



St. Colman's Parish
16th /17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
20th /21st July + 27th /28th July

Parish Gathering

In his Pastoral Letter, *Moving Forward in Hope*”, Bishop Ray invited all parishioners to participate in a consultation process to shape the future of pastoral areas and parishes. A consultation gathering was held in our parish on 5th March 2024. People were invited to reflect and give their ideas on the following three questions:

Q1. Without the presence of a priest to lead and coordinate, what parts of parish Life could we take responsibility for and organise ourselves?

The main points returned on the above question were

- Uncertainty about actions for lay people in the church
- List of what we need to do, such as life in the spirit seminars
- Initiating training for Altar Servers
- Organising prayer meetings in the absence of mass
- Assisting with the preparation of Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation Ceremonies
- An awareness that before Covid they were more Eucharistic Ministers and readers in the church
- Recognising the role of the parish council
- Engaging young people for reading and choir; utilising Transition Year
- Reviving the liturgy group
- Establishing a children's liturgy group
- Inviting people to participate, especially youth
- More concise mass with shorter sermons relatable to the youth
- Blessing graves and ensuring priest attendance at interments
- Making a single Sunday Mass a potential social gathering
- Consulting youth about Mass or service preferences
- Assisting priests with transportation to church if needed
- Re-engaging active religious orders in church service

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Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community:
Lily Marie Kennedy Kelly, Ballymalis

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday evening in Milltown church from 6:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Masses & Intentions

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| Mon. July 22 nd | | | <i>No Mass</i> |
| Tues. July 23 rd | Listry | 7:00 p.m. | <i>Patricia O' Carroll – Months Mind An Tuairin Lín</i> |
| Wed. July 24 th | Milltown | 10:00 a.m. | <i>The McKenna Family, Main Street & Michael Lynch, Co Meath</i> |
| Thurs July 25 th | | | <i>No Mass</i> |
| Fri. July 26 th | Milltown | 7:00 p.m. | <i>Breda McCarthy Larkin Ballyoughtra North</i> |
| Sat. July 27 th | Listry | 6:00 p.m. | <i>Joe & Betty Clifford Lahard</i> |
| Sun. July 28 th | Milltown | 11:15 a.m. | <i>Private Intention</i> |
| Mon. July 29 th | | | <i>No Mass</i> |
| Tues. July 30 th | Listry | 7:00 p.m. | |
| Wed. July 31 st | Milltown | 10:00a.m. | <i>Intention – Eileen Gorman Moxon Yorkshire/late of Ballyvirrane</i> |
| Thurs Aug. 1 st | | | <i>No Mass</i> |
| Fri. Aug. 2 nd | Milltown | 7:00 p.m. | <i>Private Intention</i> |
| Sat. Aug. 3 rd | Listry | 6:00p.m. | <i>Timothy Quirke – 1st Anniversary Knockeen</i> |
| Sun. Aug. 4 th | Milltown | 11:15 a.m. | |

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday July 27th Margaret Gallagher
Milltown Sunday July 28th Josephine Twiss

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday July 27th Sinead O' Donnell
Milltown Sunday July 28th Christiane Spillane

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Aug. 3rd

Marie Donnelly

Milltown Sunday Aug. 4th

Deirdre Corkery

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Aug. 3rd

Michael F. O' Connor

Milltown Sunday Aug. 4th

Josephine Twiss

Flower Arranger: Mary Aspell 20th July – 2nd August.

Second collection: will be taken up at all Masses 3rd /4th August
Pastoral Centre

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly: will be celebrated
on Sunday 28th July. It is also Croagh Patrick Sunday.

Prayer for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly 28 July 2024

Lord, faithful God,
You who created us in Your image,
You who never leaves us alone
and who accompanies us through every season of life,
Do not abandon us, take care of us,
And grant us, once again,
The ability to discover ourselves
and recognise that we are Your children.

Renew our hearts with your Word
And do not allow anyone to be cast aside.
May your Spirit of love fill us with Your tenderness
And teach us to say:
“I will not abandon you!”
To those we meet on our journey.

With the help of your beloved Son,
may we not lose the taste for fraternity
And may we not conform to the sadness of loneliness.
Help us to look to the future with renewed hope,
And make the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
A day without loneliness, and a day abundant
with the first-fruits of Your peace.

Amen.

Q2. Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our Pastoral area?

The main points returned on the above question were

- If there is only one Mass, broadcast the service to other churches and rotate this responsibility. Church choirs can also follow this rotation.
- Divide administrative tasks among different groups
- Organise parish events, such as Stations of the Cross in outdoor locations like Keelaclohane Wood and Mass Rock.
- Consider holding at least one Mass per week, possibly on a weekday.
- Keep churches open whenever possible.
- Evaluate the use of cameras for broadcasting services.
- Collaborate with other parishes for coordinated efforts.

Q3. Given what Bishop Ray has said about reducing numbers and increasing age, what is it we want to say to priests.

The main points returned on the above question were,

- A heartfelt thank you to all priests
- Seeking priests from other countries
- Consider allowing married priests in the church
- Encouraging priests to delegate tasks to others
- Increasing the number of deacons, including women deacons
- Expanding the role of pastoral workers
- Greater involvement from the Bishop in the parishes
- Providing each parish with the draft of the Synod in Rome
- Informing people in advance if Mass is unavailable and suggesting alternatives
- Implementing a colour-coordinated calendar for five parishes to promote and teach Catholicism
- Asking teenagers for their input and preferences
- Thinking creatively and innovatively
- Emphasising that we are the church, each one of us
- Involving Transition Year (T.Y.) students in secondary schools

Last Weekend's collection - €960.00
Thank you for your generous support.

Killorglin Pastoral Area – Priest on duty
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The office will be closed on Thursday 25th July.