

PARISH OF KILLEA, CROOKE & FAITHLEGG

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3 May 2026
The Fifth 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.

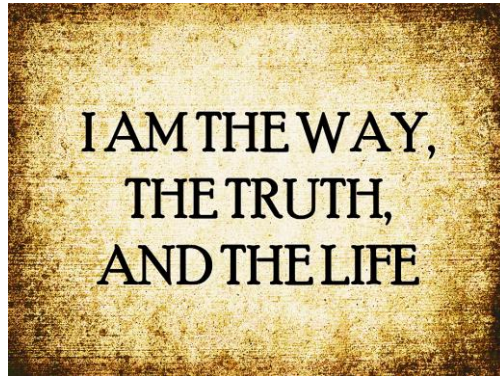
Crooke: Third Sunday of the month at 12.30pm.

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John 14:6

THE MASS

The Eucharistic Prayer – The Epiclesis
The centre and summit of the entire celebration is the Eucharistic Prayer, of which there are ten available to the celebrant. Each of the Eucharistic Prayers has specific parts and the first of those is the Preface to the Mass in which we give thanks and acclamation (the *Sanctus*).

The *Epiclesis* (from the Greek 'to call upon') is a prayer requesting the sending of the Holy Spirit. This is essential because the gifts cannot be transformed by mere human actions or means but only through the power of God. As the priest invokes the Holy Spirit, he holds his hands over gifts on the altar (reminding us of the dove, a symbol of the Holy Spirit). It is only the Holy Spirit who can make the great transformation of mere bread and wine into the very Body and Blood of Jesus Christ for us, which reminds us that without the Holy Spirit there is no celebration of Mass. There is a second *epiclesis* – usually after the consecration – which asks that the Holy Spirit may make us one in Christ.

St John Chrysostom (†407AD) wrote: 'He who stands at the altar does nothing, and the gifts that repose there are not the merits of a man; but the grace of the Holy Spirit is present and, descending on all, accomplishes this mysterious sacrifice. We indeed see the priest, but it is God who acts through him. Nothing human takes place at this altar.'

Last Sunday's basket collection:
Killea €641; Crooke €310; Faithlegg €176.

Benefactors' Sunday

Today is being marked in this parish as Benefactors' Sunday. We receive no state aid and so every year our congregations contribute to the weekly collection which maintains our buildings, keeps them looking well for big occasions such as Christmas and Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation, and looks after the running costs of the parish – without that generosity we would not be able to keep three churches open. Our congregations have reduced in size over the decades, and the congregations are also ageing, and so it makes the continuing generosity to the weekly collection, and indeed to the other collections across the year, all the more noticeable. While we also remember and pray at each of the Masses for those whose anniversaries occur, the principal intention is to give thanks for and to offer Mass for the intentions of all those who contribute week after week, year after year to our parish.

First Holy Communion

Pupils from our schools will receive their First Holy Communion over the coming weekends: Passage East NS at 10.00am and Faithlegg NS at 12.00pm on Saturday 9; Réalt na Mara NS at 10.00am on Saturday 16. We wish them the very best on this step in their relationship with the Lord.

We congratulate those who were confirmed in the parish on Monday last.

There is not in the world a kind of life more sweet and delightful, than that of a continual conversation with God; those only can comprehend it who practice and experience it.

*Brother Lawrence of the Resurrection,
Discalced Carmelite Friar,
1614-1691*

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

David Moore; Kevin Phelan; Mary Quilty; Monica Caulfield; John & Mary Phelan; Orla Helen McGrath; Tommy & Margaret Martin.