

Killorglin Parish

3rd May 2026

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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.

The Way to the Father

There are many ways to get into heaven, many rooms in the mansions of eternity. But in today's Gospel Jesus makes the important point that he, specifically, is the way to the Father.

He said this as a response to Thomas, the disciple, who said that they didn't know where they were going. The response is helpful, and empathetic. If you know me, says Jesus, you know the Father.

This is one of our greatest signposts for today. Jesus is saying this to us. We can feel lost and abandoned. We can struggle to know which way to turn. But as long as we follow Jesus, as long as we turn to him in truth, we are also turning to the Father, aligning ourselves with him.

We can, in the prayer of unknowing by the Cistercian monk Thomas Merton, gauge some of today's Gospel, hearing it through our humanity. We may, if we want, take the words for our own and use them as a personal act of oblation to God:

My Lord God,

I have no idea where I am going.

I do not see the road ahead of me.

I cannot know for certain where it will end.

Nor do I really know myself,

and the fact that I think

I am following Your will

does not mean that I am actually doing so.

But I believe that the desire to please You

does in fact please You.

And I hope I have that desire

in all that I am doing.

*I hope that I will never do anything
apart from that desire.*

And I know that, if I do this,

You will lead me by the right road,

though I may know nothing about it.

Therefore I will trust You always

though I may seem to be lost

and in the shadow of death.

I will not fear, for You are ever with me,

and You will never leave me

to face my perils alone. Amen.

First Communion Masses in May

This is the list of First Communion Masses in our parish in the coming weeks:

St. James' Church

May 9th Scoil Mhuire

May 16th Glounaguillagh/Gaelscoil

Cromane Church

May 23rd Scoil Réalt na Mara

Receiving Christ in the Eucharist is an extraordinary blessing in our lives.

Through the gift of Holy Communion, we are able to share a deep intimacy with Jesus.

Let us commit to continue journeying with our young ones, and by our words and deeds, be examples for them to follow.

May this milestone for them be a moment for us to remember our first encounter with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist; and for us to more deeply appreciate the gift Jesus extends to us every time we are gathered at the Sacred Banquet.

We ask You Lord to bless all those who are preparing to receive Your Body and Blood for the first time. Help them to grow in love for You each day of our lives.

Confessions

With First Communion ceremonies taking place throughout the month of May, there will be no Confessions. The next date will be announced.

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Christian Meditation

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

Stay Connected with Parish News on WhatsApp!

We have set up a WhatsApp notification service to keep you informed about all the latest events and notices from our parish. To sign up, simply text **089 469 8044** from your WhatsApp account and ask to be added to the parish list, **then save the number to your contacts**. Once added, you'll receive messages about any upcoming events and important notices. We use WhatsApp broadcast lists, which means only parish administrators will be able to see your phone number and send notifications.

Remember our Dead

Died Recently: James "Jim" O'Sullivan, Iveragh Road & Sneem

Anniversaries: Sheila Clifford, Callinafersey

Kate Landers, Coolbane

Alan Storey, Kenmare, Lake Road & London

Christy & Chrissie O'Riordan, Railway Terrace

Seamus Griffin, Ballymalis

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

Tuesday, 5 th May	10.30am	Bridie & Denis Moriarty, Glounaguillagh
Thursday, 7 th May	6.30pm	Mickey O'Sullivan, 62 Iveragh Park
Friday, 8 th May	10.30am	Fr. Michael Fleming
Saturday, 9 th May	6.00pm	Bertie & Mary Harmon, Maurice & James Harmon, 25 Laune View
Sunday, 10 th May	12.00pm	Bridie O'Riordan, John, Hannah & Patrick O'Riordan, Tulligbeg

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

Sunday, 10 th May	10.00am	John Clifford, The Lake
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Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Sunday

Fr. Kieran O'Sullivan, (087) 2432155

In emergency always ring your own Priest first.

If he is unavailable, please ring the following:

Monday:	<i>Fr. Kieran O'Sullivan, (087) 2432155</i>
Tuesday:	<i>Fr. Kieran O'Sullivan, (087) 2432155</i>
Wednesday:	<i>Fr. Timothy Kiplagat, (087) 0009181</i>
Thursday:	<i>Fr. Kevin Sullivan, (087) 6277638</i>
Friday:	<i>Fr. Kieran O'Sullivan, (087) 2432155</i>

Mass Times

Please note - there will be no 10.30am Mass in St. James Church, on Monday 4th May.

Ministries for next weekend

St. James Church, Killorglin, 9th & 10th May

Vigil	Reader	<i>Eleanor Daly</i>
	Eucharistic Minister	<i>Denise Purcell</i>
	Altar Servers	<i>Cillian Gleeson, Dara O'Brien, Adam Houlihan, Jack Moloney, Noah Cahalane</i>
12.00pm	Reader	<i>Shane O'Shea</i>
	Eucharistic Minister	<i>Eoghan O'Grady, Fiona O'Shea</i>
	Altar Servers	<i>Lily McCarthy, Cara McCarthy, Niamh McCarthy, Caitlin McCarthy, Molly Kate Moynihan</i>

Star of the Sea Church, Cromane, 10th May

	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:
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Feastdays and Readings for Weekday Masses

Monday 4 th	Acts 14: 5-18.	Jn 14: 21-26.
Tuesday 5 th	Acts 14: 19-28.	Jn 14: 27-31.
Thursday 7 th	Acts 15: 7-21.	Jn 15: 9-11.
Friday 8 th	Acts 15: 22-31.	Jn 15: 12-17.

Diocesan Collection

The annual collection for the *Education of Clergy & other Ministers* will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. This fund provides for the education of the future generation of Priests, Deacons and Laity whose ministry will continue to be vital in the Diocese of Kerry in the years ahead.

Church Cleaning

We will gather in St. James Church from 1.00pm, on Thursday 7th May, to clean our Church. The more help we have, the more work we will be able to do! We look forward to seeing you.

Praying the Rosary

The Rosary will be prayed at Shanara Cross Grotto on every evening during May, at 6.30pm.

Lough Derg Pilgrimage Season 2026

Three Day Pilgrimage - in the tradition of prayer, fasting & vigil
 Pilgrims can begin pilgrimage on any day from 29th May to 13th August

One Day Retreat - a day of guided prayer and reflection
 on selected dates in May, August & September

Quiet Day - a self-directed day in the peace of Station Island
 Friday 22nd May & 11th September

Heritage Day - visit Lough Derg during National Heritage Week
 Thursday 20th August at 11.30am & 2.30pm

Lakeshore Pilgrimage - along the Pilgrim Path, Sunday 30th August, in the footsteps of pilgrims through the centuries

Booking is essential for all the options
 (071) 9861518, info@loughderg.org

Darkness into Light Walk

on Saturday 9th May, from Cromane Community Centre, at 5.00am. Refreshments afterwards.

Bingo in the CYMS

Every Sunday night at 8.30pm