



St. Colman's Parish
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
25th /26th January 2025

Saint Oscar Romero's "option for the poor"

Speaking in the synagogue in Nazareth, Jesus used Isaiah's prophetic terms, long since seen as referring to the coming Messiah, to describe his own mission "to bring Good News to the poor." The success of Jesus' mission, particularly with the poor who had no political power except that conferred by their sheer numbers, made Jesus a "dangerous" person to the religious authorities of Israel and eventually resulted in crucifixion. — The Christian Gospel is still dangerous when its truth is really put into practice. This is clearly seen in the case of Archbishop Saint Oscar Romero of El Salvador, who was assassinated while he was celebrating Mass because, like Jesus, he reminded people of the needs of the poor and the oppressed in El Salvador. The story began in 1979 when a young priest, Father Grande, was shot and killed on the streets of El Salvador. His "crime" was that he spoke out against the government, which brutally suppressed all forms of protests and executed thousands of innocent people using its notorious "Death Squads." When Fr. Grande's great friend, Bishop Oscar Romero, was chosen to be the new Archbishop, the authorities thought he would keep quiet on the question of the oppressed poor in that country. Instead, Archbishop Oscar Romero became an outspoken defender of the poor and a critic of the state-supported "Death Squads." To honour the memory of his martyred friend, Romero refused to appear in any public ceremonies sponsored by the army or the government. He soon became the voice and conscience of El Salvador. His words and actions were reported throughout the whole world, so that everybody knew the atrocities happening in El Salvador.

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Recent Death: Please pray for:

Mary O'Sullivan, Milltown & formerly of Ballygamboon

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Jan. 27 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Jan. 28 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Jeremiah & Eileen Wrenn Lissivane East</i>
Wed. Jan. 29 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>
Thurs. Jan. 30 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday Jan. 31 st	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Nora Maher Main Street, Milltown</i>
Sat. Feb. 1 st	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>St. Brigid's Day Michael Mannix Keel, Faha</i>
Sun. Feb. 2 nd	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Candlemas Day Bob Dan, Lizzie & Gerry McKenna The Cliff, Callinafercy</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Milltown Sunday Feb. 2nd

Betty Moriarty & Linus Burke

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Feb. 1st

Michael F. O' Connor

Milltown Sunday Feb. 2nd

Joe Tyther

- 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.

Flower Arranger: Margot Lawlor - 24th January – 7th Feb.

Second Collection: will be taken up at Masses w/e 8th /9th Feb
- Lourdes Helpers

The Kerry Diocesan Youth Service provides an outreach and educational programme for young people. It strives to promote a creative and supportive environment for vulnerable young people.

First Friday Communion Calls: will take place on Friday February 7th. If you have a family member or neighbour who wishes to receive Holy Communion each month in their home, please contact Fr. Danny, (087) 9061255 Rev. Conor (087) 3664057 or the office (066) 97 67312.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on Sunday February 2nd from 8:00 p.m.-9.30pm. All most welcome.

House Mass/Blessings: If any family wish to have a house Blessing or a house Mass, please contact Fr. Danny Broderick on (087) 9061255

Candlemas Day: is celebrated on 2nd February and marks the return of light, a symbol of protection and prosperity. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple of Jerusalem, referring to him as the light of the people of Israel. The blessing of candles will take place during Masses next weekend, 1st /2nd February. Please bring your own candles if you would like to have them blessed during Mass.

St. Blaise's Feast Day: is celebrated on 3rd Feb. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. The blessing of throats will take place after Masses next weekend 1st /2nd Feb.

Communal First Saturday: The Communal First Saturday devotions will be held on the 1st February commencing at 8.45 am in the Church of the Resurrection, Killarney. Confession 8.30 am, the Rosary, 9am followed by Mass, and 15 minutes meditation after Mass.

Sacristan Position: St. Colman's Parish, serving Milltown and Listry churches, is inviting applications for the role of Sacristan.

Responsibilities include:

- Opening and closing both churches
- Preparing the churches for weekday and weekend Masses.
- Preparing churches for funerals, baptisms, weddings, and other liturgical events

Submit your application to Fr. Danny Broderick at 18 Ballyoughtragh Heights, Milltown or via email to milltown@dioceseofkerry.ie by Monday 10th February 2025.

Romero's fight for human rights led to his nomination for the Nobel Peace Prize. On March 24, 1980, at 6:25 PM, as the Archbishop was offering Mass in a hospital Chapel, a shot from the back of the Church struck him in the chest, killing him instantly. Thus, Archbishop Oscar Romero died a martyr for the Gospel of Christ. He was beatified May 23, 2015 by Cardinal Angelo Amato representing Pope Francis and canonized by Pope Francis October 14, 2018, with the designation "Bishop and Martyr." — As we reflect today on Jesus' words about his mission, let us remember Saint Oscar Romero and continue to strive to live out faithfully in our world and in our daily lives the "dangerous" truths of the "Good News" which is Jesus' gift to us today.

Last weekend collection - €1,115.00

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. Thank you.

Upcoming Parish Sacramental Celebrations

Confirmation Ceremony – Thursday March 13th

Listry Church for children of Faha P.S. – 11:00 a.m.

Milltown Church for children of Nagle Rice P.S. – 3:00 p.m.

First Holy Communion Ceremony

Milltown Church - Nagle Rice P.S. on Saturday May 10th at 11:00 a.m.

Listry Church - Faha P.S. on Saturday May 17th at 11:00 a.m.

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Sunday:

Fr. Fergal Ryan (087) 2408540

In an emergency always ring your own Priest first

If he is unavailable, please ring the following:

Monday: Fr. Fergal Ryan (087) 2408540

Tuesday: Fr. Kieran O'Sullivan, (087) 2432155

Wednesday: Fr. Fergal Ryan, (087) 2408540

Thursday: Fr. Danny Broderick, (087) 9061255

Friday: Fr. Kevin Sullivan, (087) 6277638