

PARISH OF KILLEA, CROOKE & FAITHLEGG

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21 December 2025
The Fourth 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

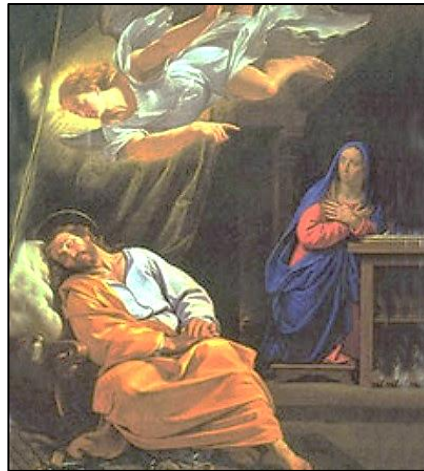
Please contact the Parish Office to request certificates or to make arrangements for baptisms and weddings. Baptisms are celebrated as follows:

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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The readings for today all refer to Jesus Christ whose birth as a human being we are about to celebrate. It is a reminder that there is now very little time to make our real preparations to worthily celebrate the season of Christmas.

In the gospel from St Matthew, we have the Annunciation to Joseph. Joseph now knows that Mary is pregnant with a child that is not his and so he has decided to divorce her quietly and save her too much public embarrassment. The angel tells him to go through with the marriage for the child was conceived through the power of the Holy Spirit and his name will be Emmanuel. Mary, therefore, is the maiden referred to in the first reading and Jesus is that Emmanuel, Jesus is God with us. Joseph follows the angel's instruction and takes Mary as his wife, demonstrating his own faith in God and in God's word, and also his acceptance of what Mary probably told him about the child.

In the second reading from his letter to the Romans, St Paul told his readers that he was writing to tell them about the Son of God who was a descendent of King David and who had the power of God. Paul opened by saying that he himself was the servant of God and was called by God to preach the Gospel, and that this Gospel was what was promised by all the prophets of old. That message proclaimed the Son of God as the Risen Lord, through whom come grace and peace.

Last Sunday's collection:
Killea €541; Crooke €288; Faithlegg €332.

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

Christmas Collection

Christmas Collection envelopes for the support of the priests of the diocese and parish are now available and can be returned over the coming weeks.

Society of St Vincent de Paul

Sincere thanks all those who contributed to the recent Christmas Appeal. The donations will be used within our parish.

Low Gluten Hosts

For those with a coeliac condition there are low gluten hosts available. Please see the priest before Mass if you wish to receive these hosts so that he knows to expect you and can consecrate the host.

Faith@Home Family Newsletter (with special section for kids – **Let's Dive In!**) and **To the Heights Youth Newsletter**. Read and download them weekly at: www.waterfordlismore.ie/resources, or subscribe by email: faithathome@waterfordlismore.ie

Do not be afraid because with the Incarnation of Jesus, death becomes life, and there's no need to escape: in eternal life, something extraordinary awaits us.

Saint Carlo Acutis (1991-2006)

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

Died recently: Olivia Hearne.
Jerry Murphy; Paddy O'Toole; Michael Cullinane & daughter Sandra Fanning; Jimmy & Ciss Cullinane; Eileen Ayton; Michael McSweeney; Miriam & Edie Shipsey; Damian Ryan; John Ryan; Sammy Hanrahan; Baby Mary Walsh.