

St. Colman's Parish 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 25th /26th September 2021

Could you not have tolerated him for just one meal

According to a traditional Hebrew story, Abraham was sitting outside his tent one evening when he saw an old man, weary from age and journey, coming toward him. Abraham rushed out, greeted him, and then invited him into his tent. There he washed the old man's feet and gave him food and drink. The old man immediately began eating without saying any prayer or blessing. So, Abraham asked him, "Don't you worship God?" The old traveller replied, "I worship fire only and reverence no other god." When Abraham heard this, he became incensed, grabbed the old man by the shoulders, and threw him out of his tent into the cold night air. When the old man had departed, God called to his friend Abraham and asked where the stranger was. Abraham replied, "I forced him out because he did not worship You." God answered, "I have suffered him these eighty years although he dishonours me. Could you not endure him one night?" We are all children of God, and, hence, we have to love and tolerate everyone, as explained in today's first reading and the Gospel.

Christian tolerance is brotherly and sisterly love; it asks that we bear with the weaknesses of others, without condoning the evil they do. Intolerance is a sign of a weak Faith. Intolerance is also ineffective. It does nothing but damage to the cause it seeks to defend. When we attack a heretic, we don't change his mind, for the most part. We just give him an audience. To ban a book, is, almost surely, to make it a best seller. Condemning a sinner immediately draws people to defend him. An intolerant attitude will alienate, rather than attract, sinners. Only genuine agape love can overcome hatred. The Church should display this patient love to a hate-filled world. The Church is expected to present Christ to the world.

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Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community Catherine O' Brien, Quill, Farranmanagh								
Masses & Intentions								
Mon.	Sept. 27 th			No Mass				
Tues. Sept. 28 th		Listry	7:00 p.m.	Nellie, Mike & Susan Kalo and all deceased O' Callaghan family members, Lahard				
Wed. Sept. 29 th		Milltown Listry	10:00 a.m . 6:00 p.m.	Confirmation - Listry				
Thurs	Sept. 30 th			No Mass				
Fri.	Oct. 1 st	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Edmond (Ned) Kelly, Months Mind Kilderry				
Sat.	Oct. 2 nd	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Joe & Luke Breen, Orchard View, Milltown				
Sun.	Oct. 3 rd	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Jer McGillycuddy Farran				

Eucharistic Ministers						
Listry Saturday 2 nd Oct.	Margaret Gallagher					
Milltown Sunday 3 rd Oct.	Anna Clifford					
Readers						
Listry Saturday 2 nd Oct.	Anthony Clifford					
Milltown Sunday 3 rd Oct.	Geraldine Galvin					
Usher/Sanitiser						
Milltown Sunday 3 rd Oct.	Tim & Maureen Fleming					

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

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. Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be

offered on 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

<u>The Hail Holy Queen Conference</u> will be on Radio Maria Ireland on Sat. Oct. 9th at 2pm. Guest speakers include Bishop John Keenan, Dr. Patrick Kenny, Fr. Gerry McCloskey, and Dr. Blythe Kaufman.

On the following day (Sunday Oct 10th), the **Coastal Rosary** will take place at 2.30pm. Join people from around Ireland to pray the Rosary for Life and Faith at our grottos, churches, at the coasts and other suitable places. We encourage you to gather safely being mindful of COVID 19 regulations. Simply sign up a Rosary location at <u>www.</u> <u>coastalrosaryireland.ie</u> or text your location to (087) 278 6552.

<u>ALONE</u> 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.

Listry Meals on Wheels service are looking for volunteer drivers for 1.5 hours approx. every 3rd week at moment. If interested, please contact Cathriona at 087-9381063.

The Irish Catholic is available for sale in the church or parish office. **Signed Mass Cards** also available from the Parish Office.

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

<u>**Church Autumn Dues:**</u> Thank you to all who are financially contributing to our parish at this difficult time and to those who have handed in their Autumn dues. This provides a salary for the Parish Priest. Your continuing generosity is very much appreciated

Last weekend's collection - €930.00 Thank you for your generous and continuing support How can the Church present Christ when it is arrogant or intolerant rather than loving others as Christ loves us? We cannot exalt love by encouraging hate. Hence, let us try both to learn and to practice the virtue of Christian brotherly and sisterly love in our interfaith and ecumenical endeavours by: a) remaining true to our conscience and beliefs, b) respecting the differences we encounter, c) working together on projects of common interest, d) affirming what is good in the other person's position, even when we disagree on certain things, and e) allowing the light of Christ to shine through our loving words and deeds.

Upcoming Sacramental Celebrations <u>Confirmations:</u>

Listry Church for Faha P.S.

Wednes. Sept 29th 6pm

Confession for Confirmation children and their parents/guardians

Listry Church Tues Sept 28th 7.30pm – 8.30pm

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. Danny Broderick (087) 9061255

In an emergency always ring your own Priest first If he is unavailable, please ring the following: Monday: Fr. Danny Broderick (087) 9061255 Tuesday: Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155 Wednesday: Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155 Thursday: Fr. Danny Broderick (087) 9061255 Friday: Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638