St. Colman's Parish Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time 13<sup>th</sup> /14<sup>th</sup> February 2021 Welcome F to our Church

#### You're going to miss Mother Teresa.

Here is a story about Michael Wayne Hunter who was put on death row in California in 1983, in San Quentin Prison. After his third year on death row something happened. One day he was getting ready to spend time exercising when the guard said, "You're going to miss Mother Teresa. She's coming today to see you guys." "Yea, sure," he said, "one more of those designs they have on us." A little later he heard more commotion about it and thought it might be true, that Mother Teresa [now Saint Teresa of Calcutta] was actually coming to see them. Another guard said, "Don't go into your cells and lock up. Mother Teresa stayed to see you guys." So, Michael jogged up to the front in gym shorts and a tattered basketball shirt with the arms ripped out, and on the other side of the security screen was this tiny woman who looked 100 years old. Yes, it was Mother Teresa. This hardened prisoner wrote about his experience, he said, "You have to understand that, basically, I'm a dead man. I don't have to observe any sort of social convention; and as a result, I can break all the rules, say what I want. But one look at this Nobel Prize winner, this woman so many people view as a living saint, and I was speechless." Michael said an incredible vitality and warmth came from her wizened, piercing eyes. She smiled at him, blessed a religious medal, and put it in his hands. This murderer who wouldn't have walked voluntarily down the hall to see the Warden, the Governor, the President, or the Pope, stood before this woman, and all he could say was, "Thank you, Mother Teresa." Now listen to what happens: At one point Mother Teresa turned and pointed her hand at the sergeant, "What you do to these men," she told him, "you do to God."

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Masses & Intentions			
Mon Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>			No Mass
Tues Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	9:00 a.m.	Ash Wednesday
Thurs. Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>			No Mass
Fri. Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Eileen Ciss Moynihan Jones nee O' Sullivan, U.K.
Sat. Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	6:00 p.m.	
Sun. Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Peggy Leane (Months Mind) Kilburn

# 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 be streamed online via our new webcam system:

- Log into www.milltownlistryparish.com
- Click on Milltown & Listry Parish
- Scroll down the page to where it says Live Streams
- Click Church of the Sacred Heart for Mass in Milltown
- Click on ► to play
- Click Church of the Immaculate Conception for Mass in Listry
- Click on ► to play

## Ash Wednesday 2021

Ash Wednesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, is a day of fast and abstinence. To celebrate Ash Wednesday and the start of the Lenten season, the people of the diocese are invited to participate in Masses online. There will no distribution of ashes at Masses. Lent calls us to 'come back to God with all our heart' and the practices of prayer, fasting and giving to charity are a way of making real our return to God. Ashes marking our foreheads remind us of our human frailty and our dependence on God. *Marking Ash Wednesday at Home* is a prayer resource available on the diocesan website, <u>www.dioceseofkerry.ie</u> Individual wrapped Ashes will be available from the porches of both Milltown and Listry churches on Wednesday morning. Please feel free to take some home and trace the sign of the cross on yourself and your family's foreheads.

### **Online Pre-Sacramental Preparation talks for Parents:**

The Diocese of Kerry will be hosting two online events for Parents whose child is going forward for the sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Dr Dan O Connell will be presenting an online talk - Frist Communion Journeying with your child – on Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb at 7pm. Dr Patricia Kieran will be presenting an online talk – Confirmation Journeying with your child – on Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7pm. Register online @ www.dioceseofkerry.ie For further information: email <u>desbailey@dioceseofkerry.ie</u> / 064 6632644

**Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House** will have a 6 week Thriving and Surviving course online via Zoom commencing in March, (date to be considered) from 10.30 am to 1 pm. The course is to help support people recovering after cancer treatment. If you are interested, please contact Reception on (066 )7192122.

<u>NAGLE-RICE P.S.</u> New Pupil Enrolment 2021/22. Application forms for enrolment can be downloaded from <u>www.naglericens.com</u>

## Our churches are sanitised daily

- 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.

The sergeant almost fainted away in surprise and wonder. He couldn't believe Mother Teresa had just said that to him.

That day was a turning point in the life of Michael Wayne Hunter. This San Quentin Death Row prisoner was cleansed by that experience. Life changed. Suddenly there was meaning to it. So drastic was the change, a new trial was set and the death penalty was not sought. The verdict was guilty on two counts of first-degree murder but a new sentence was given: Life. Life, without the possibility of parole. Prosecution did not seek the death penalty because Mr. Hunter was now a model prisoner and an award-winning writer. He is one other thing: A testimony that Christ still is willing to heal, still willing to touch the untouchable, and to make us whole.

We need to tear down the walls that separate us from others and build bridges of loving relationship. Jesus calls every one of us to demolish the walls that separate us from each other and to welcome the outcasts and the untouchables of society. God's loving hand must reach out to them through us. Jesus wants us to touch their lives. Let us pass beyond the narrow circles of our friends and peers and try to relate to those who may be outside the bounds of propriety. Let us re-examine the barriers we have created and approach God with a heart that is ready to welcome the outcasts in our society.

#### Trocaire

Trocaire express their gratitude to all in the diocese for our 2020 diocesan contribution. Despite having no congregations at Easter our returns were over €110,000.00 - two thirds of previous years. The Lenten Campaign is vital to their independence as an international Development Organisation. Thank God for the Christian generosity of so many in our parishes. Trocaire boxes are now available from the porches of both Milltown and Listy churches. Thank you for your continued support.

### Priest on duty this Sunday Fr. Danny Broderick (087) 9061255