

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

CONFESIONS

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.

18th 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 18th – 24th 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 8th 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, Dunmaniehen & 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

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

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

Sunday, 25 th January	10.00am	Mary King, 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

Feastdays and Readings for Weekday Masses

Monday 19 th	1 Sm 15: 16-23.	Mk 2: 18-22.
Tuesday 20 th	1 Sm 16: 1-13.	Mk 2: 23-28.
Thursday 22 nd	1 Sm 18: 6-9.	Mk 3: 7-12.
Friday 23 rd	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 24th 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 10th February.

Register: <https://www.tcd.ie/loyola-institute/> or loyola@tcd.ie

Robinson Crusoe!

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

Ministries for next weekend

St. James Church, Killorglin, 24th & 25th January

Vigil	Reader	James Murphy
	Eucharistic Minister	Margaret Foley
	Altar Servers	Cillian Gleeson, Dara O'Brien, Adam Houlihan, Jack Moloney, Noah Cahalane
12.00pm	Reader	Jerome Conway
	Eucharistic Minister	Eoghan O'Grady, Fiona O'Shea
	Altar Servers	Fionn Griffin, Rhys Jones, Fionn Sheehan, Cathal Courtney, Padraig Sheehan, Elijah Ampong
Star of the Sea Church, Cromane, 25th January		
	Reader	Johanna King
	Altar Servers	Ryan O'Sullivan, April O'Shea

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.

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 30th, at 7.30pm.

Speaker: Dr. Patricia O'Hare, Muckross 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.