

# PARISH OF KILLEA, CROOKE & FAITHLEGG

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4 January 2026  
The Second Sunday of  
Christmas

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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.

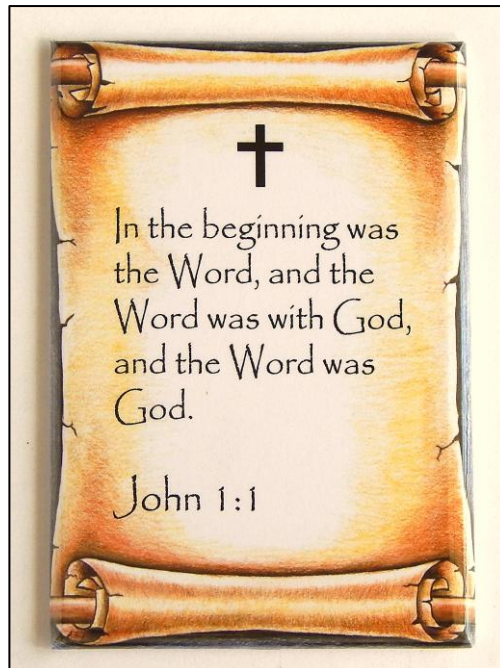
Crooke: Third Sunday of the month at 12.30pm.

### SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

For those seeking assistance or who wish to donate:

Tel: 051 350 725

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The gospel for this Sunday comes from the Prologue of St John's Gospel in which the evangelist tells us that Jesus is the Word of God. He goes further than Ben Sirach in the first reading and says that Jesus is Wisdom and raises Wisdom from being simply a subject of God to being God himself. This Wisdom, this Word, has come to dwell among his people in fulfilment of the text written by Ben Sirach all those years before.

Jesus is God made flesh – the Incarnation – and dwelt among his people. This wisdom is the true light which enlightens all people and who brings life even as people reject him. But, for that wisdom to bring life, the people to whom it is offered must accept Jesus as their Saviour, they must believe in him and, significantly, they must live the way of life he asks them to live which is what wrote in his Prologue – 'to all who did accept him he gave power to become children of God'.

The second reading reminds us that the full restoration as the children of God was brought to us by Jesus Christ who died for that restoration. All of this God has done out of love for us and we are to show our gratitude by believing in his Son and deepening our friendship with him.

*Last Sunday's collection:*  
Killea €410; Crooke €309; Faithlegg €225.

## Christmas Collection

Sincere thanks to all those who have contributed to the collection for the support of the priests of the parish and diocese – it is very much appreciated.

## Holy day of Obligation – Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

Tuesday, 6 January, is the Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord and a holy day of obligation. Masses for the holy day will be as follows:

Monday 5: 7.30pm Faithlegg Vigil  
Tuesday 6: 7.30pm Killea

## Safeguarding

The parishes of the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore take the safeguarding of children and vulnerable adults very seriously and employ personnel in this area. If anyone has a child protection concern, they should contact: Mr Stephen Plunkett (Designated Liaison Person) on 085 165 1518, Ms. Anne Walsh (Deputy Designated Liaison Person) on 089 485 8845, or Tusla or An Garda Síochána. Counselling support is available through Towards Healing (1800 303 416) or Towards Peace (01 505 3028).

## Encounter

A faith gathering for young adults aged 18-35. Includes an inspiring talk, music, prayer and opportunity for confession. Followed by pizza and a chat. At 8.00pm on Friday, 9 January, in St John's Church, Parnell St, Waterford. Newcomers always welcome!

[www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry](http://www.waterfordlismore.ie/youth-ministry)

*A Christian knows when it is time to speak of God and when it is better to say nothing and to let love alone speak.*

Pope Benedict XVI

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

Died recently: Maisie Donnelly; Brendan Ryan.

Christy & Breda Hannon; Pat Murphy (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv); Andrew Rea & Teresa Rea; Bernard Phelan; John Boland.