



St. Colman's Parish
29th Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th /17th Oct 2021

***The Synod of Bishops in Rome in Autumn 2023
and a 'Synodal Pathway' of five years in the Irish Church.***

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Pope Francis extends a world-wide invitation to the whole Church to consider how we might walk together and work together as God's people in greater synodality. What does he mean by this word *synodality*? It comes from the Greek language and means "journeying together". Journeying together involves good communication: listening and really hearing what the other is saying, and thus proceeding in harmony, appreciating the insights and experiences of each other.

To prepare for the Autumn 2023 Synod of Bishops in Rome, Pope Francis asks the Church worldwide to reflect on how she can be 'synodal' at every level from your local parish to the Pope in Rome. What are our strengths and weaknesses? What can we do to improve? He asks that over the next four months, as an initial task, there is a good conversation - deep listening in every parish in every diocese. Listen and hear what each other is saying; listen and hear what the Holy Spirit is saying to us; listen to Jesus in the Gospels. Together we seek to discern how we should proceed, not simply striking off on our own paths, but hearing where the Holy Spirit is calling us. He asks that this leads to the compilation of a Report at National level. To help us, the organisers of the Synod of Bishops in Rome have proposed key topics and questions. Some of the synod questions concern vital matters that we rarely discuss.

For many years in our own diocese, we have worked hard at consultation and listening. Witness the past two years when there was wide consultation on planning for the years ahead. Witness all our Pastoral, Liturgy and Financial Councils, at Parish, Area and Diocesan level; and the work of the diocesan Pastoral Team; meetings with parish secretaries and sacristans. Despite that work, there are so many of all ages in our diocese who have never been involved, never felt invited and sometimes felt ignored.

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Recent Death: Please pray for **Emmet Lucey**, Lisdara, Tralee
Daniel John Fanning, U.K.

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community
Freya Curran, Faha
Eada Ryan, Faha.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place in Milltown Church every Wednesday from 4:00-7:00p.m.

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Oct. 18 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Oct. 19 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Oct. 20 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	
Thurs Oct. 21 st			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Oct. 22 nd	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Billy Kerins Castlemaine Road</i>
Sat. Oct. 23 rd	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Bernie Buckley Rockfield</i>
Sun. Oct. 24 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>John & Billy Mangan Killarney Road</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday 23rd Oct. Margaret Gallagher
 Milltown Sunday 24th Oct. Lucy O' Leary

Readers

Listry Saturday 23rd Oct. Michael F. O' Connor
 Milltown Sunday 24th Oct. Liam Hurley

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

The webcam in Milltown and Listry church captures images of individuals who sit in the first two seats of the church. Please sit in another part of the Church if you do not wish your image to be broadcast in this way.

Second Collection: will be taken up at all Masses w/e 23/24 Oct.
– Propagation of the Faith

Mission Month: Next weekend we will celebrate World Mission Sunday, The Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. The pandemic means that less of us can physically attend Mass, meaning less offerings in the basket. The implications of overseas missionaries and the communities they serve over the coming months will be devastating. Please help by donating €4 by texting the word Mission to 50300.

Marriage Enrichment Weekend, 5th – 7th November 2021
This is an online experience (using Zoom), starting Friday at 8pm until Sunday at 2:30pm. Details <https://www.marriageencounter.ie>

Annual Mass at Poll an Aifrinn: The Mass Rock, Keelacloghane Wood, Milltown will be celebrated by Fr. John Harris on Sunday October 24th at 3:00 p.m. All are welcome.

We look forward to reopening our churches fully as from next weekend as we try to return to some normality.

However, we will continue to observe the following guidelines to ensure the safety and well being of all who attend church.

- To sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church
- To Keep a safe distance from others who may be in the church
- To Wear a mask whilst in the church.

Our churches will still be sanitised daily

Milltown Listry Comhaltas the AGM of the local Listry branch will take place in Muintir na Tíre hall, Milltown at 8pm on Monday, October 18th. All welcome, new performers and volunteers to get involved in events.

Booking an Anniversary Mass for 2022

If you wish to book an Anniversary Mass for a loved one for the coming year, the 2022 diary will open on Tuesday November 30th, 2021. Please note the first week will be designated to taking bookings for **first Anniversary Masses only**. The diary will then be open to all other Anniversary Masses from Tuesday 7th December onwards

Last weekend's collection - €965.00

Thank you for your generous and continuing support

Priest on Duty this Sunday:

Fr. Fergal Ryan (087) 2408540

Some age groups have barely been represented. Can we widen the circle? Can we deepen our consultation and dialogue? Can we continue to listen and speak until we sense together where the Holy Spirit is leading us?

At diocesan level we have chosen a team of three to guide us in this consultation, but the work will involve many others. Likewise at national level a team is being put in place. It is vital that in all things we are inclusive: female and male, all ages, all backgrounds, all viewpoints. Extend the invitation widely; listen to every person who wishes to contribute and respect their viewpoint. This Sunday we are just making a beginning. We do not yet clearly see the road ahead, help us work it out.

Here in Ireland, there is an extra important dimension. What we do now for the Synod of Bishops in Rome will be the first phase of our own Synodal Pathway. For the next five years the whole Catholic Church in Ireland is seeking to travel a Synodal Pathway: journeying together, listening and discussing, discerning together what the Holy Spirit is asking of us as the People of God. Hopefully this will bear fruit in the everyday life of our parish communities.

At the centre of all we do is the life-giving Trinity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Christ invites us, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you, remain in my love”¹. I ask everyone to unite in prayer in the months ahead for the success of this Synodal process, in Ireland and worldwide.

The Preparatory Document for the Synod concludes with these words of Pope Francis:

We recall that the purpose of the Synod, and therefore of this consultation, is not to produce documents, but “to plant dreams, draw forth prophecies and visions, allow hope to flourish, inspire trust, bind up wounds, weave together relationships, awaken a dawn of hope, learn from one another and create a bright resourcefulness that will enlighten minds, warm hearts, give strength to our hands.

Bishop Ray Browne

The diocesan launch will take place in the Cathedral this Sunday 3.00 pm 17th Oct. You are invited to attend or to participate via the Killarney website. Let us unite in prayer for the success of The Synodal Pathway.