



St. Colman's Parish
Fourth Sunday of Lent
29th /30th March 2025

A Father's Forgiveness

In his book, *What's So Amazing About Grace*, Phillip Yancey tells the story of Ernest Hemingway. Hemingway grew up in a very devout evangelical family, yet there he never experienced the grace of Christ. He lived a libertine life that most of us would call "dissolute"... but there was no father, no parent waiting for him, and he sank into the mire of a graceless depression. In Ernest Hemingway's short story "Capital of the World", a Spanish Newspaper *El Liberal*, carried a poignant story about a father and his son. It went like this. A teen-aged boy, Paco, and his very wealthy father had a falling out, and the young man ran away from home. The father was crushed. After a few days, he realised that the boy was serious, so the father set out to find him. He searched high and low for five months to no avail. Finally, in a last, desperate attempt to find his son, the father put an ad in a Madrid newspaper. The ad read, "Dear Paco, Meet me at the Hotel Montana noon Tuesday. All is forgiven. I love you. [signed] Your Father." On Tuesday, in the office of Hotel Montana, over 800 Pacos showed up, looking for love and forgiveness from their fathers. — What a magnet that ad was! Over 800 Pacos!! We all hunger for pardon. We are all "Pacos" yearning to run and find a father who will declare, "All is forgiven."

Let us return to our Heavenly Father with repentant hearts: As prodigal children, we face spiritual famine all around us in the form of drug and alcohol abuse, fraud and theft in the workplace, murders, abortions and violence, marital infidelity, and priestly infidelity, as well as in hostility between and among people. All of these evils have proliferated because we have been squandering God's abundant blessings, not only in our country and in our families, but also in our personal lives. Hence, let us repent and return to our Heavenly Father's home.

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Months Mind Mass for Philomena (Phil) Rennick (nee Griffin) , Castleknock Dublin and formerly Firies County Kerry Months Mind Mass on 5th April 2025 at 10:00am in St Gertrude`s Church Firies.

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. March 31 st	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>No Mass</i>
Tues April 1st	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Sean, Thomás & Norrie Murphy Ballymalis</i>
Wed. April 2 nd	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
	Milltown	7:30 p.m.	<i>Chris O` Connor (Months Mind Steeple Meadow Drive</i>
Thurs April 3 rd			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. April 4 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>The McKenna Family The Cliff, Callinafercy</i>
Sat. April 5 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Sr Helen Falvey Drishane Convent, Millstreet</i>
Sun. April 6 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Nellie, Dermot, Frances & Frank Twiss and all deceased members of the Twiss family, Callinafercy</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Milltown Sunday April 6th Sheila O` Sullivan & Eileen Roche

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday April 5th Elizabeth Griffin

Milltown Sunday April 6th 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.

Second Collection: will be taken up at Masses w/e 12th /13th April
- Family Services & Accord

This collection helps fund many of the Diocesan Services including ACCORD, St. Senan's, Safeguarding, Data Protection as well as the promotion of catechetical initiatives.

First Friday Communion Calls: will take place on Friday 4th April. 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 April 6th from 8:00 p.m.-9.30pm. Guest Speaker is Terry Quinn, Dundalk. All most welcome.

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."

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.

Communal First Saturday: The Communal First Saturday devotions will be held on the 5th of April at 8.45 am in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney. Devotions will begin with the Fatima intentions and prayer.

Tidy Towns Talk: It will be happening in the old Community Hall (beside the Medical Centre) on Tuesday 1st April. Thomas Canavan an ecologist will be speaking about Nature in our Community and there will be Q and A --- it's from 7.15pm to 9. 00pm. Pope Francis has asked us to take better care of our environment and to play our part, we're surrounded by beautiful countryside in Milltown, so this will be a chance to reflect together... All are welcome.

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."

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

*I will bless you, Lord God, at all times and give you thanks.
Your reconciled us to yourself through the sinless One, Jesus
Christ your Son.*

*I have sinned against heaven and against you.
Accept me back in your great mercy through his saving death
and resurrection.*

*Let me not judge others harshly but learn to forgive as I also
seek forgiveness.*

*You have given me the food of the Eucharist to strengthen me
one more for the journey.*

*Let it always be a celebration of our reconciliation in Christ.
May I rejoice always with the lost who have been found again.*

Amen

Last Weekend's collection - €975.00

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

Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 627738

Mothers are God's beautiful jewels created to grace humanity. Your constant love and encouragement reflect the love of Christ that guides your every step. Thank you for loving us and for pointing us to Christ. We pray the Lord blesses you richly this Day.

Happy Mother's Day.