



*St. Colman's Parish*  
*Second Sunday of Advent*  
*4<sup>th</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> December 2021*

**“Make ready the way of the Lord.”**

A blizzard hit the Kansas prairie. Two feet of snow drifted to five and six feet in places. The telephone rang in the doctor's home. The time had come for John Lang's wife to have her baby. But it was impossible for the doctor to get through those drifts. John Lang called his neighbours: Can you help the doc to get through? In no time, from all directions, came men and boys with ploughs and shovels. They laboured with all their might almost for two hours until finally the old doc was able to make it, just in time to deliver the Lang boy.

Today, to all of us comes a call from another Father, God the Father through His prophet Isaiah and repeated by Jesus' own cousin John the Baptist: “Make ready the way of the Lord.” But we are called, not to remove piles of snow, but piles of sin, neglect, thoughtlessness, the things that make it difficult and often impossible for the Divine Child to be reborn to our hearts and lives.

We need to prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus our Saviour to be reborn in us during this Christmas time. We have to fill in the “valleys” of our souls, formed from our shallow prayer life and a minimalist living out of our Faith. We have to straighten whatever crooked paths we've been walking.

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**Recent Death:** Please pray for **John Scannell**, Killarney/Coolroe, Listry

**Baptisms:** We welcome into our Christian community

**Amelia Wrenn**, Lissivane East

**Katie O' Connor**, Coolroe

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

### *Masses & Intentions*

Mon. Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Dec. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	<b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b><i>Vigil Mass</i></b> <b><i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i></b> <i>Brendan Clifford (Months Mind)</i> <i>Slievegaura, Ballymalis</i>
Wed. Dec. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	<b>11:15 a.m.</b>	<b><i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception</i></b> <i>Cyril Flynn, Rathpook</i>
Thurs Dec. 9 <sup>th</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Tom Joe &amp; Bridie Heffernan</i> <i>Knockavota</i>
Sat. Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Catherine &amp; Michael Spillane</i> <i>Culleeneymore</i>
Sun. Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Debbie &amp; Paddy Murphy</i> <i>&amp; their daughter Mary.</i> <i>Lyre</i>

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Listry Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Margaret Gallagher
Milltown Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Doherty Casey

### **Readers**

Listry Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Jim O' Shea
Milltown Sunday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christiane Spillane

## **Synodal Pathway - Our time to reflect, discuss and listen**

As part of our Diocese's participation in the 2023 Synod of Bishops, we will be offering opportunities for discussion and listening in the Spring. Before that happens, you are invited to visit [www.dioceseofkerry.ie/SynodQ/](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/SynodQ/) to learn more about the questions that Pope Francis is asking us to reflect on.

**Handel's Messiah:** will be presented in the Cathedral, Killarney, on Saturday 11th December, at 8.00pm It will feature Sharon Lyons, Leanne Fitzgerald, Conor Prendiville, and Rory Dunne as well as the Dublin Bach Singers and Marlborough Baroque. Tickets from Killarney Parish Office, (064) 6631014 or (087) 6077344.

**Oberammergau Passion Play 2022:** Pilgrimage to Oberammergau will take place from 7th - 13th August 2022. Direct flight from Dublin to Munich. Spiritual Director: Monsignor Dan O 'Riordan. Further details: Premier Travel, (021) 4277700 or [norardy@premiertravel.ie](mailto:norardy@premiertravel.ie)

**Siamsa Tíre:** A fabulous treat in the lead up to Christmas in the safe environment of our spacious auditorium, why not join us for the Ficino Ensemble at Siamsa Tíre on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 8pm. Booking at [www.siamatire.com](http://www.siamatire.com) or call 066-7123055. To avail of a 15% discount on adult price tickets quote - FicinoQ21 when booking.

**Christmas Mass Bouquet cards are available from the parish office**

### **Reminder**

Mass is broadcast on 106fm, and all Weekend Masses will be streamed online via [www.milltownlistryparish.com](http://www.milltownlistryparish.com) or [churchmediatv.ie](http://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.

### **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 is now open.

***Last weekend's collection - €650.00***  
***Thank you for your generous and continuing support***

## **Please continue to adhere to the following Covid19 Guidelines**

- 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.

### **Parish Draw**

It is that time of the year again and the wheels are in motion for our annual Parish Draw. This fundraiser is of vital importance for the financial health of the parish. Anyone running the cost of a household is aware of the cost of insurance, heating, and electricity etc. Our parish churches are no different.

It is hoped that all parishioners would support the draw and keep the parish in a relatively healthy financial state.

You are asked to please drop the cards and money into the parish office during opening hours, James Arthur's shop or into the collection basket at Mass. Draw cards are available to buy in the Sacristy after Mass.

The draw will take place in the Parish Office after Mass on Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your continuing support.

### **Parish envelope boxes**

The boxes of parish envelopes together with the Parish Draw cards will be distributed to your homes in the coming weeks. If you did not receive a box last year and would like to receive one for the coming year, please feel free to contact Fr. Danny or ring the parish office during opening hours. Parish finances depend solely on the contributions of parishioners.

### **Priest on Duty this Sunday:**

**Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638**

### **Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass**

**Tuesday December 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in Listry Church &  
Wednesday December 8<sup>th</sup> – 11:15am in Milltown  
Church**