



St. Colman's Parish
30th/31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th/27th Oct. and 2nd/3rd Nov. 2024

Blindfolded in the den of the lion

In the seven years that he was held hostage in Lebanon, Terry A. Anderson, Chief Middle East Correspondent of the Associated Press, was physically and psychologically abused, beaten, and tortured by his captors. Chained to a bed or to the wall and stripped to his underwear, Anderson was kept blindfolded so as not to be able to recognise his whereabouts or subsequently be able to reveal the identities of his guards. Deprived of physical sight and freedom, Anderson spent those seven years engaged in a spiritual odyssey marked by an ever-deepening insight. Blindfolded in darkness, he discovered the inner light of grace that enabled him to look once again in Faith at God, to see himself in stark truthfulness and humility, and even to look upon his captors with a sense of understanding. His probing spiritual perception led Anderson to seek reconciliation with and healing forgiveness from God. Through the ministry of Father Lawrence Jenco, a fellow hostage, Anderson rediscovered his Faith. The following is Anderson's response to that occasion: Where is faith found? Not in a book or in a church, not often or for everyone. In childish times, it's easier; a child believes just what it's told. But children grow and soon begin to see too much that doesn't match the simple tales, and not enough of what's behind their parents' words. There is no God, the cynics say; we made Him up out of our need and fear of death. And happily, they offer up their test-tube proofs. A mystery, the priests all say, and point to saints that prove their faith in acts of love and sacrifice. But what of us who are not saints, only common human sinners? And what of those who in their need and pain cry out to God and go on suffering? I do not know — I wish I did. Sometimes I feel all the world's pain. I only say that once in my own need I felt a light and warm and loving touch that eased my soul and banished doubt and let me go on to the end. It is not proof — there can be none. Faith's what you find when you're alone and find you're not (**Den of Lions, Memoirs of Seven Years, Crown Publishers, Inc., New York: 1993**). — In this weekend's Gospel, another man, deprived of physical sight invites the gathered assembly in this church to share in his spiritual odyssey. We are often held hostage by our pride, fear, or self-seeking or by the "blindfold" of indifference to the needs of others. With Bartimaeus, let us pray for both freedom from spiritual blindness and growth in faith, saying, "Lord, I want to see."

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**There will be No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday
1st November**

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Oct. 28 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues Oct. 29 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Patrick McCarthy Steelroe/Lissivane</i>
Wed Oct. 30 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs Oct. 31 st	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Vigil Mass All Saints Day</i>
Friday Nov. 1 st	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Holy Day All Saints Day</i> <i>No evening Mass in Milltown</i>
Sat. Nov. 2 nd	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>All Souls Day Bridie Brosnan Rockfield, Faha</i>
Sun. Nov. 3 rd	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Joan & Jeff Fleming, Woodville and all deceased family members</i>
Mon. Nov. 4 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Nov. 5 th	Listry	7:00 pm.	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Wed. Nov. 6 th	Milltown	10:00a.m.	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Thurs. Nov. 7 th			
Friday Nov. 8 th	Milltown	7:30 p.m.	<i>Remembrance Mass for all parishioners who passed away during the year in Milltown</i>
Sat. Nov. 9 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony for The children of Faha School Remembrance Mass, for all deceased members of the Listry GAA Club</i>
Sun. Nov. 10 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony for The children of Milltown School Dan, John & Nora O' Connor Farranmanagh</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Nov. 2nd Marie Donnelly
Milltown Sunday Nov. 3rd Eileen Roche

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Nov. 2nd Michael F. O' Connor
Milltown Sunday Nov. 3rd Christiane Spillane

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Nov. 9th Eamon Donnelly
Milltown Sunday Nov. 10th Dorothy Casey

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Nov. 9th Jim O' Shea
Milltown Sunday Nov. 10th Josephine Twiss

Flower Arranger: Margot Lawlor 26th October – 8th November.

Indulgences: are special blessings received from God by praying for our dead during November, by visiting a church or oratory and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed for the Pope's Intentions. Praying the Rosary or visiting our graveyard or going to Confession.

Second Collection: will be taken up at Masses w/e 2nd /3rd November
- Irish Church Commissions & Agencies

First Friday Communion Calls: will take place on Friday Nov. 1st.
If you wish to receive Holy Communion each month in their home, please contact Fr. Danny, (087) 9061255 Rev. Conor (087) 3664057.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: Takes place in the Nagel Rice Community Hall on Sunday November 3rd at 8:00p.m. All most welcome.

November Envelopes: Please drop in your list of family and friends that you would like to be remembered during Masses during the month of November either into the box at the church, Parish Office or to Fr. Danny.

Vocations to the Diocesan Priesthood: The National Vocations Office is holding an open day for men over the age of 18 who wish to explore Diocesan Priesthood in Thurles – Sunday November 10th – at the Pallottine College. Further information on vocations.ie/exploring

Muintir Na Tíre Hall: A Mass will be held in the hall on Wednesday, Nov. 6th at 7:30 p.m. for past and present members of The Bingo and their families followed by light refreshments. Everyone is invited to attend.

Parish Draw: our draw will take place on Monday 9th December at the Muintir Na Tíre Hall, Milltown. Tickets will be distributed to homes in the coming weeks. Your support is very much appreciated.

The parish office will be closed on Thursday Oct. 31st

All Saints Day and All Souls' Days

The Feast of All Saints is a holy day of obligation. The following day is the Feast of All Souls. Mass times are as follows:

All Saints Day: Vigil Mass Thurs October 31st in Listry 6:00p.m.
Friday November 1st in Milltown at 11:15a.m.

All Souls Day: Saturday 2nd November in Listry 6:00 p.m.

Masses of Remembrance for those who died since last November:

Milltown Church Friday, November 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Listry Church Friday, November 15th at 7:30 p.m.

At these Masses, there will be candle lit in memory of each person whose funeral Mass was celebrated in our parish since last November. There will also be Three large candles lit – the first in memory of the entire group whose funeral Mass took place in the parish; a second in memory of those whose funeral took place in another parish; a third for stillborn babies and miscarriages.

Masses for our Deceased in November

Please drop in your list of family and friends that you would like to be remembered during Masses in the month of November. These Masses take place as follows:

Milltown Church Wednes Nov. 6th / 20th / 27th - 10:00am

Listry Church Tuesday Nov. 5th and 26th - 7:00pm

Saturday Nov. 30th - 6:00 p.m.

Parish weekend collections

Last Weekend - €760.00

Special collection – Mission Sunday - €326.00

Thank you for your generous and continuous support.

- The offertory collection is currently not being taken up during Mass. There are boxes at the front and side entrance of the Milltown church and front entrance in Listry church for your contributions.

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this weekend

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