

St. Colman's Parish Pentecost Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> /23<sup>rd</sup> May 2021

## "Lower your bucket- taste and see"

More than a century ago, a great sailing ship was stranded off the coast of South America. Day after day the ship lay there in the still waters with not a hint of a breeze. The captain was desperate; the crew was dying of thirst. And then, on the far horizon, a steamship appeared, headed directly toward them. As it drew near, the captain called out, "We need water! Give us water!" The steamship replied, "Lower your buckets where you are." The captain was furious at this cavalier response but called out again, "Please, give us water." But the steamer gave the same reply, "Lower your buckets where you are!" And with that they steamed away! The captain was beside himself with anger and despair, and he went below. But a little later, when no one was looking, a yeoman lowered a bucket into the sea and then tasted what he brought up: It was perfectly sweet, fresh water! For you see, the ship was just out of sight of the mouth of the Amazon. And for all those days they had been sitting right on top of all the fresh water they needed! -

What we are really seeking is already inside us, waiting to be discovered, waiting to be embraced: the Holy Spirit of God Who has been living within us from the moment of our Baptism. The Holy Spirit is saying to us at this very moment from deep in our heart, "Lower your buckets where you are. Taste and see!"

> Come, Holy Spirit! Fill our hearts and set us on fire! Amen.

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## Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community Alex O' Sullivan, Ard Na Gréine

Masses & Intentions				
Mon May 24 <sup>th</sup>				No Mass
Tues May 25 <sup>th</sup>		Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. May 26 <sup>th</sup>		Milltown	9:00 a.m.	
Thurs May 27 <sup>th</sup>				No Mass
Fri.	May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Mary Pat O' Sullivan (Months Mind) Castlemaine Road
Sat.	May 29 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	6:00 p.m.	John & Tim Riordan Listry
Sun.	May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Denis Murphy Ballymacandy

#### Reminder

Mass is broadcast on 106fm and all Weekend Masses will be streamed online via <u>www.milltownlistryparish.com</u>

- 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

# Priest on Duty: Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155

Nano Nagle Birthplace Competition: To mark Laudato Si' week (16-24 May) Nano Nagle Birthplace is launching a short story/essay/poetry/song competition. For full details go to our Website: www.nanonaglebirthplace.ie. Closing date: 30th June 2021.

**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.

<u>Samaritans</u>: Freephone 116 123 The Samaritans are available 24/7 to offer non-judgemental emotional support to people experiencing difficulties or times of crisis in their lives.

**Volunteers:** Thank you to all the people who have volunteered their support to date to help us to return to celebrating Mass once again in our Churches. We are still looking for volunteers, so if you would like to assist as an usher, or help wipe down the seats after Mass, please contact the Parish Office during office times or ring Fr. Danny on (087) 9061255

# **Returning to Mass – Covid19 Update**

- There is 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 <u>www.milltownlistryparish.com</u> And on the radio, 106fm.

Last weekend's collection - €1,140.00 Special Collection – Education of Clergy - €101.50 Thank you for your generous support