



St. Colman's Parish
Third Sunday of Lent
22nd /23rd March 2025

Joy of being forgiven

In his memoirs, Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Indian nation, humbly and frankly acknowledges that, when he was fifteen, he stole a little piece of gold from his brother. A few days later, he felt very guilty and decided to come clean by confessing to his father. So, he took a paper, wrote down his fault, sincerely asked his father for forgiveness and promised never to repeat the offence. Taking that note to the bedroom of his father, the young Gandhi found him ill in bed. Very timidly he handed the note to his father without saying a word. His father sat up in bed and began reading the note. As he read it, the senior Gandhi was so deeply moved by the honesty, sincerity and courage of his son that tears began to stream from his eyes. This so touched the son that he burst into tears as well. Instinctively both father and son wrapped their arms around each other and wordlessly shared their mutual admiration and joy. This notable experience made such an impact on Gandhi that years later he would say, "Only the person who has experienced this kind of forgiving love can know what it is." -- This precisely is what happened when the repentant prodigal son returned home. Such is God's merciful forgiveness and benevolent love for all who resolutely turn over a new leaf, especially during this Lenten season.

All of our Scripture readings this Sunday speak of God the Father's mercy and compassion, even in disciplining His children by occasional punishment in the form of natural or manmade tragedies, while giving them second chances to repent of their sins and renew their lives, despite their repeated sins. God expects us to show our repentance and renewal of life, especially during Lent, by producing fruits of love, mercy, forgiveness, and selfless service, instead of remaining like a barren fig tree in Christ's Church.

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Anniversary: We remember **Angela Ahern née Cronin**, Killorglin & Lyre,
 Milltown whose first Anniversary takes place on 24th March/
Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community
Rhea Mai Wrenn, Nauntinane

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. March 24 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues March 25 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>James Doyle Culleeneymore</i>
Wed. March 26 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>Noel Mahony and his parents Timothy & Kathleen, Kilderry</i>
Thurs March 27 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. March 28 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Frances Twiss Callinafercy</i>
Sat. March 29 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Tony Horgan – 2nd Anniversary Lissivane</i>
Sun. March 30 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>John Burke Rathpook</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Milltown Sunday March 30th Josephine Twiss & Deirdre Corkery

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Mar. 29th Anthony Clifford
 Milltown Sunday Mar.30th Majella O' Sullivan

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.

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

Legion of Mary Annual Acies Ceremony: will take place at 3 pm on Sunday 23 March in Church of the Resurrection, Killarney.

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.

Samaritans Kerry: wish to thank all parishioners for their continuing support of their Christmas collection Milltown €1,114.80 + Listry €938.50

Refreshments after Sunday Mass in Milltown: Please join us for refreshments after Mass on Sunday March 30th in Milltown church This offers a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our parish community.

Coffin Jockeys: a comedy by Mike O'Halloran will be performed in Milltown Community Hall on Friday April 4th, 5th and 6th at 8pm. Tickets on the door."

Confirmation

Congratulations to the children of Nagle-Rice and Faha schools who were confirmed By Bishop Ray on Wednesday 13th March in our parish, they did us all proud. May the Holy Spirit continue to lead guide and direct them all the days of their lives. A special word of thanks to the parents, and their teachers and all who helped in any way to make the celebration so meaningful.



First Holy Communion Ceremony

Milltown Church - Nagle Rice P.S. on Saturday May 10th 10:30am
Listry Church -Faha P.S. on Saturday May 17th at 11:00am

Lord Jesus

*Bread of Life, I thank you for giving yourself to me.
I thank you for the gift of faith, for my Baptism and my
Christian life.*

*Give me the wisdom to know the shortness of human life.
You ask me for a change of heart, for true repentance.
Help me not to delay.*

*Let me always trust in you who are compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy*

Amen

Last Weekend's collection - €1,035.00

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.

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this weekend

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