

St. Colman's Parish Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th /31st January 2021

Listen to the Prophets

God sends His prophets all the time: When Abraham Lincoln, proclaimed the freedom of all the slaves in the United States on January 1, 1863, his was that of a prophet. When Lincoln's contemporary, Susan B. Anthony pioneered the suffrage movement that eventually led to the passage of the 19th Amendment (1920) and gave women the right to vote, hers was the voice of a prophet. When Pope Leo XIII delivered his encyclical entitled On the Condition of the Working Man and called upon Christians to attend to unjust labour laws and practices, his was the voice of a prophet. Similarly, when Cardinal Leo-Josef Suenens of Belgium stood up at the end of the first session of Vatican II and urged the Council to examine not only the mystery of the Church in itself but also the Church's relationship to and responsibility for the world at large, his was the voice of a prophet. Rachel Carson's book entitled Silent Spring (1962) was prophetic in that it summoned the world to an awareness of the dangers of environmental pollution.

When Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu drew the world's attention to the dangers and injustices of apartheid, his was the voice of a prophet as were so many others in this century alone, e.g., Dorothy Day, St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King Jr., Teilhard de Chardin, Leonardo Boff, Jon Sobrino and the Latin American Bishops who raised their voices first at Medellin, Colombia (1968)

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Recent Deaths: Please pray for Peggy Leane, Kilburn Mary McGough, Ballymalis/Killarney Joan Byrne nee Sheehy, Renmore, Galway			
Masses & Intentions			
Mon Feb. 1 st			No Mass
Tues Feb. 2 nd	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Feb. 3 rd	Milltown	9:00 a.m.	
Thurs. Feb. 4 th			No Mass
Fri. Feb. 5 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. Feb. 6 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Catherine O' Connor (Months Mind) Lahard
Sun. Feb. 7 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	

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 <u>www.milltownlistryparish.com</u>

- Go to <u>www.milltownlistryparish.com</u>
- Scroll down to where it says **CLICK HERE**
- Our livestream will come up on screen after a few seconds

Churches will remain open only for Private Prayer.

Our churches are sanitised daily

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

The Parish Office will remain closed whilst we are at Level 5. We will continue to work behind closed doors, so please feel free to contact the office during opening hours. Tues & Thurs 9:30a.m. - 12.30p.m.

Parish Envelopes: Whilst Masses are being celebrated without a congregation at this time. Your parish envelopes or Intentions can be dropped into the Post Box at the Parish Office situated in the Milltown Church grounds. Alternatively, you may drop your envelopes/Intentions to Fr. Danny's residence at 18 Ballyoughtragh Heights, Milltown. Thank you for your continued support.

COVID-19 Support Line for Older People

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19. Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

Recovery Haven: want to reassure people that they are still operating phone support, counselling, and a range of online classes throughout Level 5. So, if you or someone you know is in need of support, please contact Recovery Haven on (066) 7192122 or email reception@recoveryhavenkerry.com

Parish Newsletters/Missalettes are available from both churches in the Parish. Weekly Newsletter also available at James Arthur's' Shop and Burkes Butchers.

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and then at Puebla, Mexico (1979) to affirm the Church as "an instrument of liberation, an agent of social justice and a defender of the poor and the oppressed."

These prophets tried to bring the reality of the sacred into every sphere of the human experience. In today's liturgical readings, we are called upon to allow the prophetic messages of Moses, Paul, and Jesus to penetrate our consciences and claim them for God. Moreover, we are challenged to continue to listen to the prophets among us, and to exercise the ministry of prophecy for our contemporaries in our words, works and manner of living. (Patricia Datchuck Sánchez).

O God We hope in you: You carve us On the palms of your hands; You promise not to forget us, Even if a woman should forget her own child; You count the hairs on our heads: You go out after your lost sheep, And welcome your children home, Like the father welcomed home his prodigal child. Be hope for your journey, Courage in times of challenge And comfort in times of despair. Be hope for us today, O God. Amen