



St. Colman's Parish
The Presentation of The Lord
1st / 2nd February 2025

The Story of the Presentation of the Lord

At the end of the fourth century, a woman named Etheria made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Her journal, discovered in 1887, gives an unprecedented glimpse of liturgical life there. Among the celebrations she describes is the Epiphany, the observance of Christ's birth, and the gala procession in honour of his Presentation in the Temple 40 days later. Under the Mosaic Law, a woman was ritually "unclean" for 40 days after childbirth, when she was to present herself to the priests and offer sacrifice—her "purification." Contact with anyone who had brushed against mystery—birth or death—excluded a person from Jewish worship. This feast emphasises Jesus' first appearance in the Temple more than Mary's purification. The observance spread throughout the Western Church in the fifth and sixth centuries. Because the Church in the West celebrated Jesus' birth on December 25, the Presentation was moved to February 2, 40 days after Christmas. At the beginning of the eighth century, Pope Sergius inaugurated a candlelight procession; at the end of the same century the blessing and distribution of candles which continues to this day became part of the celebration, giving the feast its popular name: (Candlemas Day).

Simeon and Anna are an example to those of us of every age that we can rewire our brains and our souls to put ourselves in the presence of God in our everyday lives. In the ordinariness of our everyday temples of work and home and school and church, we can listen to the prompting of God's Spirit, perceive God afoot in the mundane, and gracefully live in constant expectation of God adventing in our lives. We can daily experience the power of Christ's presence in others.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday in Milltown Church from 6:00p.m. -7:00p.m.

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Feb. 3 rd			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Feb. 4 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Dan O' Callaghan Lahard</i>
Wed. Feb. 5 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs. Feb. 6 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday Feb. 7 th			<i>No evening Mass</i>
Sat. Feb. 8 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Patrick & Bridget Curran Lissivane East</i>
Sun. Feb. 9 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Jack & Peg Hayes Lyre</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Milltown Sunday Feb. 9th Denis O' Mahony & Mary O' Shea

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Feb. 8th Jim O' Shea
 Milltown Sunday Feb. 9th Linus Burke

- 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: Joan Allman – 8th February – 21st February

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. Guest Speaker is Rose Blackwell. 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

Accord: are seeking marriage preparation facilitators. If you are supportive of marriage in the Catholic Church and have the enthusiasm to be part of the Accord team that supports couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage, marriagepreparation@accord.ie or www.accord.ie

Killorglin Family Resource Centre: is hosting a free 8-week restorative parenting programme for parents of all ages. Starting on 20th February to 10th April. From 7:00pm – 9:00pm. For registration, please contact killorglinfamilycentre@gmail.com or (066) 9761816.

Information Day: for Men living in Mid Kerry on the 14th February 2025 at 11am – 1pm: Killorglin JP O’Sullivan GAA Grounds. Information on expanding the South Kerry men’s group in mid Kerry, Planning Day trips and outings, getting local men active with other groups in Mid Kerry, helping men with addressing Isolation and Loneliness.

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.

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.

There will be no Mass in Milltown church on Friday 7th February.

O Lord,

Purify our worship so that we may want you as you are,
and not seek to re-make you to fit our small ideas and ambitions.

Keep us generous in giving ourselves to you
and in accepting the new and unexpected from your hands.

May we come to your temple
to have our faith deepened and extended
rather than to have our small thoughts hardened
into dogmas fit only for a small heart.

Amen

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Sunday:

Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638

In an emergency always ring your own Priest first

If he is unavailable, please ring the following:

Monday: Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638

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