

PARISH OF KILLEA, CROOKE & FAITHLEGG

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The Feast of the Holy
Family

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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

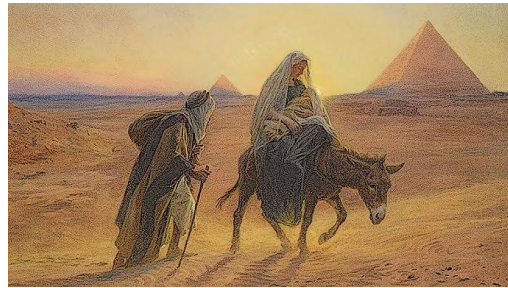
Please contact the Parish Office to request certificates or to make arrangements for baptisms and weddings. Baptisms are celebrated as follows:

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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Today we keep the feast of the Holy Family and for this year the gospel gives us the flight into Egypt quite soon after the Magi had left King Herod.

Our first reading comes from the Old Testament Book of Ecclesiasticus which reminds us that in serving God we must also serve others and that begins with our parents. Those who honour their father and mother will be rewarded with children of their own who will respect them, they will have long life, they will make reparation for their sins, and God will listen when they pray to him. The Psalm is a reminder that those who fear the Lord are blessed.

In the gospel text from St Matthew, we read of the angel appearing to Joseph and telling him to take Mary and the child Jesus into Egypt until it was safe to return. It would have solved several problems for Joseph if the child was to die and yet he carried out the angel's instruction showing himself to be a true father and guardian to Jesus. There is also another element to the time spent in Egypt because, when the child returns from that land, there are echoes of the Israelites returning from Egypt to the Promised Land, but this time the salvation promised is for all peoples and is greater than the freedom journey led by Moses.

Today we are called on to honestly evaluate our relationships with our families because they can also be a reflection of our relationship with God. Having identified any issues, we should seek to resolve them in the spirit of the season and model them on the Holy Family of Nazareth.

Last Sunday's collection:
Killea €464; Crooke €283; Faithlegg €319.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

During Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament – the Sacred Host or the Body of Christ – is placed in a monstrance on the altar for all to see and to worship. This takes place each Wednesday evening in Holy Cross, Killea, and is a time of silent and private prayer for whatever intentions those present wish to bring to the Lord. The Benediction takes place at 7.20 and Mass follows at 7.30. This Wednesday being New Year's Eve, this would be a good opportunity to look back at the year as it draws to a close, and to place our hopes for 2026 before the Lord. All are welcome.

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.

St Vincent de Paul Monthly Collection

The Society of St Vincent de Paul will hold their monthly collection at each of the Sunday Masses on January 3 and 4.

Confessions

January 3 is the First Saturday of the month – Confessions will be available in Holy Cross Church, Killea, from 9.30 to 10.00am.

I am glad to recognize that when we love God our heart expands, and we can give incomparably more tender love to those who are dear to us than when our love is selfish and barren... Love is fed by and develops from sacrifice. The more we deprive ourselves of natural satisfaction, the stronger and the more disinterested our love becomes.

*Saint Thérèse of the Child Jesus (of Lisieux)
1873 – 1897*

*A very happy, blessed and prosperous
New Year to all of our parishioners.*

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

Died recently: Sean McGoldrick.

Eileen & Tony Ayton; Maureen & Joe Power, Ray Power; Patricia Kervick.