



*St. Colman's Parish*  
*Second Sunday of Lent*  
*27<sup>th</sup> /28<sup>th</sup> February 2021*

**“Once Upon a Puddle”**

Once upon a time there was a small pond, little more than a puddle, really. Day after day the fish in the puddle would swim around and around and fight over the water bugs. The little puddle was cradled between the roots of an ancient oak tree, beside a flowing river. One morning, the fish were startled by a sudden splash. An amazing, brightly coloured fish had jumped into their riverside puddle. Its golden scales were luminous in the few rays of light that managed to shine through the muddy water. “Who are you?” one of the puddle fish asked. “And what are you doing here?” The luminous fish smiled, “I come from the sea!” “The sea? What’s the sea?”

“No one ever told you about the sea? Why the sea is what fish are made for. Fish needn’t swim in circles all day and fight over a few bugs. In the sea, fish can dance on the tides of crystal-clear water! And there is abundance for all!”

A pale, grey puddle fish spoke up: “But how do we get to the sea?”

“All you have to do is follow me to the river and trust that the current will take you to the sea.”

One of the pond fish, the realist fish, swam forward with a hard, experienced look in his eye: “Talk of the ‘sea’ is fine — but we have to face reality. We know this pond. We know how to hunt for water bugs. We can survive here.”

“But you don’t understand,” the luminous fish said. “I come from the sea. I’ve been there. It’s far more wonderful than you can imagine . . .” But the realist fish sniggered and swam away.

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**Recent Death:** Please pray for: **Diarmuid Dermot O' Sullivan,**  
 Kent, England and formally of Callinafercy East

*Masses & Intentions*

Mon March 1 <sup>st</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues March 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. March 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Milltown	9:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs March 4 <sup>th</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. March 5 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Lisa Frances Orsi Culleenymore</i>
Sat. March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>John Griffin Rosnacartan Mor</i>
Sun. March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Mary Courtney Lissivane West</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 be streamed online via our new webcam system:

- Log into [www.milltownlistryparish.com](http://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

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

The Diocese of Kerry will be hosting an evening for Parents whose child is going forward for the sacraments of Confirmation. Dr Patricia Kieran will be presenting an online talk – **Confirmation**

**Journeying with your child** – on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> of March at 7pm.

Register online @ [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie) For further information contact: email [desbailey@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:desbailey@dioceseofkerry.ie) or phone 064 6632644

## **Online Workshop for Parish Cantors/Music Directors**

In preparation for the season of Easter, the diocese will host an online workshop for parish cantors and music directors. The workshop will take place on Wednesday, February 24th at 8pm via zoom. The focus for the evening will be how to approach music and singing for the Easter ceremonies and the Easter season. The workshop will be led by Tomás Kenny (Diocesan Pastoral Team) and Ailish Walsh (Director of Music at Castleisland Parish). Please contact Tomás at [tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie) to register and for the zoom link.

**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.

**Parish Envelopes:** Please note your Spring Dues are now due. 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 continuing support.

## **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 nervous fish then worked up the courage to speak. “Do you mean we’re supposed to jump into that big river?” the nervous fish stammered.

“Yes, the way lies through the river,” the luminous fish explained. “Trust me . . .”

But the nervous fish scurried away before the luminous fish could finish. The professorial fish then interjected, “Our distinguished visitor’s proposal deserves consideration. Perhaps we could hold a series of seminars over the next several days and study the impact this will have . . .”

The eyes of the luminous fish grew sad. “No, this is a matter of faith. You jump and trust the river will take you to the sea. Will you follow me?” A few fish, including a very old fish who refused to give up the dream of better things and a young fish who dared to hope in new things, trusted the luminous fish and jumped as he showed them how. And the current swept them to an exciting new life in the great sea.

But most of the fish continued swimming in circles, hunting and fighting over water bugs.

Like the parable of the puddle, the Gospel of the Transfiguration confronts us with both the promise of faith and what that faith demands of us. On the mountain of the Transfiguration, Peter and the disciples behold both the Jesus of the cross and the Jesus of the empty tomb. It is a vision that holds glorious promise — but a vision that will be realized only at a heavy price. Accepting the God of blessing and joy is one thing, but when God asks us to “jump” — to give readily and humbly and sacrificially, to forgive without limit or condition — then we retreat to the safety of our little “puddles.” The weeks ahead call us to descend the mountain with the “transfigured” Jesus and to take up our crosses, be they physical, emotional, economic, or intellectual, and realize the sacred goodness and value within each one of us that enables us to realize the Easter promise in our own lives.

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