

# PARISH OF KILLEA, CROOKE & FAITHLEGG

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22 March 2026  
The Fifth 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

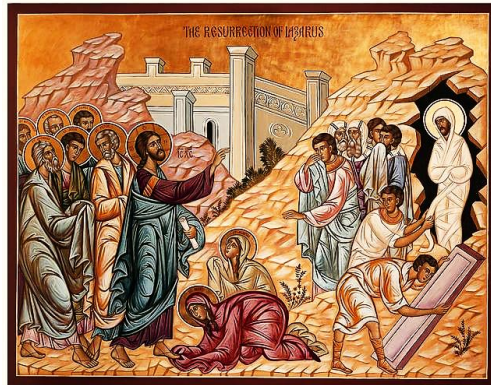
Please contact the Parish Office to request certificates or to make arrangements for baptisms and weddings. Baptisms are celebrated as follows:

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:

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



*'Unbind him, let him go free'*

John 11:44

### THE MASS

The Liturgy of the Word: The Responsorial Psalm

The first reading is followed by the Responsorial Psalm which is more participatory than the other readings with an encouragement that it be sung, though it can never be replaced by a hymn for the sake of singing.

The Psalms were known by every faithful Jew and Mary and Joseph taught them to Jesus. We know too that Jesus sang the Psalms with his disciples on the night before he died, and that he quoted Psalm 22 as he was dying on the cross.

The Psalms were part of the Jewish rituals and were sung by the people on their pilgrimages to Jerusalem for the major feasts. More than simply being scriptural passages, they were also written as prayers for the people to say and their poetry and melody made them memorable, which is still the case today. In all there are 150 Psalms which express joy, gratitude, repentance, cries for help, pleas for justice, appeals for mercy.

In the Liturgy of the Word, the Psalm has a response to help the congregation to make it their own and so the passage is 'shared' by both lector and people. The Psalm also has the effect of connecting or bridging the readings of that day.

The Psalms can also be used at other parts of the Mass or in any liturgical celebration.

*Last Sunday's basket collection:*  
Killea €486; Crooke €449; Faithlegg €280.

### St Patrick's Day Emigrant Collection

Thanks to those who contributed to the collection which amounted to €694.

### Holy Week 2026

The key liturgy of the Triduum will take place in Holy Cross Church, Killea.

*Holy Thursday 2 April*

Killea 7.30pm – The Lord's Supper

*Good Friday 3 April*

Faithlegg 12.00 – Stations of the Cross

Killea 3.00pm – The Lord's Passion

Crooke 7.30pm – Stations of the Cross

*Holy Saturday 4 April*

Killea 8.30pm – Easter Vigil

*Easter Sunday 5 April*

Faithlegg 9.30am – Easter Mass

Crooke 11.30am – Easter Mass

### Confessions

Monday, 30 March: Penitential Service at 7.30pm in St Joseph & Benildus, Newtown Road.

Holy Saturday: 9.30am-10.30am in Killea.

### Easter Collection

Easter Collection envelopes for the support of the priests of the diocese and parish are now available and can be returned over the coming weeks.

### Trócaire Boxes & Envelopes

Trócaire Boxes or Envelopes can be returned over the coming weeks. Envelopes can be placed in the regular collection basket, and boxes can be left in to the sacristy.

### First Penance

This week, those from the parish preparing for First Holy Communion in May will have their First Penance. We keep them and their families in our prayers this week.

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

Died recently: Norbert Flynn; Thomas Connors; Biddy Elliott.

Nelly & Jim Doherty; Tom & Pat Burke; Pat Connors; John Power.