



St. Colman's Parish *Second Sunday of Lent* *15th /16th March 2025*

Lord, give me the grace for transformation.

The word transfiguration means a change in form or appearance. Biologists call it metamorphosis (derived from the Greek word *metamorphoomai* used in Matthew's Gospel) to describe the change that occurs when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. As children we might have curiously watched the process of the caterpillar turning into a chrysalis and then bursting into a beautiful Monarch butterfly. Fr. Anthony de Mello tells the story of such a metamorphosis in the prayer life of an old man. *"I was a revolutionary when I was young and all my prayer to God was: 'Lord, give me the grace to change the world.' As I approached middle age and realised that half of my life was gone without changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: 'Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me; just my family and friends and I shall be satisfied.' Now that I am old and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My one prayer now is: 'Lord, give me the grace to change myself.' If I had prayed for this right from the start, I should not have wasted my life."*

The "transfiguration" in the Holy Mass is the source of our strength: In each Holy Mass, the bread and wine we offer on the altar become "transfigured" or transformed (transubstantiated) into the living Body and Blood soul and Divinity of the crucified, risen, and glorified Jesus. Just as Jesus' Transfiguration was meant to strengthen the apostles in their time of trial, each Holy Mass should be our source of Heavenly strength against temptations, and for our Lenten renewal. (2) Each time we receive one of the Sacraments, we are transformed: For example, Baptism transforms us into sons and daughters of God and heirs of heaven. Confirmation makes us temples of the Holy Spirit and warriors of God.

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. March 17 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Holy Day - St. Patrick's Day</i> <i>Monty Heffernan (Months Mind)</i> <i>Knockavota</i>
Tues March 18 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Pauline Ferris</i> <i>Faha</i>
Wed. March 19 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>
Thurs March 20 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. March 21 st	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Michael & Hannah O' Shea</i> <i>Kilderry</i>
Sat. March 22 nd	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Nuala Allman (Months Mind)</i> <i>Firies/Milltown</i>
Sun. March 23 rd	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Denis Murphy – 1st Anniversary</i> <i>Kilderry</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Milltown Sunday March 23rd Denis O' Mahony & Mary O' Shea

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Mar. 22nd Jim O' Shea
 Milltown Sunday Mar. 23rd Family Readers

Readings can be collected in advance from the Sacristy after any Mass

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.

Killorglin Pastoral Area
Priest on Duty this weekend
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Second Collection: will be taken up at Masses this weekend
w/e 15th /16th March - Emigrant Services

IRISH SYNODAL PATHWAY - WHAT ARE THE PRIORITIES?

The Irish Church will be having a Synodal Assembly in October 2026. What should the priorities be for this gathering? Join the discussion through our Spring Gatherings either in person or online during the first half of April. For more information look under Diocesan News on the www.dioceseofkerry.ie and click on the post about "Spring Gatherings."

Trocaire: This year, Trocaire's Lenten campaign focuses on Guatemala, a country which is one of the least responsible for causing the climate crisis yet is bearing the brunt of the consequences. We tell this story through Ilma, Julio and their family. Find out more at trocaire.org.

A Jubilee Pilgrimage to Rome: led by Bishop Ray will take place from 19th to 23rd May 2025. For more details, please ring Nora – 087 9318976

Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration National Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: takes place this year on Sat/Sunday 5th/6th April. 2025. Please contact Breda (087) 674 2306 or Margaret (087) 297 6304.

Accord CLG: is recruiting experienced practitioners to train in the specialism of Couple Counselling/Therapy. Successful applicants will follow an 18-day (9 weekends) in-person Certificate programme, (144 hours class contact), which will provide the clinical skills essential to safe and ethical couples work and in-depth knowledge to manage issues. Application criteria: Level 7 (RoI)/ Level 5 (UK) qualification in Counselling/Psychotherapy.100 supervised client counselling hours post-graduation. A current supervised caseload. Knowledge and experience of the Person Centred Approach. For further information and to obtain an application form please email info@accord.ie Closing date for receipt of applications 30/04/2025. Programme commences September 2025

Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House: will be running an online 6 week Building Better Caregivers Programme, beginning on Tues March 18th from 10.30am-1pm. If you are supporting someone with cancer, then this may be for you. Call (066) 7192122 for further details.

Samaritans: Freephone 116 123 The Samaritans are available 24/7 to offer non-judgmental emotional support to people experiencing difficulties or times of crisis in their lives.

Pioneer Social: To mark the 75th Anniversary of the founding of St. Mary's Pioneer Centre Beaufort a social will take place on Friday, 25th April at Kate Kearney's. Details: (064) 6644319, (064) 6644252.

By the Sacrament of Reconciliation, God brings back the sinner to the path of holiness. (3) The Transfiguration of Jesus offers us a message of encouragement and hope: In moments of doubt and during our dark moments of despair and hopelessness, the thought of our own transfiguration in Heaven will help us to reach out to God and to listen to His consoling words to Jesus: *“This is my beloved Son in Whom I am well pleased — listen to Him!”* and so share the glory of His transfiguration. 4) We need *“mountain-top experiences”* in our lives: We share the mountain-top experience of Peter, James, and John when we spend extra time in prayer during Lent. Fasting for one day can help the body to store up spiritual energy. This spiritual energy can help us have thoughts that are far higher and nobler than our usual mundane thinking.

St Patrick’s Breastplate

Christ with me
Christ before me
Christ behind me
Christ in me
Christ beneath me
Christ above me
Christ on my right
Christ on my left
Christ when I lie down
Christ when I sit down
Christ when I arise
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me
Christ in every eye that sees me
Christ in every ear that hears me



Last Weekend’s collection - €875.00

Thank you for your generous support

The offertory collection is not 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.