

PARISH OF KILLEA, CROOKE & FAITHLEGG

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30 November 2025
The First Sunday
in Advent

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MASS TIMES

Sundays

Faithlegg 6.30pm (Saturday Vigil)
Killea 9.30am
Crooke 11.30am

Weekdays unless otherwise announced

Wednesday
Faithlegg 11.30am
Killea 7.30pm
Thursday
~~Crooke 10.00am~~
Friday
Killea 9.30am

Holydays of Obligation

As announced

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Wednesdays 6.45pm-7.25pm
in Holy Cross Church, Killea.

CONFESSIONS

9.30-10.00am on the First Saturday of the month in Killea. And on request.

BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS & CERTIFICATES

Please contact the Parish Office to request certificates or to make arrangements for baptisms and weddings. Baptisms are celebrated as follows:

Killea: First Sunday of the month at 1.00pm.
Faithlegg: Second Saturday of the month at 5.30pm.
Crooke: Third Sunday of the month at 12.30pm.

SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

For those seeking assistance or who wish to donate:

Tel: 051 350 725
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Today we begin the Advent season in preparation for the Lord's birth into our lives at Christmas. The theme for today is very much of waiting but also of being ready for the moment which will arrive at a time we do not expect.

In the gospel, Jesus is warning us to be prepared and ready because we do not know when the day of the Lord will arrive. It could be today, it could be next year, but, whenever, we must not be found wanting or caught off-guard – we must be alert and ready, open and waiting for his arrival into our hearts. We do this by reforming our lives every day and living according to the Gospel precepts and the commandments of God.

The first reading speaks of people making a pilgrimage to the House of God, to his Temple, to seek his blessing and guidance. In this place there would be peace, no more wars of conquest and, as a result, people from all over would come to the house rejoicing and encouraging others to join them.

St Paul exhorts the people to wake up and live honest Christian lives because the Lord's time is at hand. They are now living in that time and must let their faith be seen by others so that they may win God's favour, but also to strengthen others in the true faith. They must live upright lives and the armour they must wear is the example and love of Jesus Christ.

Last Sunday's collection:
Killea €530; Crooke €231; Faithlegg €277.

St Vincent de Paul – Christmas Appeal

The Society will take up its annual Christmas Appeal collection on the weekend of December 6 and 7. The funds raised will be used in this parish community to help those who need it most, and the funds used in this parish only come from within this parish. There are several ways to donate to the society:

- use one of the blue envelopes and return it to the church;
- telephone 0818 176 176;
- donate online at svp.ie/donate.

If donating online or by telephone, please give the conference name 'Dunmore East' in the box which says 'Specific Location to Help', as this will ensure that all funds will come to the conference in this parish.

Do This in Memory of Me Mass

Next weekend, December 6 and 7, pupils preparing for their First Holy Communion from our schools will attend the Masses along with their parents.

For Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start

The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in our schools. In simple, direct terms, you are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025. See:

<https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

Bambinelli Sunday

Bambinelli Sunday is observed on the Third Sunday of Advent when all are invited to bring the image of the Baby Jesus from the family crib to be blessed. Children are then invited to wrap the blessed figurines in Christmas wrapping when they return home, and to place them under the tree, to be opened as the first gift of Christmas. The blessing will take place at the Masses on 13 and 14 December.

We remember in our prayers those whose anniversaries and remembrances occur about this time:

Month's Mind: Mary Everett.
Eric Rutter; Dave & Kitty Hearne; Linda Doyle; Doreen Murphy.