poverty that surrounded Mother Theresa, a cynic once said to her, "Mother, you don't seem to be very successful." She responded, "God did not call me to be successful, God called me to be faithful." So too, on this feast of The Holy Family we recall that God did not call us to be perfect, he called us to be holy – they are not the same.

May the Message of Christ...

On this Feast of the Holy Family we are invited to reflect on the importance of family in our lives and on the values which underpin and sustain it. Our identity as human beings is inseparable from that network of relationships we call 'family' – not just the family into which we are born, but the wider family of friends and relations, of Church, of all humanity with whom we are inextricably connected. And our final destiny is to belong to the family of the blessed in heaven.

It is impossible to listen to the readings today without thinking of the many parents in Gaza, Ukraine, Sudan and many other countries, whose hearts are pierced with unspeakable pain at what is happening to their children in our troubled and violent world. There is no easy answer to their pain, except to remember that it was this deeply wounded world that Christ was born into and came to save. And to remember, too, that life for the holy family was not all sunshine and roses. They were not spared the anguish and pain that many families are experiencing today. They had to undertake a perilous journey when Mary was heavily pregnant and she had to bring her precious baby to birth in an animal shelter. They had to endure the terror of an imminent threat to the life of their special child and flee into exile until the threat was ended. They were no strangers to hurt and puzzlement as their teenage Son asserted his independence, and to the pain of his rejection by the very people he came to save.

Christmas is a time for us to re-connect and bond with family and friends – those with whom we feel most at home. Today, we live in a world of mass communication but perhaps we communicate less with those who matter most in our lives. Christmas is a time when we should make a special effort to reach out to those whose love creates a home for us. It is a time to let go of grudges and build bridges, a time, as St Paul reminds us in our second Reading, 'to let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home' in us, a time to be kind, compassionate and gentle; a time to forgive and to let the peace of Christ reign in our hearts.

God, our Father,

*We are brothers and sisters in Jesus your Son,
One family, in the Spirit of your love.*

Bless us with the joy of love.

*Make us patient and kind,
gentle and generous,
welcoming to those in need.*

*Help us to live your forgiveness and peace.
Protect all families with your loving care,*

*Increase our faith,
Strengthen our hope,
Keep us safe in your love,
Make us always grateful for the gift of life that
we share.*

Remember our Dead

Died Recently:

Michael Corcoran, Ardmoniel
Gráinne O'Sullivan, The Square & London

Anniversaries:

Tara Carolan, Dunmaniheen
Denis Mangan, Dromin
Bill Walsh, Market Street & Castleisland
Janie McGillycuddy, Dooks

James & Nora Cahillane, Upper Tullig
Johanna & Patrick Tuohy, Gortloughera
Josie O'Neill, Cromane Lower
Mary O'Connell nee Costello, Castleconway

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

Tuesday, 30th December	10.30am	Joan & Florrie Brosnan , Shanara
Thursday, 1st January	6.30pm	Timothy O'Neill , Meanus
Friday, 2nd January	10.30am	Kitty Flynn , 1 St. James Gardens
Saturday, 3rd January	6.00pm	Thomas & Margaret Byrne , 9 Mountain View
Sunday, 4th January	12.00pm	Tara Carolan , Dunmaniheen

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

Sunday, 4th January	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. Timothy Kiplagat, (087) 0009181

If he is unavailable, please ring the following:

Monday: *Fr. Timothy Kiplagat, (087) 0009181*
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*

*Please note - there will be no Mass
in St. James Church on Monday 29th December*

Ministries for next weekend

St. James Church, Killorglin, 3rd & 4th January

Vigil	Reader	<i>James Murphy</i>
	Eucharistic Minister	<i>Patricia Foley</i>
	Altar Servers	<i>Cillian Gleeson, Dara O'Brien, Adam Houlihan, Jack Moloney, Noah Cahalane</i>
12.00pm	Reader	<i>Jerome Conway</i>
	Eucharistic Minister	<i>Eoghan O'Grady, Fiona O'Shea</i>
	Altar Servers	<i>Kate Buckley, Millie O'Flaherty, Amelia Spillane, Aideen Casey, Alannah Foley</i>

Star of the Sea Church, Cromane, 4th January

	Reader	<i>Chiara McGrath</i>
	Altar Servers	<i>Ryan O'Sullivan, April O'Shea</i>

Livestreaming & Broadcasting

All Masses are livestreamed from St. James' Church:
<https://www.mcn.live/Camera/killorglin-st-james-church>

Listen to Horizons on Radio Kerry

Sunday mornings at 9.00am -
Communicating the Christian message.

Feastdays and Readings for Weekday Masses

Monday 29th 1 Jn 2:3-11. Lk 2: 22-35.
Tuesday 30th 1 Jn 2:12-17. Lk 2: 36-40.
Thursday 1st *Mary, The Holy Mother of God*
World Day of Peace
Num 6:22-27. Lk 2: 16-21.
Friday 2nd 1 Jn 2: 22-28. Jn 1: 19-28.

In Appreciation

The start of a new year is always a time to look forward, to hope and plan for the year ahead. But before we do so, it is vital to look back at the year that is drawing to a close. It is an opportunity to appreciate what has happened and to acknowledge those who are contributing so much to the life of our parish.

One of the highlights in the past year was the gathering of all adults who volunteer in the parish. The Parish Barbecue took place on a summer evening when the sun was high in the sky. When sitting down to issue the invitations, it was discovered that there were at least 180 people who volunteer in various parish roles. That is quite a number! The gathering is a small token of appreciation and acknowledgement of their generosity of spirit. I think many people in attendance drew strength from the fact that there were so many others putting their shoulder to the wheel in the parish.

Building community is important. We all want to belong to a group where we will be welcomed and valued. Building a faith community is also crucial. Gathering together around Gospel values, being nourished together by the sacraments, listening to the Word of God is a great blessing. Not only for ourselves but for our children. There is no other place for us to hear consistently about the sanctity of truth, justice, mercy, tolerance, acceptance of others. And we need these virtues for a healthy community/society to function and thrive. Gathering together in the house of God may perhaps be counter-cultural, but it is life giving for mind, body and soul.

So to all in our parish who dedicate themselves to building and maintaining our faith community, a sincere word of thanks. May the Lord continue to work great things through you.

Confessions

There are Confessions in St. James Church on two Saturdays in the month, from 12.00 - 12.30pm. The next date is 10th January. Confessions are always available on request.

Eucharistic Adoration

There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Tuesday 6th January.