



St. Colman's Parish
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time
27th /28th June 2020

The Worthy Disciple

Jesus speaks of the worthy disciple in the Gospel. There is a difference between a worthy disciple and someone who merely bears the name Christian. So what criterion does Jesus give to be a worthy disciple?

He does not say that the worthy disciple was:

- the one who was merely baptised
- the one who merely keeps the commandments, who does not speak evil of anyone, does not harm anyone

The criterion he gives is not an easy one for us: 'The one who loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and the one who loves daughter or son more than me is not worthy of me. The one who does not take up his cross to follow me is not worthy of me.'

In other words, to be a worthy disciple of Jesus means two things: first, to love Him above all other loves, or, as he said on another occasion, with all our mind, heart, soul and strength; and second, to love him so much that we will be willing to suffer for Him, taking up our cross to follow Him.

These are demanding standards, and they call us to examine our lives to see whether we are really worthy disciples of Christ. Therefore, to love God above everyone and everything, we have to give ourselves to God more than to anyone else. We have to make sure that God is not just 'important' in our lives but the 'most important' and, in fact, 'all-important.'

This type of love that God demands of us is not easy. Jesus never pretended that it would be so. Loving God means sacrifice, just like his love of us demanded a sacrifice, the gift of himself. But God can strengthen us and will strengthen us.

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Weekend Mass Intentions

Sat. June 27 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	No Intention
Sun. June 28 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Jackie & Nora Flynn, Kilderry
Sat. July 4 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	No Intention
Sun. July 5 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Eileen Flaherty, Monastery Gardens

While the church is being painted in Milltown, Mass will not be celebrated during the week in Milltown.

Weekday Mass schedule

Tuesday, June 30 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.
Friday, July 3 rd	Listry	7:00 p.m.

This change in the weekday Mass schedule is temporary. When the Bishop appoints another priest to take over in Killorglin, we will revert back to the normal schedule.

Parishioners are asked to attend Mass on a weekday, if it is possible for them, in order to reduce the number who will attend on the weekend.

Graveyard Masses

Listry Graveyard	Saturday, July 11 th	6:00 p.m.
Milltown Graveyard	Sunday, July 19 th	11:15 a.m.
Abbey Graveyard	Monday, July 13 th	8:00 p.m.
Kilbonane Graveyard	Tuesday, July 21 st	8:00 p.m.

As you can see, the Graveyard Masses in both Listry and Milltown are taking place at the time of the normal weekend Mass times.

In every parish, the Graveyard Mass has a special place in the hearts of parishioners. We gather at our family graves to remember and pray for those who have gone before us. Please be sure to alert anyone you know about these dates and times.

This is a good opportunity to tend to family graves and the graves of people who do not have family members living locally.

Hope in Christ as we return to Mass

It is a source of great joy that from next Monday 29th June we can have congregations again in our churches. Praying together as a community, gathering for Sunday Mass is basic to our lives as Christians. Rejoice the day will soon come when we can gather around the altar in our communities:

- to hear God speak to us in the Gospel
- to offer our lives in union with Christ's offering of his
- to receive Holy Communion, food for life's journey.
- to pray together in worship and thanksgiving
- to pray with the bereaved for the deceased

We all need to be calm, careful, and patient as we begin to gather again around the altar. Limited congregations due to the demands of social distancing could mean that not all will be able to enter the church for a particular Mass.

Because the Sunday Mass obligation will continue to be dispensed for some time yet, why not join in a weekday Mass rather than Sunday?

For safety from the virus, most important of all is that each of us takes personal responsibility for:

- hand-washing on leaving home and returning
- hand-sanitizing on entry to church and exit
- in church social distancing at all times
- when to wear a face cover

The coronavirus has given us a new appreciation of our interdependence, as family, neighbours, community and an entire country. It has been brought home to us that our communities have an abundance of selfless, generous, joy-filled capable people. It gives fresh meaning to our realizing that we are one family under God Our Father.

With Covid-19 we are all on a difficult journey. We do not journey alone, God journeys with us. If the journey has been difficult, it also has been at times uplifting as we have witnessed so much goodness all around us.

Ray Browne
Diocese of Kerry

Getting Ready to Return

Things are moving relatively quickly in the country as we take measures to live with the presence of Covid-19. And the same goes for our churches. Our primary concern is to ensure the safety and well-being of all who come to church. With that in mind, the churches will be thoroughly cleaned and sanitised.

At present, no more than 100 people are allowed to attend Mass indoors in the country. Our churches will not have that number as long as the two metre rule on social distancing is in place. In order to facilitate a greater number of people at a weekend Mass, we will return to public Mass by celebrating outdoors. Obviously this is weather dependent but it gives up to 200 people the opportunity to attend. If it is raining, Mass will be in the church with reduced numbers.

This is the schedule for the coming weeks:

Listry	Sat. July 4 th	6:00 p.m.	Church grounds/Church
	Sat. July 11 th	6:00 p.m.	Graveyard Mass
	Sat. July 18 th	6:00 p.m.	Church (and following Sundays)
Milltown	Sun. July 5 th	11:15 a.m.	Sec. School grounds/Church
	Sun. July 12 th	11:15 a.m.	Sec. School grounds/Church
	Sun. July 19 th	11:15 a.m.	Graveyard
	Sun. July 26 th	11:15 a.m.	Church (and following Sundays)

For those attending Mass in the grounds of Presentation Secondary School, please park as normal and walk into the school grounds. Parking will not be available in the school grounds and only the pedestrian gate will be open.

When attending the outdoor Mass you are asked to bring your own seats if you wish to sit down for the Mass.

Face coverings should be worn inside the church but are completely optional when Mass is celebrated outdoors.

When we return full time to the churches, numbers will be reduced. Closer to the dates, we will outline the system we propose to put in place.

Weekday Masses are currently curtailed due to the job taking place in Milltown Church. However, when we get up and running again, you are encouraged to come to a weekday Mass if it suits you. This will lessen the chance of parishioners being disappointed if the Mass they wish to attend has reached its capacity.