



St. Colman's Parish *Divine Mercy Sunday* *10th /11th April 2021*

“Divine Mercy Sunday” - Divine Mercy in action:

A *TIME* magazine issue in 1984 presented a startling cover. It pictured a prison cell where two men sat on metal folding chairs. The young man wore a blue turtleneck sweater, blue jeans and white running shoes. The older man was dressed in a white robe and had a white skullcap on his head. They sat facing one another, up-close and personal. They spoke quietly so as to keep others from hearing the conversation. The young man was Mehmet Ali Agca, the pope's would-be assassin (he shot and wounded the Pope on May 13, 1981); the other man was Pope St. John Paul II, the intended victim. The Pope held the hand that had held the gun whose bullet had torn into the Pope's body. This was a living icon of mercy. John Paul's forgiveness was deeply Christian. His deed with Ali Agca spoke a thousand words. He embraced his enemy and pardoned him. At the end of their 20-minute meeting, Ali Agca raised the Pope's hand to his forehead as a sign of respect. John Paul shook Ali Agca's hand tenderly. When the Pope left the cell he said, “What we talked about must remain a secret between us. I spoke to him as a brother whom I have pardoned and who has my complete trust.” This is an example of God's Divine Mercy, the same Divine Mercy whose message St. Faustina witnessed.

We need to meet the challenge for a transparent Christian life — *“I will not believe unless I see” (Jn 20:25)*. This “seeing” is what others demand of us. They ask that we reflect Jesus, the Risen Lord, in our lives by our selfless love, unconditional forgiveness, and humble service. The integrity of our lives bears a fundamental witness to others who want to see the Risen Lord, alive and active, working in us.

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Recent Deaths: Please pray for **Noel O' Mahony**, Kilderry
Patrick (Patsy) Butler, Ballymalis

Masses & Intentions -All Masses will celebrated be online

Mon April 12 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues April 13 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. April 14 th	Milltown	9:00 a.m.	
Thurs April 15 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. April 16 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. April 17 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Mary & Charlie Tangney Rockfield</i>
Sun. April 18 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>John Joe Hanafin and all deceased family members Corpus Christi</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 www.milltownlistryparish.com

- 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

Divine Mercy Sunday: A day of thanksgiving for the goodness God has shown to man in the Whole Easter Mystery' (St John Paul II) will be celebrated on Sunday 11th April at 3pm, with Rosary to Our Lady of Mercy at 2:40pm. Via the Killarney Cathedral webcam www.churchservices.tv/killarneycathedral.

Trócaire Lenten Campaign 2021

Every year Trócaire asks for your help during Lent to fund lifesaving programmes. It is an opportunity to assist people in dire need in different parts of the world. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and continued support.

1. Envelopes marked Trócaire can be handed in by way of the Parish Office letter box
2. Online at www.trocaire.org
3. By phone 1850 408408

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. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

MABS runs a Helpline (0761 07 2000, Monday to Friday, 9am to 8pm) and operates from over 60 locations nationwide. In Kerry, we can be contacted on mobile (087) 4101355 or email kerry@mabs.ie.

Parish Envelopes: The Easter Offerings, Parish Envelopes or Intentions can be dropped into the Post Box next to the Parish Office or 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.

Christ's mercy shines forth from us whenever we reach out to the poor, the needy and the marginalized, as St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) did. His mercy shines forth as we remain open to those who struggle in Faith, as did the Apostle Thomas in today's Gospel. We should be able to appreciate the presence of Jesus, crucified and raised, in our own suffering and in our suffering brothers and sisters, thus recognizing the glorified wounds of the Risen Lord in the suffering of others.

Like St. Thomas, let us use our scepticism to help us grow in Faith. It is our genuine doubts about the doctrines of our religion that encourage us to study these doctrines more closely and, thus, to grow in our Faith. This will naturally lead us to a personal encounter with Jesus through our prayer, study of the Word of God, and frequenting of the Sacraments. However, we must never forget the fact that our Faith is not our own doing but is a gift from God. Hence, we need to augment our Faith every day by prayer so that we may join St. Thomas in his proclamation:

"My Lord and my God" (Jn 20:28).

The Divine Mercy Sunday Devotion

Devotion to The Divine Mercy involves a total commitment to God as Mercy. It is a decision to trust completely in Him, to accept His mercy with thanksgiving, and to be merciful as He is merciful. The devotional practices proposed in the diary of Saint Faustina and set forth in this website are completely in accordance with the teachings of the Church and are firmly rooted in the Gospel message of our Merciful Saviour. Properly understood and implemented, they will help us grow as genuine followers of Christ.

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