

St. Colman's Parish 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time 8th /9th February 2025

'It's Who We Are?'

Peter and Paul are ever-present within the Church and their influence is fundamental to the growth of Christianity. Rightly, we place these great saints on pedestals. We read Scripture and seek through the words to emulate the disciples.

Yet, their own journeys of faith were not dissimilar to ours. They were beset by the same sense of unworthiness. They failed, at times to a degree that must have hurt, to live up to Gospel demands. For example, Peter denied Jesus three times, even having explained that he never would do so.

We are not so different as these disciples. In many respects, we have more knowledge than them, because we are able to read the complete Gospel accounts alongside a certain alignment with the traditions of the Church. Peter and Paul were there at the outset, whereas we see their influence as well as the greater picture that has been passed down the centuries.

We are beset, though, by the same human problems of unworthiness and fear. We wrestle with similar problems of faith. In many ways, it is no easier, no more difficult, to follow Jesus now rather than then. But the truth is that Jesus is still our advocate, still our guide, despite our unworthiness, despite our lack of faith, just as he was for those first disciples. Jesus asks much of us but he also recognises our brokenness. Through his own humanity he has passed down to us the Sacraments including 1. Baptism, in which we become marked with Fathership of God 2. Eucharist, in which we share Christ as our sustenance on this wordly journey and 3. Reconciliation, in which we are given the chance to begin again.

This, then is our discipleship. We are not on our own but have Christ as our constant advocate. He asks much of us, yes. But he is also the God of forgiveness and wants to assure us that we can do great things as children of God. So, let us use the Gospel account of today to spur us on into greater communion with Jesus, and to develop us as citizens of heaven.

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There will be no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament this Friday in Milltown Church

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Feb. 10 th			No Mass
Tues. Feb. 11 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word
Wed. Feb. 12 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word
Thurs. Feb. 13 th			No Mass
Friday Feb. 14 th			No evening Mass
Sat. Feb. 15 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Kevin O' Shea (Months Mind) Lissivane East
Sun. Feb. 16 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Denis Courtney Rockfield

Eucharistic Ministers

Milltown Sunday Feb. 16th Josephine Twiss & Deirdre Corkery

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Feb. 15th Family Readers
Milltown Sunday Feb. 16th Geraldine Galvin

• 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.

There will be no Mass in Milltown church on Friday 14th February.

Flower Arranger: Joan Allman – 8th February – 21st February

Bishop commissions Pastoral Leaders

Bishop Ray will commission 25 people as pastoral leaders at 12 noon Mass in St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney on Sunday Feb 9th. The ministry of pastoral leader is a new ministry in the Diocese of Kerry. The ministry involves the co-ordination and support of pastoral ministry in parishes and pastoral areas. The volunteer pastoral leaders will work with the clergy, parish secretaries and all those already involved in parish ministry. The pastoral leaders will be commissioned for three years. All are welcome to the the Mass Cathedral. ioin online. attend in or to killarneyparish.com/watchlive.

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

<u>Vocations Afternoon:</u> at the Poor Clare Monastery, College Road, Cork, for young women considering the contemplative religious life, Saturday Feb. 22nd, 2-4 pm. For further information, email: vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com

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

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.

<u>Open Day Nagle-Rice P.S. Milltown:</u> are having an Open Morning for new Junior Infants on Thursday 27th February 2025 at 9.30a.m. Parents and new Pupils are welcome.

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.

Weekend collection 26/01/2025 €805.00 Weekend collection 02/02/2025 - €682.00 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 11:00am Listry Church -Faha P.S. on Saturday May 17th at 11:00am

Lord

In your presence I recognise my sinfulness.

Like Isaiah and Peter faced
with your fascinating and mysterious presence,
I discover my own insignificance.
Before the mystery of your love, with Peter I cry:
'Leave me, Lord, for I am a sinner.'
Because you are holy you can forgive those
who realise that they are sinners.
Let me call upon your Holy Name each hour and day.
Open my heart to your mercy in the simple prayer:
'Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner'
Amen

Killorglin Pastoral Area Priest on Duty this Sunday: Fr. Kieran Sullivan (087) 2432155

In an emergency always ring your own Priest first If he is unavailable, please ring the following:
Monday: Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155
Tuesday: Fr. Kieran O'Sullivan, (087) 2432155
Wednesday: Fr. Fergal Ryan, (087) 2408540
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