

PARISH OF KILLEA, CROOKE & FAITHLEGG

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26 April 2026
The Fourth Sunday
of Easter

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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 MASS

The Preface to the Eucharistic Prayer
For the Preface, the congregation stands in prayer as the priest is about to address them. There are several Prefaces that the priest can use and each one highlights a particular aspect of the season or the celebration and they are a gateway as it were to the Eucharistic Prayer itself. The Preface begins with the dialogue between the priest and people in which he exhorts the people to lift their hearts to God and to give him thanks. That dialogue goes back at least to the year 200AD.

The word 'Eucharist' also means thanks and so, after the dialogue, the Preface continues by giving thanks to God before placing before us a particular thought. There are prefaces for each of the seasons, for each of the sacraments, for Our Lady, the Apostles, the Saints and Martyrs and for particular needs.

At the end of the Preface, the priest reminds us that our prayer is united with the Angels and Saints and all who dwell in God's presence. Together, the priest and people sing or say the *Sanctus* (Holy, Holy, Holy) which is a mix of verses taken from the Old Testament Prophet Isaiah and the New Testament Book of Revelation. After the *Sanctus*, the congregation kneels for the Eucharistic Prayer.

Last Sunday's basket collection:
Killea €571; Crooke €333; Faithlegg €190.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today – the Fourth Sunday of Easter – is known as Good Shepherd Sunday and a day of special prayer for vocations to ministry. At present, there are three seminarians studying to be priests in our diocese. A collection is taken up today to help pay for the education of seminarians for the diocese. Envelopes are available in the porch and can be placed in the basket next Sunday.

Safeguarding Sunday

26 April 2026 is Safeguarding Sunday in the Diocese of Waterford & Lismore.

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).

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be received from Bishop Cullinan this Monday, 27 April, by the pupils in our schools in ceremonies in Holy Cross and St John the Baptist churches. We keep them in our prayers this week as the gift of the Holy Spirit is strengthened within them.

Confessions

May 2 is the First Saturday of the month – Confessions will be available in Holy Cross Church, Killea, from 9.30 to 10.00am.

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 2 and 3 May.

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

Month's Mind: Thomas Connors.
Noel Hearne; Colette McGrath; John Flynn & Emily Flynn Bowen; Paddy Hearne.