



St. Colman's Parish
Third Sunday of Advent
12th /13th December 2020

Did you hear the good news?

This question usually sparks immediate attention. People want to hear something that will raise their spirits and bring a bit of joy into their lives. At the same time, it feels good to be the bearer of good news. Typically, people cannot wait to tell good news, and people cannot wait to receive it and then pass it on to others. How even more wonderful it is for a person to be the bearer of good news from God.

As a community of believers, we observe this season of Advent as a time to remember that we, as a Church, firmly believe that Christ will return in glory. This season calls us to receive the news of Christ's coming with the same sense of joy and preparation that filled the early Church. We are to make ourselves ready to receive Him by striving to be perfectly holy, as directed by Paul in today's second reading.

As believers, however, we cannot just receive the good news of salvation and rejoice in the coming of our Saviour. We must also be willing, like Isaiah, John the Baptist, and the early Church, to be faithful to God and share the good news of salvation with others. How privileged we are to be bearers of such incredible tidings. If we truly believe in Christ's coming; if we see it as good news; and if it fills us with joy, we will not be able to contain our enthusiasm. We will have to share it with others.

In the days ahead, even though we will not be participating in all the festive gatherings, but most of us will communicate via zoom or phone call, we are sure to hear the words, Did you hear the good news? Do not hesitate in saying, Yes. Christ our Lord is coming in glory. It may spark some odd reactions, but it also may open great opportunities to share the good news of our faith with others.

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Death: Please pray for **Willie Foley**, London/Dromin East
(Brother of the late Seano Foley)

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian Community
Sophia Fleming, Ard Na Greine

Masses & Intentions

Mon Dec. 14 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues Dec. 15 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Dec. 16 th	Milltown	9:00 a.m.	
Thurs. Dec. 17 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Dec. 18 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Eugene & Nora Ferris, Dungeel</i>
Sat. Dec. 19 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	
Sun. Dec. 20 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>David Sheehy, Rockfield</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday - Dec 19th	Marie Donnelly
Milltown – Sunday – Dec 20th	Dorothy Casey & Tim Fleming

Readers

Listry – Saturday -Dec 19th	Anthony Clifford
Milltown – Sunday – Dec 20th	Family Reader

Ushers

Listry – Saturday – Dec 19th	Eamonn Donnelly
Milltown – Sunday – Dec 20th	Tim Fleming

Cleaners/Sanitiser

Listry – Saturday – Dec 19th	Breda O' Shea
Milltown – Sunday – Dec 20th	Maureen Fleming

Counters: - December: Denis O Mahony, William O' Shea,
Mary O' Shea and Jim O' Shea

The Youth 2000 Christmas E-Retreat will take place from the 18th -
20th of December. Registration is now free on www.youth2000.ie

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 do so online by accessing
www.idonate.ie/kerrySamaritans or www.samaritans.ie/kerry

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday December 21st

Sacred Heart Church Milltown	7:00 p.m.
Church of the Immaculate Conception Listry	8:00 p.m.

Christmas Masses

Tuesday December 22nd

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Listry	7:00 p.m.
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Wednesday December 23rd

Sacred Heart Church, Milltown	9:00 a.m.
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Christmas Eve

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Listry	6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church Milltown	9:00 p.m.

Christmas Day:

The Immaculate Conception Church, Listry	8:30 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church Milltown	12:15 noon

To book a place at any of the Christmas Masses, please contact the
parish mobile (087) 6326989 on Tuesday December 15th between
6pm and 9pm Only. Please give your name, contact number, the
number of people in your group and the specific Mass you wish to
attend. We will not be taking any bookings prior to that night.

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

www.milltownlistryparish.com

Advent Prayer

*Lord, how wrong I have been to act as if Christ had never
been born.*

As if He didn't perform miracles.

*As if He didn't take my every tear, my daily worries, my sin
and insecurities on that cross.*

*As if the tomb wasn't empty and the throne wasn't full of His
presence and grace.*

*It's that grace that gives meaning and power to your
promises. I know that your Word prevails even when our
world turns black.*

*I trust that your healing comes in different forms, stages and
ways.*

I believe that you promised to provide all we need.

*Seeking you doesn't require physical vision, complete health
or a life free of troubles.*

*But instead, a heart full of devotion and obedience, which I
offer you.*

*No matter how many Advent seasons sweep by, Lord, your
reminders remain the same.*

Each tear we cry has a purpose.

Each trying stage has a divine reason.

And in your capable hands,

*Each icy rain of adversity is transformed into the warmth
and sparkle of your grace.*

Amen

Parish Draw

The draw takes place on Sunday, December 20th in the Parish Office after Mass. If you have not had the chance to support the draw, tickets are available in Murphy's Foodstore and The Parish Office. This is the one fundraiser that is run by the parish and the proceeds are important to offset the parish expenses (heating, lighting, insurance etc.) so your support is greatly appreciated