

# PARISH OF KILLEA, CROOKE & FAITHLEGG

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25 January 2026  
The Third 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:

Tel: 051 350 725  
E: [info.southeast@svp.ie](mailto:info.southeast@svp.ie)



Today we begin the cycle of readings from St Matthew's Gospel which will continue throughout the Sundays of Ordinary Time for this year. In today's passage we see that John the Baptist has been arrested, which will lead to his execution. Jesus now begins his preaching in earnest and settles in Capernaum probably because it was further away from the centre of Roman rule in Palestine and would allow the Lord more time and opportunity to gather his followers and preach his message. Jesus is the light of the peoples and, in settling in Capernaum, the light for Jew and Gentile alike.

In the second half of the passage we see Jesus calling his first disciples: Peter and Andrew, James and John. All four are fishermen and are working with nets. Jesus calls them and immediately they leave everything and follow him suggesting that perhaps they had known him already and may have heard his preaching. In any case, their response is a radical one and causes a major change in their lives. We too are called to make a radical change in our lives because of our faith in Jesus Christ and for the sake of our future in the Kingdom.

The nets the men were mending could allude to the entanglements of life, those things which make life difficult for ourselves and others. Their leaving their nets and following Jesus could refer, therefore, to their new way of living, of living a better way of life in keeping with the Gospel of Life. In our day, too, the Lord brings liberation from all that oppresses us and keeps us separated from the love of God, a love which knows no bounds.

*Last Sunday's basket collection:*  
Killea €493; Crooke €328; Faithlegg €285.

## Service of Light for Confirmation

The Service of Light will take place this week for our pupils preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation in Passage East NS and Faithlegg NS, in St John the Baptist, Crooke, on Friday 30 January, at 7.00pm. Réalt na Mara NS will have their Service the following week.

## Encounter

A faith gathering for young adults aged 18-35. Includes an inspiring talk, music and prayer followed by pizza and a chat. At 8.00pm on Friday 13 February, in St John's Church, Parnell Street. Newcomers always welcome! For more information:

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

## 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 31 January and 1 February.

## 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.

## Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The 68<sup>th</sup> Waterford & Lismore Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place 3 to 8 June 2026. For information and cost telephone 01 241 0800 or email [info@joewalshtours.ie](mailto:info@joewalshtours.ie).

## Faith Representatives

The diocese is once again recruiting Parish Faith Representatives. Applications should be in by 20 February. More information can be found at:

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

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

Month's Mind: Sean McGoldrick; Olivia Hearne.

Bert Power; Margaret Power; James Richardson (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv); Michael O'Connell; Mary & John Smeltzer; Paddy Regan; Philip Robinson, Snr; Eddie Gunnip; Billie Caulfield.