

PARISH OF KILLEA, CROOKE & FAITHLEGG

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Twentieth 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:

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Prayer

God's response

Though we might not always realise it, and at times we question it, God always hears our prayers and all prayer receives some form of an answer, though often we don't like the answer. When we want something, we pray earnestly to God for it and occasionally our prayers are answered just as we want, which is a great blessing and our faith is strengthened. At times we don't get the answer we want and we feel that God has neglected us and is not listening, or perhaps he doesn't like us, perhaps he is punishing us, and so our faith falters. Yet God sees the bigger picture and he knows what we *need* rather than what we *want*, he knows what is best for us in any given situation and he answers accordingly. We live in close contact with others rather than in splendid isolation and so the answer to a prayer is not simply going to affect the one asking but affects others as well, and so the answer the Lord gives will not just be for my good but for the good of others as well. The strongest reminder of that is the Lord's Prayer – the Our Father – in which we use the words 'our', 'we' and 'us' rather than 'my', 'me' and 'I'.

At times, what we pray for is not right for us at that time but, if our prayer is truly open to God and we are sincere in that prayer and think about what it is that we are asking for, then over time we begin to see things from God's perspective and begin to change our request to something which is for our greater good. Persistence in prayer that is open to the will of God helps us to gain the inner strength and peace to accept things as they are and to see that the Lord is still close to us and is walking alongside us. At times, too, we will see the answer to our prayers if we cooperate with God. In other words, we cannot expect God to be kind to us if we are not kind to others, we cannot expect God to forgive us if we harbour resentment against others.

Last Sunday's basket collection:
Killea €627; Crooke €377; Faithlegg €298.

Pope Leo on Sunday Mass

To sanctify Sunday, it is fundamental to celebrate the Eucharist. Listening to the Word and partaking of the Body of Christ entail, according to the Fathers of the Second Vatican Council, the coming together *in unum* (cf. *Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 106), that is, the joyful gathering of the faithful. In this assembly, the Christian community makes visible its communion with the Lord and bears witness to its belonging to Christ and its fidelity to the Church. This assembly cannot be substituted by a solely virtual presence, nor can it be reduced to a merely passive gathering. The liturgical assembly is in fact fulfilled through the active participation of brothers and sisters, called together to "thank God who 'has begotten them again, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, unto a living hope'" (1Peter 1:3).

General Audience, 12 August 2026

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We ought not to be weary of doing little things for the love of God, who regards not the greatness of the work, but the love with which it is performed.

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

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

Month's Mind: Tim Sheehan.

Michael & Maura Wadding; Maureen Ferguson (1st Anniv); Susan O'Donoghue; Maurice & Ena Power; John Desmond Dinan; Moira Murray; Mary Ronan; Tom Butler; Martin Qualter, Kay Qualter, Melissa Qualter; Maudie & John Joe Hearne; Sean & Ellen O'Sullivan; Joe Teasdale.