# Killorglin Parish

Parish Priest Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638

# **Parish Office**

The Presbytery, Castleconway Monday - Friday, 9.30am - 1.00pm

# Diocesan Website

www.dioceseofkerry.ie

Designated Diocesan Liaison Person for all Safeguarding Concerns (087) 6362780

#### **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

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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.

# "Change me Lord, but not yet"

Today we hear once again the impatient voice of John the Baptist urging us to change. Crooked ways must be made straight; bad habits need to be corrected; conversion must continue.

John demands a break with a past of sinful human control to make room for a future where God's will is honoured and obeyed. This will not be easy. And so John uses very strong language to scold those who are not interested in change that goes deeper than appearances. True conversion and true readiness for the coming of Jesus requires a conversion that touches our hearts and our deepest values.

God very much wants to come to us. We also want to receive him. However, it is usually only on our own terms. We wish to remain attached to habits and attitudes, which are unworthy of us and hurtful to others. Like Saint Augustine, we are inclined to say, "Change me, Lord...but not yet."

What is called for is repentance and we must be careful not to confuse that with remorse. Remorse is simply a temporary regret about our unworthy behaviour. It usually lasts a very short time and then we return to our old habits.

Today's gospel urges us to make room in our hearts for the love of God. We are asked to put aside selfish and defensive behaviour so that God's love can give us the freedom to be what God wants us to be—confident and responsible human beings. In this regard, we are reminded of the words of the Book of Revelation: "Behold! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, [then] I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with me" (3:20). This readiness of the Lord to become our best friend is true at all times, but never more so than in the season of Advent.

Guide our feet
Take us to places
Where you would go
Give us words that you would use
That in this Advent season
Of promise and preparation
We might point the way with John the Baptist
To the Lamb of God,
Who takes away the sin of the world!

#### **Have Your Say about your Catholic School**

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or of children who have yet to start:

The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025.

See - https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/

#### The Divine Office during Advent

The Liturgy of the Hours, also known as the Divine Office, is the daily prayer of the Church, marking the hours of each day. Clergy and religious are obliged to pray the Divine Office each day but all members of the church are encouraged to do so as well.

During the season of Advent, there will be an opportunity to join with others in praying the Divine Office in St. James' Church. We gather on each Thursday evening at 6:00pm, and each Saturday morning at 9:00am.

The prayers will take place in the Prayer Room near Our Lady's Altar. All are welcome - the text for the prayers will be provided.

#### **Confessions**

There are Confessions in St. James Church on two Saturdays in the month, from 12.00 -12.30pm. The next date is 13<sup>th</sup> December. Confessions are always available on request.

#### **Eucharistic Adoration**

There is Eucharistic Adoration in St. James Church, every Tuesday, 11.00am - 6.00pm.

#### **Christian Meditation Group**

Please note, our Parish Meditation Group will not meet on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December, but will return as usual on the following Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup>, in the Prayer Room in St. James, at 6.30pm.

#### **Anniversary Mass Diary 2026**

The 2026 anniversary Mass diary for all anniversaries will open on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

#### **Diocesan Collection**

The annual collection for the KCYS (KDYS) will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

#### **Listen to Horizons on Radio Kerry**

Sunday mornings at 9.00am - Communicating the Christian message.

#### Remember our Dead

Died Recently: Anniversaries: Kathleen Doyle, Glencuttane & Boston Patrick & Eileen O'Connor, Tullig East Jayden McCreesh, Ardmoniel

The Lynch family, Muingaphuca Sheila & Daniel Sullivan, St. James Gardens

Danny & Bridget Joy, Castleconway Bernie Costello, London & Gurrane West Molly & Francis Griffin, Upper Tullig Mary Houlihan, Dunmaniheen Timothy Moriarty, Muingaphuca Martin P B Riordan, Tulligbeg

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

| Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> December  | 10.30am | For the People of the Parish                                     |  |  |
|--|---------|--|--|--|
| Tuesday, 9 <sup>th</sup> December                                      | 10.30am | James & Sheila McGillycuddy, Kilcoulaght                         |  |  |
| Thursday, 11 <sup>th</sup> December                                    | 6.30pm  | Seamus & Chrissie Foley, Dungeel; Tom & Kathleen Houlihan, Reen  |  |  |
| Friday, 12 <sup>th</sup> December                                      | 10.30am | Harry & Kathleen Fairtlough, Drogheda                            |  |  |
| Saturday, 13 <sup>th</sup> December                                    | 6.00pm  | Michael O'Shea, Ballycleave; Joseph Grealish, London & Co. Cavan |  |  |
| Sunday, 14 <sup>th</sup> December                                      | 12.00pm | Maureen Buckley, Laune View                                      |  |  |
| Mass Intentions for the coming week in Star of the Sea Church, Cromane |         |  |  |  |

# **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. Kevin Sullivan, (087) 6277638

 Friday:
 Fr. Timothy Kiplagat, (087) 0009181

# Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December The Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass Times

| KILLORGLIN | 10.30am |
|------------|---------|
| CROMANE    | 7.30рм  |

| Ministries for next weekend   |                      |   |  |  |
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| <b>St. James Church, Killorglin,</b> 13 <sup>th</sup> & 14 <sup>th</sup> December |                      |   |  |  |
| Vigil   | Reader               | Denis O'Connor  |  |  |
|   | Eucharistic Minister | Noreen Cahillane  |  |  |
|   | Altar Servers        | Cillian Gleeson, Dara O'Brien,<br>Adam Houlihan, Jack Moloney                         |  |  |
| 12.00pm   | Reader               | Robert Murphy   |  |  |
|   | Eucharistic Minister | Freda Purcell, Nóirín O'Grady   |  |  |
|   | Altar Servers        | Holly Clifford, Molly Moriarty,<br>Lily Breen, Ciara Rose O'Shea Joy,<br>Lucy McKenna |  |  |
| Star of the Sea Church, Cromane, 14 <sup>th</sup> December                        |                      |   |  |  |
|   | Reader               | Liam McGrath  |  |  |
|   | Altar Servers        | Ryan O'Sullivan, April O'Shea   |  |  |

#### **Livestreaming & Broadcasting**

All Masses are livestreamed from St. James' Church: <a href="https://www.mcn.live/Camera/killorglin-st-james-church">https://www.mcn.live/Camera/killorglin-st-james-church</a>
Recordings up to end of December 2024 will be removed from our web camera on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2025. These recordings can be downloaded and recorded on a memory stick/laptop/PC etc. Please contact the Parish Office if you need any guidance on this.

#### **Feastdays and Readings for Weekday Masses**

#### **Parish Christmas Carol Service**

in St. James Church, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, at 7.00pm Featuring *Killorglin Parish Choir, Scoil Mhuire Children's Choir, Men's Social Club Choir, Oh Happy Days Ladies Choir, & Fexco Choir* There will be a retiring collection for St. Vincent de Paul & Killorglin Family Resource Centre.

#### Trócaire's Christmas Gifts of Change

For the past 24 years, vulnerable communities across the world have been supported with Trócaire's Gifts of Change & Trócaire Christmas Cards. You can pick up a Gifts of Change catalogue in St. James Church. Trócaire Christmas Cards are available locally.

**Purcell's Christmas Lights,** Sunhill, V93 Y2H7 Every night from 5.30 - 9.30pm, until 10<sup>th</sup> January

#### **Cromane GAA Club AGM**

in the Community Centre, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December, at 7.30pm,

# **Cromane Tree of Light**

Blessing & Lighting on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, at 5.00pm To donate please use the link https://bit.ly/TreeofLight2025

#### **Cromane Active Retired Party**

on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December, in Jack's, at 2.00pm Booking: Geraldine, (087) 6453473 or Evelyn, (087) 9944840.

#### **Laune Rangers AGM**

in the Club Rooms on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December, at 8.00pm

#### **Chime Free & Confidential Outreach Clinic**

on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December, in the Day Care Centre, Market Street, 2.00pm – 4.00pm. An appointment is required. Call Jerry Kelleher, before 10<sup>th</sup> December: (087) 3747327

#### Thank you

The Puck Fair Committee wishes to acknowledge the support of Kerry County Council in 2025 under the Community Support Fund and the Festivals and Participative Events Programme.