



St. Colman's Parish
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time
1st / 2nd August 2020

James Arthur is Retiring

The news of James Arthur's retirement as sacristan has caught many of us by surprise. It is hard to imagine a Sunday morning without seeing him striding up the church aisle with collection baskets or newsletters in his hands. Not only did he have everything in place and in pristine condition in the sacristy, he moved through the church with an easy smile and quiet word for so many people. In many ways he set the tone both in the church as well as the sacristy. And the tone that he set was one of reverence, gentle humour and quiet efficiency.

For a good sacristan, the task is never seen as a job. The role needs to be an extension of the person and that is certainly true in the case of James Arthur. He never seemed hassled or stressed and panic never set in. Yet everything was in place and under complete control. It was only on the rare Sundays that he was not present that his level of organisation was fully appreciated! A good football referee is someone who does the job without being noticed. This was also true of James Arthur as sacristan.

For his honesty, discretion, good humour, compassion and genuine concern for everyone, the parish has been truly blessed with his presence over the past 45 years. He has been invaluable in his role in the parish and greatly appreciated by all who have come to church in Milltown. He will be greatly missed and every good wish to him as his duties in the church draw to a close.

Eamon Donnelly, presently the sacristan in Listry Church, will take over the duties of sacristan in both parish churches.

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Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community:

Bronagh Clifford, Dromin East

Masses & Intentions

Mon	Aug. 3 rd			<i>No Morning Mass in Milltown</i>
Tues	Aug. 4 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Julia & Batty Nolan, Listry Cross</i>
Wed.	Aug. 5 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Thurs.	Aug. 6 th			<i>No Morning Mass in Milltown</i>
Fri.	Aug. 7 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	
Sat.	Aug. 8 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	
Sun.	Aug. 9 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Eugene & Anne McGillicuddy, Farran</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday – Aug. 8th Terry Murphy
Milltown – Sunday – Aug. 9th Betty Moriarty & Joanie Murphy

Readers

Listry – Saturday – Aug. 8th Jim O’ Shea
Milltown – Sunday – Aug. 9th Family Reader

Ushers

Listry – Saturday – Aug. 8th Eamonn Donnelly
Milltown – Sunday – Aug. 9th Tony O’ Leary

Cleaners/Sanitiser

Listry – Saturday – Aug. 1st Breda O’ Shea & Marie Donnelly
Milltown – Sunday – Aug. 2nd Dorothy Casey

In Thanksgiving

Packing up and moving to another parish is part and parcel of the life of a diocesan priest. It is not a time that any priest looks forward to as it involves leaving behind friendships forged and relationships formed.

But in another sense, we don't leave at all as the time spent in a parish always remains with us. The bonds forged, celebrations of important moments in the lives of individuals and families always stay with us. So even though we move our belongings to another parish, the parish experiences shape us.

My experiences amongst the people of this parish have been enriching and affirming for me. And for this, I cannot thank you enough. Priests are in an incredible position in that we are invited into peoples' lives at pivotal moments through our celebrations of the sacraments:

- families presenting their new-born children into the family of God and the community of Church;
- the outpouring of gifts from The Holy Spirit in Confirmation;
- the sacred giving of the words of commitment by couples on the day they publically acknowledge their love for each other at the foot of the altar, as they seek God's blessing;
- welcoming the bodies of parishioners, again at the foot of the altar, when their earthly journey is over and commending them to God our Father;
- and, most importantly, sharing with you all at the table of the Lord, the nourishment we receive in The Eucharist

These moments have been both a privilege and a blessing for me. Again, my heartfelt gratitude to you all.

There is a vibrancy and an energy to parish life in Milltown and Listry. You might not be aware of it as it comes naturally to you. But priests will always pick up on it. I hope you will both treasure and nurture this spirit that you bring to parish life.

I have worked alongside so many parishioners through various choirs, committees and councils – far too many to mention. To

you all, a sincere thanks for your generosity of time in giving your talents and spirit. It is greatly appreciated by me and others who have been benefitted from your contribution to the life of the parish.

I would like to single out our parish deacon, Rev. Conor Bradley, for his ministry and dedication to the parish. He has been exemplary in how he lives his ministry and his help and support have been invaluable to me.

Also, our parish secretary, Sheila Hurley has brought a welcoming air and professionalism to her role. She has had to endure my quirks and off-balance humour with non-chalance. Not everyone would be so graceful!

I am delighted to be staying in the Pastoral Area in mid-Kerry and I hope that our paths will cross again on a regular basis. Take care agus mile buiochas!

Fr. Danny Broderick, a native of Firies Parish, is arriving from the parishes of Eyeries and Allihies. I have no doubt that he will be very happy amongst you and will make his mark on the life of the parish. I wish him every happiness and blessing. He is a lucky man!

Booking of Weekend Masses

If you have not yet contacted the parish office to attend any of the weekend Masses, please do so in one of the following ways:

- Email the parish at Milltown@dioceseofkerry.ie
- Text the parish mobile number. The number is (087) 6326989
- Leave a message on the voicemail of this number
- Ring the parish office during office hours on Tuesday and Thursday morning. The parish office number is (066) 9767312

Using email is the preferred option for making contact but we appreciate that not everyone is used this method.