



St. Colman's Parish

The Feast of Corpus Christi

5th /6th June 2021

The Mass: Central to our lives and to our Sunday

Lord Jesus Christ, high priest of the new and eternal covenant, on the altar of the cross you offered a perfect sacrifice to the Father; - teach us how to offer it with you.

This Feast of Corpus Christi we can gather as a congregation in church, though with greatly restricted capacity. We cannot have traditional Corpus Christi Processions. We can give heartfelt thanks for the supreme gift of the Eucharist, the gift of Christ's sacrifice and presence. Be of good heart.

For so much of the past fifteen months our congregations have been "fasting from the Bread of Life". I appreciate how difficult many found it, also many felt it unfair. Being able to join in offering Mass via streaming and parish radio was a rich blessing, but it fell short of gathering in church.

I am conscious of the ongoing postponement of First Communion and Confirmations and the severe restrictions regarding funerals and weddings, - all sacraments so rich in meaning: Children meeting Jesus in the Bread of Life for the first time; older children receiving the life-long gift of the Holy Spirit. At a funeral, the altar symbolises eternal life, "dying Christ destroyed our death"; at a wedding, the altar symbolises faithful love, "the love of Christ even unto death".

With the enforced 'fasting' in all our lives, has our appreciation of the "Bread of Life" grown? In our hearts has the absence increased our appreciation and love of the Mass:

- as a gathering of people of faith
- as finding hope and light in the Word of God
- as the offering of Christ's sacrifice to the Father
- as receiving the 'Bread of Life', necessary food for life's journey
- as a great prayer of thanksgiving.

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Masses & Intentions

Mon June 7 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues June 8 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. June 9 th	Milltown	9:00 a.m.	
Thurs June 10 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. June 11 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Prayer Service</i>
Sat. June 12 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	
Sun. June 13 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Thomas O' Dowd (Months Mind) Brackhill Maura & Michael Cronin, Listowel John Madden, Sligo</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

Last weekend's collection - €705

Trocaire - €640

Thank you for your generous support

I ask that we all discuss these matters with people of all ages, family members and parishioners. Encourage one another in the faith, encourage one another in returning to regular Sunday Mass as church-capacity allows. Help gather the community round the altar. Hopefully, it will soon be possible for all to gather for weekend Mass. Value all the elements of a Christian Sunday:

- a day of rest, a day for family and neighbours
- a day to have time to turn to God in prayer
- a day to gather round the altar to offer Mass together

May the fifteen months of the pandemic renew in all of us our appreciation of the loving-kindness of God and of his gift to us of the Mass. May returning to Mass be a source of light and love for those personally struggling as a result of the pandemic. Finally, let all of us “be a good neighbour to all”, and let us pray for one another.

“O Sacrament most holy, O Sacrament divine! all praise and all thanksgiving be every moment thine.”

+ **Ray Browne**
Diocese of Kerry

Communion Calls: will resume shortly. Anyone who is fully vaccinated and wishing to receive Holy Communion in their home, please contact Fr. Danny on (087) 9061255

Feast of St. Anthony: - 13th June. The blessing of Lilies will take place during Mass on Saturday June 12th in Listry Church and Sunday June 13th at Milltown Church. Please bring your own Lilies.

Young Adult Workshop: Reconnection, Minding Your Mind as we leave Lockdown, an online workshop for Young Adults aged 18 to 30 yrs. will be held on Thurs 10th June at 7.30pm via Zoom. Register for the link for Reconnect at www.dioceseofkerry.ie, follow us on Instagram @YouthDoK. Contact Bernie McCaffrey (087) 6484367

Get a Vaccine, Give a Vaccine: If you have been vaccinated against COVID-19 you can give a vaccine to someone in need by supporting UNICEF in the biggest vaccine procurement and distribution in history. Nobody is safe until everyone is safe and no child is safe until everyone, they rely on is safe. Visit www.unicef.ie or call (01) 878 3000

Lough Derg 2021: Lough Derg regrets that it will not be possible in 2021 to reopen Station Island for the Traditional Three-Day Pilgrimage. It will again offer the opportunity to “*Do Lough Derg from wherever you are*” on 3rd – 5th July. Please contact (071) 9861518 or www.loughderg.org.

Usher & Sanitiser: 13th June – Elaine O’ Sullivan/Tony O’ Leary

Returning to Mass – Covid19 Update

- There is no need to book a place to attend Mass in the parish.
- 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.
- 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.
- Anniversary Masses: There will be a designated area in both churches for families attending an Anniversary Mass.
- Any person with an underlying medical condition or at a high risk of illness 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. We ask, that you do not congregate on church grounds after Mass.
- The churches will be sanitised daily.
- Masses will continue online www.milltownlistryparish.com And on the radio, 106fm.

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