

Mon Dec. 28 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues Dec. 29 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Dec. 30 th	Milltown	9:00 a.m.	
Thurs. Dec. 31 st			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Jan 1 st	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>William Daly Woodville</i>
Sat Jan 2 nd	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Norrie, Charlie, Dessie & Joe O' Connor Kilclogherane, Faha</i>
Sun. Jan 3 rd	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Peg & Jack Hayes Lyre</i>
Mon Jan 4 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues Jan 5 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Jeremiah & Eileen Wrenn, Lissivane East</i>
Wed. Jan 6 th	Milltown	9:00 a.m.	
Thurs. Jan 7 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Jan 8 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Fr. William Collins, Currow</i>
Sat. Jan 9 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	
Sun Jan 10 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Joe Kneasfey Killarney Road</i>

Mass is broadcast on 106fm and all Weekend Masses will continue to be streamed online via

www.milltownlistryparish.com

Counters: - January: Betty Moriarty, Breda O' Shea & Paddy Lawlor

Christmas Day Collection

The Christmas Offering collection for parish clergy will be taken up at all Masses in the Parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day.

All Penitential Services are cancelled in the Parish

Those who accept duty as Mary did, may not find happiness and fulfilment in the eyes of the world, but they certainly will find it in eyes of God. And deep down they will know it.

The greatest grace in life is when what we have to do is what we want to do.

Samaritans Annual Christmas Collection: Our collection will take place in all parishes on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Anyone unable to attend church services who wishes to donate, can on www.idonate.ie/kerrySamaritans or www.samaritans.ie/kerry

ALONE: Coronavirus Helpline for Older People 0818 222 024
If you have concern or queries about Covie-19, call ALONE's dedicated support helpline everyday 8am – 8pm.

Diocese of Kerry Youth Choir online: Congrats to all the young people across the diocese who formed a virtual choir to celebrate Christmas. To listen to them sing and watch their video, 'Immanuel, God is with us' log on to the Diocese of Kerry webpage, our diocesan Facebook page or the diocesan

Christmas Reflection

***You sometimes hear people say,
'I always find Christmas Day a lonely Day
I think what they are really saying is:
'I always feel lonely on Christmas Day'.
Loneliness is caused chiefly by two things:
Absence and Emptiness.***

***Let us spare a thought, a prayer,
and maybe a visit for someone
who will spend Christmas alone.
And if while spending Christmas in the midst of others,
we still feel lonely, let us not be alarmed.
Our hearts are always longing for something more,
or rather, for Someone else.
In every human heart there is an empty chamber
waiting for a guest.
That guest is God.***



St. Colman's Parish
Third Sunday of Advent
19th /20th December 2020

Why Shouldn't I do my own thing??

Today many seek fulfilment and happiness through 'doing their own thing'. It's what I want that matters. They believe that happiness lies in having no commitments, no one to answer to, no one whose needs or problems will ever tie us down.

It is, of course, good and necessary to find and do that which deep down we feel we are called to do. Nevertheless, human nature being what it is, we have to be on our guard. There can be a lot of selfishness in the "do your own thing" approach. It often means taking the easiest path in the belief that this is where freedom and happiness lie. But this approach is more likely to lead to slavery and unhappiness.

Here is an important truth: freedom, happiness, and fulfilment are more likely to be found in the acceptance of duty. However, for this to happen, a grim acceptance of duty is not good enough. It has to be a loving acceptance of duty. The more difficult the task to which we devote ourselves out of love, the more it will exalt us.

In this Mary gives us a great example. She didn't say to the angel, 'Sorry, but I have my own plans. I want to do my own thing.' She said, 'It's not what I want, but what God wants that matters. Let what God wants be done to me.'

Mary made a complete gift of herself to God and accepted the task he gave her. Even though she didn't understand all the implications of it, she trusted that God would give her all the help she needed.

In effect she was saying, "I don't know what all this means, but I trust that good things will happen." She trusted so deeply in God that she was open to all possibilities. She gave up control over her future and let God define her life. Life imposes a lot of duties on us. Besides duties to ourselves, there are duties to others, and duties to God.

Where would the world be if everyone just thought of themselves, and insisted on doing their own thing, seeking their own freedom, happiness, and fulfilment independent of others and of God?

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Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community
Éabha Ellen O' Sullivan O' Connor, Rockfield West

Masses & Intentions

Mon Dec. 21 st			<i>All Penitential Services Are Cancelled</i>
Tues Dec. 22 nd	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Christmas Mass</i>
Wed. Dec. 23 rd	Milltown	9:00 a.m.	<i>Christmas Mass</i>
Thurs. Dec. 24 th	Listry Milltown	6:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m.	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
Fri. Dec. 25 th	Listry Milltown	8:30 a.m. 12:15a.m.	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Sat. Dec. 26 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	
Sun. Dec. 27 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Noreen O' Riordan Main Street</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday - Dec 26th	George Kelly
Listry Saturday – Jan 2nd	Terry Murphy
Listry Saturday – Jan 9th	Bridie Murphy
Milltown – Sunday – Dec 27th	Betty Moriarty & Joanie Murphy
Milltown – Sunday Jan 3rd	Eileen Roche & Josephine Twiss
Milltown – Sunday Jan 10th	Denis O' Mahony & Mary O' Shea

Ushers/Sanitisers

Listry – Saturday – Dec 26th	Eamonn Donnelly/ Breda O' Shea
Listry – Saturday – Jan 2nd	Mary Kennedy / Marie Donnelly
Listry – Saturday – Jan 10th	Eamon Donnelly/ Josie & Frank Jennings
Milltown – Sunday – Dec 27th	Tony O' Leary / Sheila Hurley
Milltown – Sunday Jan 3rd	Joe Tyther / Cynthia Flynn
Milltown – Sunday Jan 10th	Martin O' Sullivan/Sheila O' Sullivan