

St. Colman's Parish 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 22nd /23rd August 2020

"Who do You say I am?"

" It is always good to reflect on the question Jesus poses "Who do you say I am?"

The question "Who do you say that I am?" can help me grow in understanding of who I am called to be. The more I seek to know God more fully, the more I enter into deeper relationship, the more clearly, I know myself. The opposite is also true. The more I dig deep into who I am at my core, find my voice, the more fully I will know who and how God is. This is a "both/and" invitation.

In a way Peter's story is our story too. We are so much like him. We too blow hot and cold in our loyalty to Christ. Sometimes we are strong, and sometimes we are like a reed shaking in the wind. But we should not be afraid to look at ourselves to see if we are growing as Christians; to see if we are becoming more attached to Christ. Without a warm relationship with Christ, such as Peter had, we are only on the fringes of Christianity. We are like someone talking about love compared with someone who is in love. We can learn so much from Peter for our own relationship with Christ. '

Peter was the first pope. In assessing a pope, we should not so much look for cleverness, for there is enough cleverness in the world, but for goodness. But the one thing we must never do is take away the pope's humanity. We must not make a superman out of him, much less a God.

'You will never improve people by rejecting them'. (Dostoyevsky). 'To live is to change, and to be perfect is to have change often'. (Cardinal Newman).

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Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian community:

Sarah Mai Keane, Ardcanaught & Liam Nagle. Kilcolman

Masses & Intentions					
Mon	Aug. 24 th			No Mass	
Tues	Aug. 25 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	David (Dave) Courtney, Lissivane West	
Wed.	Aug. 26 th	Milltown	9:00 a.m.	People of the Parish	
Thurs. Aug. 27 th				No Mass	
Fri.	Aug. 28th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Jenny & Bob Kenny, Kilcolman	
Sat.	Aug. 29 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Jerry O' Shea, Kenmare	
Sun.	Aug. 30 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Duncan Davidson Carraig An Dúin	

Eucharistic Ministers				
Listry Saturday – Aug. 29 th	Marie Donnelly			
Milltown – Sunday – Aug. 30 th	Denis O' Mahony & Mary O' Shea			
Readers				
Listry – Saturday – Aug. 29 th	Eileen Gray			
Milltown – Sunday – Aug. 30 th	John P O' Sullivan			
Ushers				
Listry – Saturday – Aug. 29 th	Eamon Donnelly			
Milltown – Sunday – Aug. 30 th	Deirdre Corkery			
Cleaners/Sanitisers				
Listry – Saturday – Aug. 29 th	Josie & Frank Jennings			
Milltown – Sunday – Aug. 30 th	Maureen Fleming			

Priest on Duty this Sunday Fr. Fergal Ryan (087) 2408540

The Permanent Diaconate - Final Call

The diocese of Kerry is seeking candidates who feel they may have a calling to be permanent deacons. The diocese already has six deacons. The hope is to begin a "come and see" programme this autumn as a few have already expressed interest. Information leaflets on the permanent diaconate are available in the church. Any interested candidates should establish contact via a local priest or the diocesan office (admin@dioceseofkerry.org) by the 10th September 2020.

Bishop Ray

Booking Weekend Masses

Thank you to all the parishioners who have registered their names to attend weekend Masses in the parish. You can still register by contacting the parish office during opening hours or email miltown@dioceseofkerry.ie. The office will text people on the register, inviting them to Mass. You may only receive a text message every second or third Saturday/Sunday due to the restrictions imposed on indoor gatherings. However, if there is a certain weekend Mass that you wish to attend, you can ring the office in the week leading up to the Mass and they will try their best to facilitate you. Attending weekday Masses will fulfil your Sunday obligation.

Listry: Tuesday at 7:00p.m.

Milltown: Wednes. morning at 9:00 a.m. & Fri. evening 7:00 p.m. While we do not know how long these restrictions will be in place, we need to follow guidelines for the safety of everyone. Please ensure you wear a mask/covering when attending Mass.

Thank you for your continued patience and support.

Weekday Mass Changes

There will be no Mass celebrated on Monday or Thursday mornings in Milltown church. Mass will now be celebrated on Wednesday morning at 9:00 a.m. in Milltown.

Confessions: will resume for the pastoral area on Saturday August 29th. The sacrament is available each Saturday 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. in St. James' Church, Killorglin

"Who do You say I am?"

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not shouting, "I've been saved!"
I'm whispering, "I get lost!
That's why I chose this way"

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I don't speak with human pride
I'm confessing that I stumble –
Needing God to be my guide

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not trying to be strong
I'm professing that I'm weak
And pray for strength to carry on.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not bragging of success
I'm admitting that I've failed
And cannot ever pay the debt.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I don't think I know it all
I submit to my confusion
Asking humbly to be taught.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I'm not claiming to be perfect
My flaws are all too visible
But God believes I'm worth it.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I still feel the sting of pain
I have my share of heartache,
Which is why I seek His name.

When I say, "I am a Christian"
I do not wish to judge
I have no authority...
I only know I'm loved

by Carol Wimmer