

# Killorglin Parish

## Parish Priest

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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.

18<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Stepping Aside

In today's world, we are often taught that success is measured by how much space we occupy—by the size of our "platform," the number of people who follow us, or the recognition we receive for our achievements. Yet, as we reflect on the life of St. John the Baptist, we encounter a completely different definition of greatness: the greatness of humility.

John the Baptist was a man of immense influence. He drew massive crowds to the wilderness, and even the powerful were unsettled by his words. He had every opportunity to claim the spotlight for himself. Instead, when he saw Jesus approaching the Jordan, he uttered those transformative words: *"Behold, the Lamb of God."*

John's humility was not a sign of weakness or low self-esteem; it was born of a profound clarity of purpose. He knew exactly who he was—and, more importantly, who he was *not*. He did not claim to be the Messiah. He was content to be 'the voice' crying out, the one who prepared the way.

This brand of humility is deeply counter-cultural. It challenges us to ask: Can we find joy in the success of others? Can we serve in our parish, our workplaces, or our families without needing to be the centre of attention? John teaches us that there is a unique, holy freedom in "stepping aside" so that God's grace can take centre stage.

True humility is not thinking less of ourselves but thinking of ourselves less. John's entire life was a signpost pointing away from himself and toward the 'Lamb of God.' When we practice humility, we become transparent; we allow the light of Christ to shine through us rather than being blocked by our own egos.

In the year ahead, let us strive to imitate John's 'holy disappearing act.' Whether we are volunteering in a hidden capacity, offering a quiet word of encouragement, or forgiving a slight without needing an apology, we are echoing John's mission. We are clearing the path for someone else to encounter Jesus.

## Prayer for Humility

*Jesus, help me to be authentically humble in the challenges of each day.*

*Teach me what it means to be humble.*

*Help me to wait my turn to speak*

*and to be at peace*

*when others outshine me.*

*Grant that I may listen*

*with a spirit of objectivity*

*rather than an 'I know it all' attitude.*

*Lord, grant that I not only be*

*content with who I am*

*but have confidence that your grace*

*can make me better.*

## Catholic Schools Week

January 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 2026

Catholic Schools Week 2026 celebrates the extraordinary call to holiness in the midst of ordinary life. Inspired by a reflection on the life of Saint Carlo Acutis, this year's theme invites pupils, teachers, families, and parishes to explore the call to holiness as something both universal and accessible. Holiness is not for a few, but for all; not reserved for religious professionals or mystics, but for every student, teacher, parent, (and grandparent!) living each day in friendship with Jesus Christ.

Catholic schools exist to form individuals who know that their lives have a purpose and a calling. This year's theme, *"Normal Lives, Called to Holiness,"* resonates with the central conviction that education is a path not only to knowledge and maturity but to sainthood. *"Each of us is called to be holy by living our lives with love and by bearing witness in everything we do."* — Gaudete et Exsultate, 14

Holiness is not an achievement but a gift—a gift that God offers to each of us in the ordinary rhythm of our days. Catholic schools are communities where every pupil can discover that their life matters, that they are loved by God, and that they are called to be saints—not in some distant way, but right now, today, in the classroom, the playground, and at home.

## Week of Christian Unity 2026

Irish churches are observing the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity from January 18-25, 2026, with the theme "There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling" (Ephesians 4:4)

An ecumenical Prayer Service will take place in St. James' Church, Killorglin, on Sunday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

More details to follow closer to the date.

## Remember our Dead

### Died Recently:

**Agnes Bowler**, Quaybawn & Caherdavin, Limerick  
**Patrick "Patie" Griffin**, Iveragh Park & Gurrane West  
**Bart Moriarty**, Dunmaniheen & Killelan, Caherciveen  
**Patrick "Pa" Rochfort**, Laune View  
**Christina "Chris" Doona nee Breen**, Shanara Lower  
**Bob Wallbank**, Preston

### Anniversaries:

**Michael O'Riordan**, Dooks                      **Hannah McCarthy**, Coolbane                      **John Purcell**, 4 Laune View  
**Batty Foley**, Mountain View                      **May Costello**, Upper Bridge Street & Gurrane East  
**Margaret Rochfort nee O'Connor**, 16 Laune View & Birmingham                      **Bertie, Mary, Maurice & James Harmon**, 25 Laune View

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

<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>For the People of the Parish</b>
<b>Tuesday, 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Jean Luc Jegouzo</b> , Iveragh Road & Brittany
<b>Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>John &amp; Mary Healy</b> , Bansha
<b>Friday, 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Pat McKenna</b> , 3 St. Brendan's Terrace, Steelroe
<b>Saturday, 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>6.00pm</b>	<b>Joan O'Connor nee Costello</b> , Ballykissane & Gurrane West; <b>Joe O'Connor</b> , Ballykissane
<b>Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Brendan &amp; Carmel Breen</b> , Groyne

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

<b>Sunday, 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	<b>Mary King</b> , The Lake
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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. Kieran O'Sullivan, (087) 2432155*  
**Thursday:** *Fr. Kevin Sullivan, (087) 6277638*  
**Friday:** *Fr. Timothy Kiplagat, (087) 0009181*

### Ministries for next weekend

#### St. James Church, Killorglin, 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January

<b>Vigil</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<i>James Murphy</i>
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<i>Margaret Foley</i>
	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<i>Cillian Gleeson, Dara O'Brien, Adam Houlihan, Jack Moloney, Noah Cahalane</i>
<b>12.00pm</b>	<b>Reader</b>	<i>Jerome Conway</i>
	<b>Eucharistic Minister</b>	<i>Eoghan O'Grady, Fiona O'Shea</i>
	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<i>Fionn Griffin, Rhys Jones, Fionn Sheehan, Cathal Courtney, Padraig Sheehan, Elijah Ampong</i>

#### Star of the Sea Church, Cromane, 25<sup>th</sup> January

	<b>Reader</b>	<i>Johanna King</i>
	<b>Altar Servers</b>	<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 19 <sup>th</sup>	1 Sm 15: 16-23.	Mk 2: 18-22.
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	1 Sm 16: 1-13.	Mk 2: 23-28.
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	1 Sm 18: 6-9.	Mk 3: 7-12.
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	1 Sm 24: 3-21.	Mk 3: 13-19.

### Confessions

There are Confessions in St. James Church on two Saturdays in the month, from 12.00 - 12.30pm. The next date is 24<sup>th</sup> January. Confessions are always available on request.

### Eucharistic Adoration

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

### Christian Meditation

Our Christian Meditation group meets on Wednesday, in the Prayer Room, in St. James Church, at 6.30pm.

### Diocesan Collection

The annual collection for the *Needs of the Holy Land* will be taken up at all Masses this weekend.

### Questions about God and Jesus?

About the synodal reform of the Church?

*Why not consider studying theology?*

Join an information session online from the Loyola Institute, TCD, at 6.00pm, on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February.

Register: <https://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/> or [loyola@tcd.ie](mailto:loyola@tcd.ie)

### Robinson Crusoe!

*Killorglin Pantomime Group's 63<sup>rd</sup> Production* from 24<sup>th</sup> January  
Booking Office now open in the CYMS, on Monday - Friday, 11.00am - 6.00pm, (066) 9790961 or book online

### The Feast of St. Brigid and the Biddies of County Kerry

Killorglin History & Folklore Society & Mid-Kerry Biddy Committee present the 2026 Biddy's Day Lecture, in St. Michael's Hall, on Friday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30pm.

Speaker: Dr. Patricia O'Hare, Muckcross House Library

### Christmas Day Goal Mile

The organisers wish to thank to all who participated in the Goal Mile on Christmas Day last - €1,250.00 was raised.