

PARISH OF KILLEA, CROOKE & FAITHLEGG

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8 March 2026
The Third Sunday in
Lent

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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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'If you only knew what God is offering...'

John 4:10

THE MASS

The Gloria & Collect

The Introductory Rite of the Mass is brought to a close with the Gloria and the Collect (Opening Prayer).

The Gloria – *Glory to God in the highest* – celebrates the glory of God and comes out of the joyful proclamation of the angels to the shepherds of the birth of Jesus. This prayer reminds us throughout the year of the Incarnation, when the Son of God took mere human flesh and was born as one of us. As with the Sign of the Cross and the Kyrie, the Gloria is Trinitarian and it also recounts some of the titles for God: heavenly King; almighty Father; Only Begotten; etc.

The Gloria denotes celebration and is used on feast days of the Lord and of the saints. It is also used on Sundays but is omitted in the seasons of Advent and Lent because, in those times, we are in penitential mode and the liturgy is somewhat subdued. This prayer was formally introduced to the Mass about the year 128AD and so is a very ancient hymn of praise and part of the Mass.

After the Gloria there is a slight pause before the priest offers the Collect – the Opening Prayer – which emphasises a particular theme for that celebration. The people respond by saying 'Amen'.

Throughout the Introductory Rites the congregation has been standing, but now they sit for the Liturgy of the Word.

Last Sunday's basket collection:

Killea €767; Crooke €343; Faithlegg €249.

Papal Award – Benemerenti Medal

On Sunday, 15 March, Bishop Cullinan will present the Papal Award *Benemerenti* to John Furlong at the 11.30 Sunday Mass in St John the Baptist Church, Crooke, in recognition of John's fifty years in the church choir. All are welcome to attend.

Pope John Paul II Award Participants

Those participating in the award do some form of service in their local parish over several months, be it handing out leaflets, singing in the choir, etc. They also have the opportunity to take part in a pilgrimage to Medjugorje and/or to Lourdes. The two participants who have been assisting in Killea over the last months are taking part in the pilgrimages this year and are asking for your help to cover their cost. Donations can be given to them after the 9.30 Mass in Killea on Sunday 15 March. Nearer the pilgrimages, they will be happy to receive prayer intentions which they will bring with them on your behalf.

Crooke Church

The re-painting work in St John the Baptist Church is almost at an end and the church is once again available for Mass during the week, which will return this Thursday at 10.00am. Donations to help pay for the work can continue to be made and will be gratefully received. Sincere thanks to those who have already made donations.

Evening for Readers of the Word & Extra-Ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

A refresher evening will take place on Friday, 27 March, at 7.30 in St Nicholas' Church, Faithlegg, for Readers and Ministers who are asked to indicate their attendance by Wednesday, 18 March.

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

Month's Mind: Margaret Murphy.

Michael Murphy; Mary Jacob; Mary & Thomas Kennedy; Brigid & Nicholas Boland; Hearne Family; Bernie Power; Maria Halligan; Kathleen Phelan née Glody; Patrick Nunan (1st Anniv); Val & Bridie Walsh; Tommy Mullally.