

PARISH OF KILLEA, CROOKE & FAITHLEGG

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7 December 2025
The Second 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:

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Our readings today present two key people, two important role models for us. The first is Isaiah who spoke of the Lord's arrival and who, in his way, prepared the way for the Lord's coming. The second is John the Baptist – the Lord's own cousin – who is spoken of by Isaiah and who prepared the way for the Lord in the Lord's own time.

In the gospel we are introduced to John the Baptist who is preaching repentance and who directly challenged the Pharisees and Sadducees who came to him for baptism. He had a stark warning that the Lord would sift through his people and separate the faithful from the unfaithful, and he pointed out that there would always be those who would be unfaithful.

We are the successors to John and to his mission and, by our baptismal promises, we have taken on the duty to prepare the way in our own time for the Lord's imminent coming in power through the celebration of Christmas. Before we can be heralds of that great news, we must first prepare a way for him to enter more deeply into our own hearts, which we do through repentance, through facing up to those things in our lives which are at odds with the Gospel. These days of Advent are a time to clean up our lives and to make ourselves worthy of the birth of Jesus Christ in our own time.

Christmas Mass Schedule 2025

Wednesday 24: Evening – Christmas Eve

6.00pm St John the Baptist, Crooke

8.00pm Holy Cross, Killea

Thursday 25: Christmas Day

8.30am Holy Cross, Killea

10.00am St Nicholas', Faithlegg

11.30am St John the Baptist, Crooke

Last Sunday's collection:

Killea €448; Crooke €338; Faithlegg €245.

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/>

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Monday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception and a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated on Monday as follows:

Killea: 9.30am

Faithlegg: 7.30pm

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.

Reconciliation Service

A Reconciliation Service will take place in St Joseph & St Benildus Church, Newtown Road, at 7.00pm on Monday, 15 December. All are welcome.

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

Died recently: Matt Kennelly.

Joan Murphy; Sean & Teresa Connolly and Deceased Members of the Connolly & Doherty Families; Denis & Mary Flood; Rosaleen Flanagan; Fiona Murphy; Roger Shipsey; John Ivory; Patrick Farrell; Teresa Hearne; Bena & Mick Dunphy; Grace Connolly.