



St. Colman's Parish

The Ascension of the Lord

15th/16th May 2021

Go Make Disciples!!”

There is the funny story of the raw army recruit standing at attention on the drill field. The drill instructor yells, “Forward, march!” And the entire ranks begin to move, all except this one raw recruit. He’s still standing there at attention. So, the drill instructor strolls over to him and yells in his right ear, “Is this thing working?” “Sir, yes, sir!” the recruit yells. Then the drill instructor walks around to the other ear and yells, “Is this thing working?” “Sir, yes, sir!” The soldier says. “Then why didn’t you march when I gave the order?” “Sir, I didn’t hear you call my name.” — Some of us are like that soldier standing around waiting for God to call our names. But the great commission given by Jesus on the day of his Ascension is a blanket order. It has everyone’s name on it. And you can be sure that the Man in charge says, “*Go! Make disciples! Teach!*” It is your mission and my mission.

Today’s scripture readings describe the Ascension of the Lord into his Heavenly glory after promising the Holy Spirit as the source of Heavenly power for his disciples and commanding them to bear witness to him by their lives and preaching throughout the world. What is celebrated is Jesus’ exaltation and the end of his earthly existence as a prelude to the gift of the Spirit. The ascended Jesus is still with us because of his promise, “*I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.*” He is with us at all times and in all places, releasing a new energy upon the earth, the energy of the Holy Spirit to preach his Good News of salvation by bearing witness to him.

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Recent Death: Please pray for
Thomas O' Dowd, Brackhill, Castlemaine

Masses & Intentions

Mon May 17 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues May 18 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. May 19 th	Milltown	9:00 a.m.	
Thurs May 20 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. May 21 st	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Sr. Mary O' Connor Naas, Co Kildare</i>
Sat. May 22 nd	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Brendan Tangney, (First Anniversary) Villa Maria, Listry Cross</i>
Sun. May 23 rd	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Kathleen Doherty Knockreigh</i>

Reminder

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

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Hence, today's feast is the celebration of Jesus' glory after his suffering and death – the glory in which we also hope to share. The Ascension and Pentecost, together, mark the beginning of the Church. The feast of the Ascension tells us that the Church must be a community in mission, guided by God's Spirit and confident of God's protection even amid suffering and death.

Return of Congregations

I am delighted to welcome you all back to our churches this week. Please take note of the following updated information when attending Mass in our parish:

- There will be no booking in or texting system this time around. Instead, you are invited to attend any Mass in the parish. There will be a sign in sheet at each entrance door of the church. Please sign your name and telephone number for contact tracing purposes and sanitise pen after use.
- There will be ushers at the doors for any assistance required.
- Milltown Church will be divided into 3 sections. The main aisle and two side aisles. Please ensure you enter and leave the church through the same door. Listry Church – one section will be in place. Once we reach our capacity, you may remain outside in the church grounds ensuring social distancing guidelines are adhered to.
- Every second seat will be tapered off and we ask that you socially distance using the 2-metre rule in the remaining available seats.
- Anniversary Masses: There will be a designated area in both churches for families attending an Anniversary Mass.
- The dispensation from attending Mass on Sundays and Holydays of obligation remains in place until further notice. You are encouraged to attend Mass on any day during the week which fulfils your Sunday obligation.

- Any person with an underlying medical condition or at a high risk of illness or who does not feel ready to return to public Mass, can continue participating in the Mass online at www.milltownlistryparish.com or by radio link 106fm.
- Receiving the Eucharist – the host may only be received in the hand. Please approach the Altar row by row, ensuring a safe distance from the person in front of you.
- Please ensure that you wear face coverings in the church and sanitise as you enter and leave the church.
- Once Mass is over, please exit the church row by row by the same door you came in.
- The churches will be sanitised daily.
- We ask, that you do not congregate on church grounds after Mass.
- Baptisms – Baptisms may take place with small numbers Limited to immediate family, Godparents and Grandparents.
- Funerals – Funerals remain private family events and the maximum number that may attend a funeral is 50 people, regardless of the size of the church.
- Weddings – The maximum number of people that may attend a wedding is 50 people, regardless of the size of the church.
- Masses will continue online www.milltownlistryparish.com And on the radio, 106fm.

Please have patience as we try to make our churches a safe and covid free environment. May God bless us all, in the months ahead.

Fr. Danny Broderick

***Last weekend's collection - €446.00
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