



*St. Colman's Parish*  
*The Baptism of the Lord*  
*9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> January 2021*

**New Year Greetings to the parishes of the diocese  
of Kerry 2021**

Happy New Year and every blessing on your parish and all your homes. In 2021 may we all act justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with our God. (Mi 6:8)

Sincere thanks to:

- all who contributed to the successful arrangement of the Christmas Masses, and keeping the church open so that families could visit the crib.
- all the wonderful people who were a good neighbour at any level in response to the corona virus since last March
- all in the community involved in parish life through all those months

These days the great concern is that the virus is so easily spread. Many people of all ages are troubled, frightened, or feeling low. The good news is that our hospitals have found ways of treating many who get seriously ill, and, best of all, vaccines are now being administered. It is vital we unite in solidarity and be there to support one another. The end is in sight but is not just yet.

Pope Francis, mindful of the corona virus, focused on a 'Culture of Care' in his New Year Peace message. Speaking of how caring Jesus was, and encouraging people to take care of each other and of the sick, the poor, and the most vulnerable, he said:

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**Safeguarding Children: Contact No (087) 6362780**

**Recent Deaths:** Please pray for

**Debbie Murphy**, Lyre

**Tania Abrahams**, Ath Solas

**Mary Leahy**, Lyre

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Christian Community

**Finn Hayes**, Clonmore

**Annasofia Marie Cronin**, Castlemaine Road

**Ryan Gareth Power Doyle**, Ballymalis

*Masses & Intentions*

Mon Jan. 11 <sup>th</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues Jan 12 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Mary Doyle, Culleeneymore</i>
Wed. Jan. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	9:00 a.m.	
Thurs. Jan. 14 <sup>th</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Jan. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>The Lucey &amp; Hanafin Families Ballyvirrane</i>
Sat. Jan. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>John Sugrue &amp; John Behan, Lissivane</i>
Sun. Jan. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Nora Maher Main Street</i>

**Reminder:**

**All Masses will be celebrated without a congregation due to COVID-19 Government Restrictions**

Mass is broadcast on 106fm and all Weekend Masses will continue to be streamed online via [www.milltownlistryparish.com](http://www.milltownlistryparish.com)

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- Scroll down to where it says **CLICK HERE**
- Our livestream will come up on screen after a few seconds

**“We have realised that we are in the same boat,  
all of us fragile and disoriented,  
but at the same time important and needed,  
all of us called to row together”.**

With no congregations at our Masses, it may seem a contradiction to say prayer is a great asset at this time. Personal prayer, daily prayer, prayer in the home, prayer with children. Praying with the scriptures or joining in with the local parish via parish radio, internet, or social media. Each day find strength and peace in prayer.

Prayer is raising the mind and heart to God: God is our supreme source of love and hope. Ps 31 is often spoken of as, “A confident prayer in distress”:

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in distress...

But as for me, I trust in you, Lord,

I say: ‘You are my God, My life is in your hands...’

Be strong, let your heart take courage,  
all who hope in the Lord.

In prayer we hear the words of Jesus, ‘Do not be afraid, Peace be with you’. Focus on prayer. Talk to children and young people about God, who is ever present to us. God is the sure source of our hope. Pray slowly the Our Father or the Hail Holy Queen; pray the Rosary.

Let us pray for each other and all peoples worldwide coping with the corona virus.

Bishop Ray Browne

## **Churches will remain open only for Private Prayer**

When visiting our churches:

- Please sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church
- Keep a safe distance from others who may be in the church
- Wear a mask whilst in the church

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### **Parish Draw**

A sincere word of thanks to all who contributed to the Parish Draw which took place before Christmas. Thank you to the organising committee for doing a wonderful job again this year. Your help and support is very much appreciated. Thank you to our Sponsors who gave again so generously this year and all of you who purchased tickers to support the parish.

The draw this year has brought in €8,845 and it is of great benefit to the parish coffers.

A list of prize winners and sponsors will appear in the parish newsletter next week.

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### **New Year's Prayer**

May God make your year a safe and happy one!  
Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,  
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;  
    Not by making your path easy,  
    But by making you sturdy to travel any path;  
    Not by taking hardships from you  
    But by taking fear from you heart;  
    Not by granting you unending sunshine,  
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;  
    Not by making your life always pleasant,  
But by showing you when people and their causes need you most,  
    And by making you anxious to be there to help.  
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead