



St. Colman's Parish
Third Sunday of Lent
6th /7th March 2021

Never argue with him when he's drunk!

A man was driving without his seatbelt when he spotted a patrol car right behind him. He grabbed for the belt and put it on. But it was too late, and the red lights began to flash. "You weren't wearing your seatbelt," said the officer. "Yes, I was," said the man, "and if you don't believe me, ask my wife." "So how ABOUT it, ma'am?" asked the cop. "Officer," she said, "I've been married to this man for forty years, and there's one thing I've learned: Never argue with him when he's drunk! Just give him a ticket for not wearing the seat belt." In today's Gospel, Jesus doesn't bother to argue with the unjust merchants and moneychangers who have converted the Temple of Jerusalem into a noisy "marketplace" and a "hideout of thieves." Instead, he frightens them with his angry order and chases them away, holding a whip in his hands.

The central theme of today's readings is the challenge to keep our Covenant agreement with Jesus Christ, just as the Israelites tried to keep the agreements of the Old Testament Covenant with Yahweh by promising to obey the Ten Commandments. We become people of the New Covenant by loving others as Jesus did, by keeping our parish Church holy and fully dedicated to Divine worship, and by keeping our hearts cleansed, just, holy, and pure because they are temples of the Holy Spirit.

We need to avoid a calculating mentality in Divine worship: Our relationship with God must be that of a child to his parent, one of mutual love, respect and a desire for the family's good, with no thought of personal loss or gain. Hence, fulfilling our Sunday obligation only out of fear of mortal sin and consequent eternal punishment (a loss), is a non-Christian approach.

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Masses & Intentions

Mon March 8 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues March 9 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Mar.10 th	Milltown	9:00 a.m.	<i>Pauline Ferris Faha</i>
Thurs Mar. 11 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Mar. 12 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sat. Mar. 13 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	
Sun. Mar. 14 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Patrick & Ellen O' Sullivan The Cliff, Callinafercy</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 on ► to play
- Click Church of the Immaculate Conception – for Mass in Listry
- Click on ► to play

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:

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

The contents of each and every Trócaire box, no matter how small, come together to make a significant difference. This virus knows no borders, but neither does our compassion.

Recovery Haven Kerry Cancer Support House will have a 6 week Thriving and Surviving course online via Zoom commencing in March. The course is to help support people recovering after cancer treatment. If you are interested, please contact (066)7192122.

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 (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.

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

In the same way, obeying the commandments and doing acts of charity merely as prerequisites for Heavenly reward (a gain), are acts driven by a profit motive, of which Jesus would not approve.

Hence, let us ask these questions during this third week of Lent: Do we think of God as a vending machine into which we put our sacrifices and good deeds to get back His blessings? Do we use our acts of obedience to the Ten Commandments as bargaining chips with God? The theologian Karl Rahner put it this way: “The number one cause of atheism is Christians. Those who proclaim God with their mouths and deny Him with their lifestyles are what an unbelieving world finds simply unbelievable.”

Lent

*Is like a long ‘retreat’ during
which we can turn back into ourselves
and listen to the voice of God,
to defeat the temptations of the evil one.
It is a period of spiritual ‘combat’
which we must experience alongside Jesus,
not with pride and presumption,
but using the arms of faith, prayer,
listening to the word of God and penance.
In this way
we will be able to celebrate Easter
in trust, ready to renew the promises of our
baptisms*

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.

Priest on duty this Sunday

- ***Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638***