

St. Colman's Parish 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 21st/22nd August 2021

Shepherds for Today

In much of Western society there is a crisis of authority nowadays. Merely being placed in charge no longer ensures unquestioning obedience. The ideal leader today is one who can win respect and generate trust, one with an obvious sense of responsibility, who can get things done while respecting other people's dignity and feelings. Shepherds in faith are people of integrity who care for others (Jeremiah); people who help us follow the right path (Psalm) and show compassion toward others in their weakness (Gospel). The shepherd image does not apply only to bishops as the official "pastors" in succession to the apostles, or to the local pastors in the parish. The shepherd role applies in one way or another to all kinds of leadership, in the household and social spheres as well as in matters of faith. We are invited today by God's word to examine what sort of leadership we ourselves provide for others.

The shepherds condemned by Jeremiah were the leaders who neglected their responsibilities and let abuses thrive. His message today might be to political figures, ministers and government officials at all levels, who have the task of keeping public order, defending the rights of citizens and promoting fairness for all, insofar as possible. The shepherd image suggests that *authority* is not mainly the power to impose rules. The shepherding role is one of service more than dominion. Its goal is to set a good direction and enable a community to live together in peace, where each individual has dignity and an equal chance of personal fulfilment.

Besides the official leaders of Church and State, many others must offer *pastoral leadership* at a local and domestic level. Parents and teachers are the most obvious examples of this. In practice it is they who help to develop a child's character, laying the foundations for growth into adult maturity. They pass on values by which young people can live, and foster qualities that can grow over the years. For this they need the sensitivity and compassion shown by Jesus in today's Gospel. "He had compassion for them and began to teach them many things."

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Recent Death: Please pray for

Maureen Hayes nee McCarthy, Killorglin/Callinafercy

Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian community

Paige Leigh McCarthy, Steeple Meadows Close

Masses & Intentions			
Mon Aug 23 rd			No Mass
Tues Aug 24 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	Batty & Julia Nolan, Listry
Wed. Aug 25 th	Milltown	9:00 a.m.	
Thurs Aug 26 th			No Mass
Fri. Aug 27 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Sean & Noreen O' Riordan Main Street
Sat. Aug 28 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	
Sun. Aug 29 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Anne Clifford The Store, Callinafercy

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 - €580 Thank you for your generous and continuing support <u>Traditional Latin Mass</u> will be offered on Sunday Aug. 29th 1:00pm at the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Rathass, Tralee, V92 DX62, by Fr. Martin Hegarty CC. More info from <u>LatinMassTralee@gmail.com</u>

St Patrick's College, Maynooth: Are you looking for an introduction to Theology, a qualification that allows you to teach Religious Education or a master's degree in theology or Pastoral Ministry. (01) 7083964 Closing date for applications 13th September. *maynoothcollege.ie/courses/higher-dipoloma-in-theological-studies*

<u>Accord Catholic Marriage Care Service CLG</u> is currently recruiting volunteers to train as marriage preparation programme facilitators.

- Accord is seeking registration of interest from those who have a
 positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church and the
 enthusiasm to be part of a team supporting couples who are
 preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage.
- Successful applicants will receive professional training and will be part of a team delivering marriage preparation programmes locally in accordance with best practice.
- Accord has two centres, Tralee and Killarney, in the diocese of Kerry.
- Contact Aisling on 01 505 3112 or by email to info@accord.ie.
- The closing date for receipt of registration of interest forms to be included in Selections for this year is Friday 27 August.
- Additional information is available on <u>www.accord.ie</u>.

Age Action's Care and Repair prioritises carrying out small jobs free of charge in the homes of older people who are being discharged or have recently been discharged from hospital. They can remove trip hazards, install handrails, replace toilet seats or move a bed downstairs to make sure the home is ready after a stay in hospital Further details please contact (021) 2067399 or email careandrepair@ageaction.ie

<u>Eucharistic Ministers/Readers:</u> We hope to welcome back our Eucharistic Ministers and Readers to the church in September. Anyone wishing to become a Eucharistic Minister or Reader, please give your name and contact number into the office.

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 Irish Catholic is available for sale in the church or parish office

Milltown -Usher/Sanitiser: 29th August Linus Burke/Dorothy Casey Bad things do happen;
how I respond to them
defines my character
and the quality of my life.
I can choose to sit in perpetual sadness,
Immobilised by the gravity of my loss, or
I can choose to rise from the pain
And treasure the most precious gift I have
— Life itself

The Sacrament of Reconciliation

Parish Confessions are available in St. James' Church each Saturday from 12.00pm—12.30pm. The Priest will be seated in the sanctuary of the church. Confessions will not be heard in the confessional boxes for the foreseeable future. The Priest will wear a mask and the person coming for confession will be expected to do likewise. Welcome one and all.

Killorglin Pastoral Area <u>Priest on Duty this Sunday</u>: Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638

In an emergency always ring your own Priest first If he is unavailable, please ring the following:

Monday: Fr. Danny Broderick (087) 9061255

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You cannot change your destination overnight, but you can change your direction overnight