

First Holy
Communion

St. Colman's Parish
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11th /12th September 2021

Baby powder and Christian powder

Yakov Smirnoff is a comedian from Russia. When he first arrived in the United States from Russia, he was not prepared for the incredible variety of instant products available in American grocery stores. He says, "On my first shopping trip with my friend, I saw milk powder; you just add hot water, and you get milk. Then I saw orange powder; you just add cold water, and you get orange juice. And then I saw **baby powder**, and I thought to myself, 'What a country, you add water to a tin of powder and get a baby!'"

Smirnoff was joking on a comedy show. But some preachers, preach such instant Christian transformation, leading to eternal salvation. According to this belief, when someone surrenders one's life to Christ, accepts Christ as one's personal God and Saviour and confesses one's sins to Jesus, there is an immediate, substantive, in-depth, miraculous change in habits, attitudes, and character and one becomes eligible for eternal salvation.

Unfortunately, there is no such Christian powder, and disciples of Jesus Christ are not instantly born. They are slowly raised through many trials, suffering, and temptations. They are saved by their faithful and lifelong cooperation with the grace of God, given for doing good and avoiding evil and for obeying His commandments. In today's Gospel, Jesus explains what his disciples should do: "Deny yourself, take up your cross and follow me."

I see millions of stars

The story is told of Sherlock Holmes and Dr. Watson on a camping trip. As they lay sleeping one night, Holmes woke Watson and said, "Watson, look up into the sky and tell me what you see." Watson said, "I see millions of stars." Holmes asked, "And what does that tell you?" Watson replied, "Astronomically,

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Recent Deaths: Please pray for:

Bridget (Bridie) Supple, Knockreigh

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Sept. 13 th	Milltown	6pm & 8pm	<i>Confirmation – Milltown</i>
Tues. Sept. 14 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Louie Leslie & all deceased family members, Drombrick</i>
Wed. Sept. 15 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>Recently deceased Mary Counihan nee Cronin, Crohane, Fossa</i>
Thurs Sept. 16 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Sept. 17 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. Sept. 18 th	Milltown	11am & 12.30	<i>First Holy Communion</i>
	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Mary Doona, Lahard</i>
Sun. Sept. 19 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Joan & Jeff Fleming Woodville</i>

Reminder

Mass is broadcast on 106fm, and all Weekend Masses will be streamed online via www.milltownlistryparish.com

Last weekend's collection - €660.00

Special Collection – Pastoral Centre - €90.00

Thank you for your generous and continuing support

PUBLIC MASSES: We welcome the recent announcement that we can have 50% capacity at all Masses. As more people return to Mass, we encourage all people to be patient with the protocols in the church and to be mindful of people who are just returning to Mass after many months.

- 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.

Our churches are sanitised daily

Season of Creation 2021: on Thursday September 16th the Diocese of Kerry Justice, Peace and Integrity of Creation Committee invite you to *'Restoring Our Common Home... Webinar, Caring for God's Creatures'* as part of Season of Creation 2021. To register for this free hour-long webinar please log on to www.dioceseofkerry.ie

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on Wednesday 15th, Saturday 18th & Sunday 26th September and Sunday 3rd October, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. The full route is a 12km loop, with a shorter 8km option. **Advance booking is essential.** Email info@loughderg.org or telephone 0(0353) 719861518. www.loughderg.org

Anam Cara would like to invite you to join them for an **online** Bereavement Information and Support Evening taking place 16th September at 7pm. This event will give you an opportunity to hear a bereavement professional talk about the difficult challenges and many milestones grieving a child of any age has on you and your family. If you would like to join us, please register here <https://bit.ly/3Dzyphc> or contact us on info@anamcara.ie or 085 288 8888

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am - 8pm, by calling 0818 222 024.

CANCER support charity, Recovery Haven Kerry, will host a free, six-week online course for those supporting a loved one with cancer, beginning on September 14th. Given over two and a half hours, one day a week, for six weeks, the Building Better Caregivers programme will offer valuable support and practical advice to those dealing with a cancer diagnosis of a loved one, family member or friend.

The six-week programme will commence on Tuesday, September 14th and will run weekly, via Zoom, from 10.30am to 1pm. Those interested in taking part can now register by phoning Recovery Haven Kerry on 0667192122 or emailing reception@recoveryhavenkerry.com

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

Milltown -Usher/Sanitiser: 19th September

Elaine O' Sullivan/ Tony O' Leary

It tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Theologically, it tells me that God is great and that we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it tells me that we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. And what does it tell you?" Holmes answered, "Someone stole our tent!"

Some people are great at speculative knowledge but when it comes to its implication for practical living, they score zero. Such is Peter in today's Gospel

Upcoming Sacramental Celebrations

First Holy Communion

Milltown Church for Nagle Rice P.S.

Sat. Sept 18th at 11am & 12.30

Confirmations:

Milltown Church for Nagle Rice P.S.

Mon. Sept 13th 6pm & 8pm

Mon. Sept 20th 6pm & 8pm

Listry Church for Faha P.S.

Wednes. Sept 22nd 6pm & 7.30pm

Wednes. Sept 28th 6pm & 7.30pm

Confession for Confirmation children and their parents/guardians

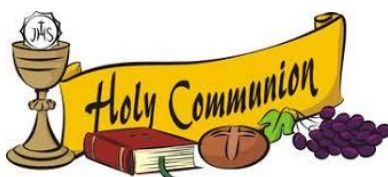
Listry Church

Tues Sept. 21st 7.30pm – 8.30pm

Tues Sept 28th 7.30pm – 8.30pm

First Holy Communion in Listry Church

Congratulations to all the children who received their First Holy Communion on Friday and Saturday in Listry Church. A special acknowledgement to their classroom teachers and SNA's and all involved in their Faith formation. Looking forward to receiving the Confirmation children and their families on Monday night in Milltown church.



Priest on Duty this Sunday:

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