



St. Colman's Parish
5th Sunday of Lent
20th /21st March 2021

Who is my brother or Sister?

Only a life spent for others will be glorified here in this world and in Heaven. We know that the world owes everything to people who have spent their time and talents for God and for their fellow human beings. Mother Teresa, for instance, gave up her comfortable teaching career and, with just 5 rupees (17 cents) in her pocket, began her challenging life for the "poorest of the poor" in the crowded slums of Calcutta. Thus, she became, in the words of the Secretary General of the U.N., "the most powerful woman in the world." We see similar cases in the history of great saints, scientists and benefactors of mankind in all walks of life.

Today's Gospel teaches us that new life and eternal life are possible only by the death of the self through obedience, suffering and service. Salt gives its taste by dissolving in water. A candle gives light by having its wick burned and its wax melted. The oyster produces a priceless pearl by transforming a grain of sand through a long and painful process. Loving parents sacrifice themselves so that their children can enjoy a better life than they themselves have had.

People, in general, can be grouped into two: (i) Those who seek their own welfare and completely neglect the welfare of others, and (ii) people who seek the welfare of others even at the cost of their own welfare. Needless to say, that the first group is more in our world than the second group. There are plenty of people for whom their own happiness and comfort comes in front of everything and everybody else. They relentlessly and assiduously pursue anything that, they think, would make their life more comfortable and contented. But the unfortunate thing is that these people don't seem to harvest what they are looking for in their lives.

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Masses & Intentions

Mon Mar. 22 nd			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues Mar. 23 rd	Listry	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross</i>
Wed. Mar.24 th	Milltown	9:00 a.m.	<i>For all deceased members of the McKenna Family, Callinafercy West</i>
Thurs Mar. 25 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Mar. 26 th	Milltown	6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	<i>Stations of the Cross National School Mass Blessing for Parents/Teachers and Students</i>
Sat. Mar. 27 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Mary Ellen Williams nee O' Sullivan (died recently), London and formally of Lissivane East</i>
Sun. Mar. 28 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Brendan Quirke Farran</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
- 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 Church of the Immaculate Conception – for Mass in Listry

Trócaire

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes around the world. Families like Awut and Ajak's in South Sudan need your support now more than ever. Trócaire are appealing to you to continue your support this Lent. Resources, prayers and videos are available on www.trocaire.org and donations can be made to the Lent campaign in the following ways:

By collecting a Trócaire box *available in Milltown and Listry Church porches or from the Parish Office Online* at www.trocaire.org By phone: 1850 408 408 (ROI) or 0800 912 1200 (NI)

The Legion of Mary will hold its Annual Consecration to Our Lady on Sunday 28th March at 3.00p.m. via the Killarney Cathedral Webcam. www.churchservices.tv/killarneycathedral Please join us in making this consecration to Our Lady. This is the Centenary of the Legion of Mary 1921– 2021. The Legion of Mary will celebrate 100 years in September 2021. It will be a time of joy, of celebration and of thanksgiving.

Milltown/Listry Branch of Kerry Hospice Foundation would really appreciate if you could take part in our VIRTUAL annual fundraising walk. This year due to Covid restrictions it will be held virtually, and we are asking that you take to the roads and walk within your 5km limit any time between St Patricks Day and Good Friday, adhering to all the government guidelines at all times please. We are fully dependant on fundraising to assist in the running of Kerry Palliative Care Unit Day Centre and Inpatient Unit and any donations for the walk can be made to www.iDonate.ie/LongGoodFriday or given to any of our Committee members. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Recovery Haven Kerry will facilitate a Lymphoedema awareness, information & management talk via Zoom on Wednesday, March 24th from 3-4pm. University Hospital Kerry physiotherapists Kiera O'Brien and Mary Hickey will host the online talk, explaining what Lymphoedema is and how to manage the condition. To register for this free event and receive your personal Zoom link, please call Recovery Haven Kerry at 066 7192122 or email reception@recoveryhavenkerry.com

ALONE: manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). 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.

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The history of the world reveals to us that people who sought their own happiness, their own welfare, their own comfort, and people who tirelessly worked for material accumulation in order to live their lives happily – in short those who had themselves as the centre of their lives – have just lost them and regretted for having led such a life.

To become the people God calls us to be, to live our lives in the joy of God's love, begins by our "dying" to our doubts and fears, "dying" to our self-centred wants and needs, "dying" to our immaturity and prejudices. The risk of being hurt is the price of love. That is the challenge of the grain of wheat: only by loving is love returned, only by reaching out and trying do we learn and grow, only by giving to others do we receive, only by dying do we rise to new life.

The Gospel of the grain of wheat is Christ's assurance to us of the great things we can do and the powerful miracles we can work in letting go of our prejudices, fears and ambitions in order to imitate the compassion and love of the crucified Jesus, the Servant Redeemer. Therefore, let us pray that we may acquire this self-sacrificing spirit, during Lent.

*Lord, Father of our human family,
you created all human beings equal in dignity:
pour forth into our hearts a fraternal spirit
and inspire in us a dream of renewed encounter,
dialogue, justice and peace.
Move us to create healthier societies
and a more dignified world,
a world without hunger, poverty, violence and war.
May our hearts be open
to all the peoples and nations of the earth.
May we recognize the goodness and beauty
that you have sown in each of us,
and thus forge bonds of unity,
common projects, and shared dreams.*

Amen.