



St. Colman's Parish
First Sunday of Advent
30th Nov./1st Dec. 2024

Missing the signal!

In its day, the Titanic was the world's largest ocean-liner, weighing 46,328 tons, and it was considered unsinkable. Yet, late during the night of April 14-15, 1912, the unthinkable happened to the unsinkable. Near midnight, the great Titanic struck an iceberg, ripping a three-hundred-foot hole through five of its sixteen watertight compartments. It sank in two and a half hours killing 1,513 people. Before the Titanic sank, warning after warning had been sent to tell the crew that they were speeding into an ice field, but the messages were ignored. In fact, when a nearby ship sent an urgent warning, the Titanic was talking to Cape Race about the time the chauffeurs were to meet arriving passengers at the dock in New York, and what dinner menus were to be ready. Preoccupied with the trivia, the Titanic responded to the warning, "Shut up. I am talking to Cape Race. You are jamming my signals!" Why did so many die that night? Perhaps the crew disregarded the danger of the weather; there were not enough lifeboats on board; and the radio operator of nearby California was off duty; perhaps those responsible did not heed the warnings; they were preoccupied with other things! — Sometimes we believe that our 'ship' is unsinkable, our life is completely planned, and the unthinkable can never happen to us. We need to read the signs of the times; we need to pay attention to the warning signals. But if we are preoccupied with the trivial things of life, we will miss the most important things till it is too late. The First Sunday of Advent gives us the warning to be watchful, waiting, and prepared.

We need to prepare ourselves for Christ's second coming by allowing Jesus to be reborn daily in our lives. Advent gives us time to make this preparation — repenting of and confessing our sins, renewing our lives through prayer, penance, and sharing our blessings with others. In Advent, we also ought to check for what needs to be put right in our lives, to see how we have failed, and to assess the ways in which we can do better. Let us accept the challenge of the German mystic Angelus Silesius "Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem — but all in vain until He is born in me."

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Recent Death: Please pray for:

Jimmy Counihan, Brackhill, Castlemaine.

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community:

Gráinne McGillicuddy, Farranmanagh

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday in Milltown Church from 5:00p.m. -7:00p.m.

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Dec. 2 nd			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Dec. 3 rd	Listry	7:00 pm.	
Wed. Dec. 4 th	Milltown	10:00a.m.	<i>Sheila, Mary, Joseph & Radhakrishnan India</i>
Thurs. Dec. 5 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday Dec. 6 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Eugene & Nora Ferris Dungeel</i>
Sat. Dec. 7 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Dan, Hannah & David Murphy Lisaree</i>
Sun. Dec. 8 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception Cyril Flynn Rathpook</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Dec. 7th

Marie Donnelly

Milltown Sunday Dec. 8th

Josephine Twiss & Deirdre Corkery

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Dec. 7th

Michael F. O' Connor

Milltown Sunday De. 8th

Family Readers

- All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via www.milltownlistryparish.com or churchmediatv.ie. The webcam in Milltown and Listry church captures images of individuals who sit in the first two seats of the church. Please sit in another part of the Church if you do not wish your image to be broadcast in this way.

Adoration will take place in Listry church on Saturday 7th December from 5:00p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall this Sunday December 1st from 8:00 p.m. -9.30pm. All welcome

Munster Dioceses “Seeds of Hope” Conference: An initiative of the dioceses of Kerry, Limerick, Killaloe, Cashel and Emily. Learn how your local parish can respond to the ecological crisis. This biodiversity conference will take place on Saturday 25th Jan 2025 in Springfort Hotel, Mallow. Further details from www.dioceseofkerry.ie

Vacancy for Pastoral Centre Secretary: Applications are invited for the position of a part -time secretary with experience in Microsoft Office and general office duties. Closing date for applications is 5 pm on Friday Dec 6th. For further information, please see www.dioceseofkerry.ie

Communal First Saturday: For those who would like to fulfil Our lady’s requests in Fatima for obtaining a period of peace in the world and salvation of souls. The Communal First Saturday devotions will be held on the 7th December commencing at 8.45 am in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney.

Trocaire Gift Cards: If you want to give a gift that will transform lives this Christmas, buy a Trocaire Gift of Change. Trocaire Gift cards will be on sale in Milltown Church, before and after Mass, Sunday 8th December and in Listry Church Saturday 14th Dec. Thank you for your support.

Nagle-Rice PS Christmas Memory Tree Service: is taking place on Wednesday 11th December @6pm. Memory Tree Cards can be purchased from the school, €5.00 each. Thank you.

Kerry Choral Union: presents 'O Holy Night', a Christmas Gala Concert at the church of St John the Baptist, Castle Street at 7:30pm on Sunday December 8th with guests the Kerry Scotia Ensemble. Tickets available on the door €20 Further information on www.kcu.ie or <https://www.facebook.com/KerryChoralUnion>

St. Vincent de Paul’s Annual Church gate collection: will take place next weekend in both Listry and Milltown churches – 7th /8th December. Your support would be greatly appreciated

Castlemaine Christmas Craft Market: takes place at the centre on Fri 6th Dec., 6pm Saturday 7th, 10am & Sunday 8th December 10am. Support your local arts and craft makers and buy local this Christmas.

Refreshments after Sunday Mass in Milltown: Please join us for refreshments after Mass on Sunday December 8th in Milltown church This will be a monthly gathering, offering a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our parish community.

Parish Draw Reminder:

By now, you should have received your Parish Draw cards for the upcoming draw on Monday, December 9th, at Muintir Na Tíre Hall, Milltown. If you haven't had the chance to participate yet, tickets are still available at the Sacristy and the parish office. Completed cards can be submitted in the Offertory box at the church, the parish office, or Murphy's Food Store. This draw is the parish's sole fundraiser, and its proceeds are essential for covering expenses like heating, lighting, and insurance. Your generous support is deeply appreciated.

Lord

*As we prepare ourselves for Christmas,
let our thoughts be on you
and our less
privileged brothers and sisters in our society.
Let our preparation be a more spiritual one
rather than a material one.*

Amen

Weekend's collection - €855.00

Thank you for your generous 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 which are greatly appreciated.

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this weekend

Fr. Fergal Ryan (087) 2408540

**Mass Cards and Christmas Cards are available from the
Parish Office.**