

MASS SCHEDULE

St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher

Sunday Mass: 9am & 11am

St. Marys Church, Knockmoyle

Sunday Mass: Dec: 29th
Jan: 12th & 26th
Feb: 9th & 23rd

Christ the King Church, Strathroy

Sunday Mass: 12noon.
Vigil: 6.30pm
Polish Mass: 1st & 3rd Sunday's at 10am

Corpus Christi, Mountfield

Sunday Mass: Dec: 22nd
Jan: 5th & 19th
Feb: 2nd & 16th

Christmas – A Time of Hope

As we celebrate the birth of Jesus now, we also begin a Holy Year on Christmas Eve, called by Pope Francis, with the theme "Pilgrims of Hope." This is an invitation for us all to think about the journey in life we are on and the hope we carry with us in the joys, and especially, in the difficulties we face in life.

This Christmas here in Ireland, many of us are facing hard times. Some are struggling with financial worries; some feel the weight of loneliness, uncertainty and the climate of meaningless that has mushroomed; others may be dealing with health problems, family concerns and the pressures of daily life. The message of Christmas reminds us, that even in times of hardship, we are not alone. Jesus, born into humble circumstances, walks with us, offering a light in the darkness.

Globally, we are confronted with growing and deepening divisions, the tragedy of war, famine, and climate disasters – all of which have left millions of people in poverty and despair, yearning for peace, justice and a better future.

In the face of challenges we can feel overwhelmed. But as pilgrims of hope, we are reminded that hope is not something distant or impossible — it is something we can bring into our everyday lives. We hold onto hope not because everything is perfect, but because we believe that, with God's help, we can make a difference in our lives and in the world around us.

Hope is the strength to keep moving forward, even when the road is difficult. As pilgrims, our journeys through life are not meant to be walked alone. We may stumble, we may grow weary, but we are always journeying together, lifting each other up, and drawing closer to God who is life and love. Pope Francis reminds us that Christian life is a journey that "calls for moments of greater intensity to encourage and sustain hope as the constant companion that guides our steps towards the goal of our encounter with the Lord Jesus" (*Spes non confundit*, no. 5). May this Holy Year be one of these "moments of greater intensity," when perhaps we experience in a real way the hope we have – grounded in a loving God who loved us so much that he gave us his only Son (John 3:16).

At Christmas, we remember that hope doesn't come from perfect circumstances, but from a belief that things can improve, and that we are part of something bigger. Jesus' birth reminds us that, no matter how tough things get, there is always a new beginning, a chance to start again, and to find light in the darkness.

This Christmas, let us keep the spirit of hope alive in our hearts and in the way we treat each other. Let us be kind, supportive, and caring, especially to those who are struggling. And as we begin this new Holy Year, let's walk together, knowing that the hope of Christ is with us every step of the way. Let us remember that we are pilgrims of hope called to bring the light of Christ to a world in need. Wishing you all a peaceful and joyful Christmas, and a year filled with hope.

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MASS INTENTIONS

Monday	23 Dec	KC	10am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Michael & Kathleen Montague, Beechgrove
Tuesday	24 Dec	KC	10am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Kathleen Sally, St. Julian's
Tuesday	24 Dec	CTK	6pm	<i>Anniversary</i>	Deceased Members of The Murphy Family
Tuesday	24 Dec	KC	7pm	<i>Anniversary</i>	Michael McGeaughey, St Julians Cottages
Wednesday	25 Dec	KC	9am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Catherine & Eddie Morris, Killybrack
Wednesday	25 Dec	KM	9.30am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Rosabella O'Donnell, Beltany Grove
Wednesday	25 Dec	KC	11am	<i>Remembrance</i>	John Joseph & Michael McDonagh, Hunters Crescent
Saturday	28 Dec	CTK	6.30pm	<i>Months Mind</i>	Sean McGaghan, Castleview Park
Sunday	29 Dec	KC	9am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Patrick & Margaret Mayse, Castleview Court
Sunday	29 Dec	KM	10am	<i>20th Anniversary</i>	Dan McCrory, Glenpark Road
Sunday	29 Dec	KC	11am	<i>Months Mind</i>	Jack Curran, Buchanan Villas
Sunday	29 Dec	CTK	12noon	<i>1st Anniversary</i>	Frank McCaskie, Meelmore Drive
Tuesday	31 Dec	KC	10am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Eileen Tracey, Gardenville Avenue
Thursday	2 Jan	KC	10am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Alice Rafferty, McIvor Villas
Friday	3 Jan	KC	10am	<i>15th Anniversary</i>	Anthony (Tony) McKenna, Killyclogher
Saturday	4 Jan	KC	10am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Berndaette & Jim Grant, Retreat Close
Saturday	4 Jan	CTK	6.30pm	<i>Months Mind</i>	Damien McGartland, Berkley Heights
Sunday	5 Jan	KC	9am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Frances Baxter, Gleannan Park
Sunday	5 Jan	MF	10am	<i>1st Anniversary</i>	Gerard Kennedy, Killens Wood Avenue
Sunday	5 Jan	KC	11am	<i>Anniversary</i>	Elizabeth & Joseph O'Donnell, Donaghanie Road

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve Vigil

Christ the King Church, Strathroy: 6pm
 St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher: 7pm
 Christ the King Church, Strathroy: 8pm
 St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher: 9pm



Christmas Day

St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher: 9.00am
 St. Mary's Church, Knockmoyle: 9.30am
 Corpus Christi, Mountfield: 10.30am
 St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher: 11.00am
 Christ the King Church, Strathroy: 12 noon

MASS SCHEDULE FOR THURSDAY 26TH – SATURDAY 28TH DECEMBER:

No 10am Morning Mass in St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher.
 There will be 12noon Mass in Sacred Heart Church, Omagh.
 No Evening Mass in Christ the King Church, Strathroy on Thursday 26th December.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR MONDAY 30TH – FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER:

There will be 10am Morning Mass in St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher, as usual.
 No Evening Mass in Christ the King Church, Strathroy on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The office will close at 5pm on Thursday 19th December and re-open on Monday 6th January at 9am.
 In the event of an emergency only, please phone the emergency mobile.



MASS TIMES FOR THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

Monday 6th January: 10am / St. Mary's Church, Killyclogher
 7.30pm / Christ the King Church, Strathroy

PARISH DANCE IN KILLYCLOGHER

Friday 10th January. Dancing from 9.30pm to "L&S Country"

DANCES IN KNOCKMOYLE HALL

Thursday 26th December. Dancing from 9.30pm to "Sprig of Heather"
 Friday 3rd January. Dancing from 9.30pm to Eddie Gallagher.

Knockmoyle Hall Committee thank those who supported events in the hall in 2024.
 Happy Christmas & Best Wishes for 2025

Safeguarding Notice

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