

PARISH OF KILLEA, CROOKE & FAITHLEGG

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18 January 2026
The Second Sunday in
Ordinary Time

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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's gospel passage sees John the Baptist giving Jesus the title, 'Lamb of God'. The Fourth Gospel introduces this encounter between John and Jesus, though no conversation is recorded between them on this occasion. John tells his own followers and those listening that Jesus is the one about whom he himself has been preaching and for whom he has been preparing the people. The reference to the lamb will come back towards the end of the gospel to the lambs which were sacrificed in the Temple to atone for the sins of the people, which were being sacrificed while Jesus was dying on the Cross. Through his death on the Cross and his resurrection, Jesus has removed the power of sin over us and restored us to full union with God.

In the second reading, St Paul reminds the people that they are not the only Christians but belong to a much larger family of believers in Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all people.

The readings today challenge us to look at Jesus Christ and who he is for us: Is he an ancient prophet or holy man who said good and wholesome things so long ago and which have some relevance today? Or is he truly our Lord and Saviour who is still present among us and is still watching over us? Do we want his salvation, and do we want to live with him in the Kingdom? We are challenged to say, with conviction, the words spoken by John the Baptist, 'Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God'.

Last Sunday's basket collection:
Killea €453; Crooke €256; Faithlegg €438.

Catholic Schools Week – January 18 to 24

Each year the Church highlights and celebrates Catholic schools, not just in this country but across the world. It is a time to give thanks for the faith that is passed on and nourished in our schools but also the sense of community and welcome which they foster and try to encourage in their pupils.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

January 18 to 25 (Feast of the Conversion of St Paul) is marked each year by prayers for Christian unity. The Christian Faith is an enormous family and within that family there are a variety of Churches and groups from worldwide Churches to small local groups. The Week of Prayer is a reminder that we all believe in the same Lord and that we need to work for the spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, that there can be tremendous unity even in our diversity of traditions and ways of worship.

Weekly Collection Envelopes

New envelopes are available for collection in the churches. New users are welcome to take an unlabelled box and return the completed slip with their first box.

Tax Rebate to the Parish

Under the scheme, those who contribute €250 or more in a tax year (whether in one donation, through weekly donations, etc.) can indicate to Revenue that some of the tax they have paid that same year should be given to their nominated charity. This does **not** increase the tax anyone pays, and it doesn't affect salaries, pensions, etc. It simply means that Revenue takes a part of the tax already paid by an individual and gives it to their nominated charity, in this case the Parish of Killea, Crooke & Faithlegg. For example, if an individual donates €300 to the parish in one year, and they have signed the required form, then Revenue will 'top-up' their donation to €434. The required CHY3 Forms are available in the sacristy or by contacting the parish office.

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

Died recently: Mary Walsh.
Bill & Kathleen Doherty; Abbie & Richard (Waxy) Power; James (Jimmy) Ryan; Frances & Edward Flynn; Paddy Mellor.