

Killorglin Parish

Parish Priest

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Parish Office

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Monday - Friday,
9.30am - 1.00pm

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Diocesan Website

www.dioceseofkerry.ie

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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.

4th January 2026

The Word Became Flesh

The Gospel of John opens with a sublime statement about the origins of Jesus: "In the beginning was the Word, the Word was with God." It goes on to affirm that the Word became flesh for us. By becoming one of ourselves we might expect the Incarnate Word of God to share the same emotions as ourselves, and indeed he did. In the stories that follow, we read how Jesus showed his love to various people, to Martha, Mary and Lazarus, to his disciple John and to the rich young man who wanted to follow him.

Equally, he shared our experience of distress. He could shed tears at times of loss and crisis, such as when his friend Lazarus died and before he publicly entered Jerusalem, knowing that the city would reject and execute him. The Gospels also tell how Jesus enjoyed social occasions and was a guest at so many dinners that his critics called him a glutton and a drunkard. He felt a strong empathy for people who suffered, and when they were hungry he provided the food that they needed.

Like all of us, he needed companionship with others, so on several occasions he took Peter, James and John into his special confidence. When exhausted he could fall asleep, even in the stern of a boat being tossed by the wind and waves. He felt intense fear just before his passion and openly admitted to his followers how troubled he felt in his soul. In his agony he prayed "Father let his cup pass me by." When the Word became flesh, he joined us on so many levels.

He *dwelt among us*, fully, passionately. He didn't just come to live a quiet life. He "pitched his tent among us" and shared the full range of our human experience, in order to draw us near to God. He was so much in touch with outsiders that his critics called him a friend of tax-collectors and sinners. To show his compassion for lepers, he physically touched them, laid hands on them, even at the risk of becoming ritually impure. Because he was a man of the people he spent most of his time among those who needed him most, and they were welcome in his company.

The Year Ahead

*May God make your year a happy one!
Not by shielding us from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening us to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making our path easy,
But by making us sturdy to travel any path;
Not by taking hardships from us,
But by taking fear from our heart;
Not by granting us unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping our face bright,
even in the shadows;
Not by making our life always pleasant,
But by showing us
when people and their causes need us most,
and by making us anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to us
for the year ahead.*

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 Eucharistic Adoration
on **Tuesday 6th January**.

Christian Meditation

Our Christian Meditation group will meet on Wednesday 7th January in the Prayer Room, in St. James Church, at 6.30pm. There will be a short talk followed by 20 minutes of silent meditation. Further information from christianmeditation.ie

Baptisms

Baptisms take place in St. James Church on the 2nd & 4th weekends of the month, on Saturday at 4.30pm and on Sunday at 1.00pm.

Sunday 11th January 1.00pm
Saturday 24th January 4.30pm
Sunday 25th January 1.00pm
Saturday 7th February 4.30pm
Sunday 8th February 1.00pm
Saturday 21st February 4.30pm
Sunday 22nd February 1.00pm

Baptisms take place in the Star of the Sea Church, Cromane, on Sunday, after morning Mass by arrangement.

Please arrange your baby's Baptism through the Parish Office., (066) 9761172, (087) 6584479, killorglin@dioceseofkerry.ie

Listen to Horizons on Radio Kerry

Sunday mornings at 9.00am -
Communicating the Christian message.

Remember our Dead

Anniversaries: Maura Kelliher, St. James Gardens
Christie Clifford, Muingaphuca

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

Monday 5 th January	10.30am	Private Intention
Tuesday, 6 th January	10.30am	Patrick & Chrissie Burke, 13 Laune View
Thursday, 8 th January	6.30pm	James & Nora Cahillane & the deceased members of the Cahillane & Corkery families, Upper Tullig
Friday, 9 th January	10.30am	Jim Doyle, Glencuttane; Andrew Doyle, Glencuttane & Birmingham
Saturday, 10 th January	6.00pm	Michael & Christina Mahony, Tulligmore; Maria McGrath, Lonhart
Sunday, 11 th January	12.00pm	Eileen Kennedy, St. James Gardens

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

Tuesday 6 th January	7.30pm	For the People of the Parish
Sunday, 11 th January	10.00am	Martin, Patrick & Mary Finn, Lonhart

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Sunday

In emergency always ring your own Priest first.

Fr. Kevin Sullivan, (087) 6277638

If he is unavailable, please ring the following:

- Monday:** Fr. Kevin Sullivan, (087) 6277638
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

Tuesday 6th January - The Feast of the Epiphany

It is a Holiday of Obligation

Mass Times

Killorglin10.30am
Cromane.....7.30pm

Feastdays and Readings for Weekday Masses

Monday 5 th	1 Jn 3: 11-21.	Jn 1: 43-51.
Tuesday 6 th	<i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	
	Is 60: 1-6.	Eph 3: 2-3, 5-6. Mt 2: 1-12.
Thursday 8 th	1 Jn 4: 7-10.	Mk 6: 34-44.
Friday 9 th	1 Jn 4: 11-18.	Mk 6: 45-52.

Thank you

Killorglin Men's Social Club wishes to thank everyone who supported it's Carol Service held in St. James Church in December. €1,000.00 was raised - €500 has been presented to Killorglin St. Vincent de Paul and €500 to the UHK Palliative Care Unit, in memory of Brendan Breen.

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

Better Balance Better Bones

In association with Baile Mhuire, Tralee and the HSE, this 8-week physical activity programme, that will improve strength and balance, will start on Thursday 15th January, at Keel Community Centre, at 10.00 - 11.00am.

Booking is essential. Contact Sharon, (085) 2537742

ALONE seeks Volunteers

ALONE, the organisation that enables older people age at home, are looking for Telephone and Visitation Volunteers to support older people in the community.

Call 0801 222 024 or see ALONE.ie/Volunteer for more info.

1 hour a week can make all the difference.

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. who needs someone to listen without judgement or pressure.

GROW

GROW is a community of people drawn together by their first-hand experiences of mental health challenges. GROW meets weekly in locations all over Ireland and Online also. All group supports are free for over 18's, no referral is needed, meetings are confidential and carried out in a supportive setting. Meetings are held in Tralee, Listowel, Kenmare & Killarney. More information from (086) 1726004, www.grow.ie

Ministries for next weekend

St. James Church, Killorglin, 10th & 11th January

Vigil	Reader	<i>Confirmation Candidates</i>
	Eucharistic Minister	<i>Margaret Foley</i>
	Altar Servers	<i>Hayley Walker, Julia Seagrave, Rachel Seagrave, Ellie O'Grady</i>
12.00pm	Reader	<i>Confirmation Candidates</i>
	Eucharistic Minister	<i>Eoghan O'Grady, Fiona O'Shea</i>
	Altar Servers	<i>Holly Clifford, Molly Moriarty, Lily Breen, Ciara Rose O'Shea Joy, Lucy McKenna</i>
Star of the Sea Church, Cromane, 11th January		
	Reader	<i>Confirmation Candidates</i>
	Altar Servers	<i>Olivia Doyle, Hetty Doyle</i>

Livestreaming & Broadcasting

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