



St. Colman's Parish
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
19th /20th February 2022

Two presidents and a truck driver

When President Gerald Ford granted former President Richard Nixon “a free, full and absolute pardon” for his participation and perjury in the “Watergate” scandal, many considered Ford’s decision to be an act of weakness. In 1977, when President Jimmy Carter offered amnesty to those who, during the Vietnamese War, had avoided being conscripted, he was criticized for not enforcing the law. Both men, one a Republican, the other a Democrat, “took the heat”, as it were, because neither was motivated by partisan politics or the pressure of public opinion. Each had chosen to go beyond the limits of strict justice in order to exercise a mercy that was dictated, not by law, but by a conscience formed on Gospel principles. During the race riots in Los Angeles, in the aftermath of the Rodney King incident, a truck driver named Reginald Denny was pulled from his vehicle and severely beaten with a brick. When the case went to trial in 1993, Denny stunned the courtroom with his offer of forgiveness to those who had almost killed him. Later Denny said that only by forgiving the perpetrators of the crime against him had he been able to put the event behind him and move on.

This week’s Gospel written by Luke, gives us Jesus’ revolutionary moral teaching about correct choices in our human relationships, placing special emphasis on the Golden Rule, “*Do to others as you would have them do to you.*” This Golden Rule, is amplified by a string of commands: “*Love your enemies...Do good to those who hate you; bless those who curse you and pray for those who maltreat you.*” For Jesus, love is a fundamental attitude that seeks another’s good. Jesus orders us to love our enemies and to be merciful as God our Father is merciful. Jesus challenges us to do for others what God does for us. “*Be compassionate, as your Father is compassionate.*” He concludes by instructing us to stop judging and start forgiving.

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Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community:
Sophie & Grace Allman, Faha, Killarney

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Feb. 21 st			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Feb. 22 nd	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wednes. Feb. 23 rd	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs Feb. 24 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Feb. 25 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Mary Esther Daly (Months Mind) Knockavota</i>
	Milltown	7:30p.m.	<i>Padraig Clifford (Months Mind) Tuairín Lin/Callinafercy</i>
Sat. Feb. 26 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	
Sun. Feb. 27 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Dan McCarthy Bridge Street</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Feb. 26th Marie Donnelly
Milltown Sunday Feb. 27th Mary O' Shea

Readers

Listry Saturday Feb. 26th Jim O' Shea
Milltown Sunday Feb. 27th Christiane Spillane

Readings can be collected in advance from the Sacristy after any Mass.

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.

Lenten Workshop for Parish Music Ministers: The Diocese will host an online Lenten workshop for parish choirs, musicians, cantors and music directors on Tuesday, February 22nd at 7:30pm. The workshop will provide an opportunity to learn new music. The presenters for the workshop will be Ailish Walsh, Tomás Kenny and Derek Mahady. Tomás and Ailish are members of the Diocesan Liturgy Committee, Derek Mahady directed the music programme for the World Meeting of Families in 2018 and is delighted to be joining us for the workshop. To register, contact Tomás Kenny on (086) 3683778 or email tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie for more information.

Medjugorje Pilgrimages 2022

Please contact Tom Dennehy, Kiskeam, Co Cork for all the information on these trips on (087) 6468658

May 25th – Depart from Cork to Monstar

June 22nd – Depart Aer Lingus Flight from Cork to Dubrovnik

Sept. 14th – Depart from Shannon to Monstar

Cost €775.00 per person

Fr. Danny Broderick will be the Spiritual Director on the June trip to Medjugorje.

MS South Kerry are having their AGM Zoom meeting on Saturday February 26th at 12noon. Please contact Joan Crowley (087) 7609890, Sheila Teahan (087) 9789771, Jillian OSullivan (086) 3846359 for details. All welcome.

Samaritans Kerry: wish to thank the parishioners for their continued support of their Christmas collection which is greatly appreciated. The amount collected in Milltown €565.71.

Covid 19 update

- We will continue to sanitise our churches daily
- Please continue to wear a mask whilst in the church
- Please continue to sanitise your hands on entering and leaving the church.

Last weekend's collection - €960.00

Thank you for your generous and continuing support

ARDFERT RETREAT CENTRE

As a result of Covid-19 it was not possible to run any retreat or residential programmes in the Ardfert Retreat Centre. In August 2020 and following a request from Talbot Grove (now The Grove), Castleisland, a lease was entered into with them for the use of Ardfert Retreat Centre for an initial term of one year.

The Grove has now approached the Diocese about acquiring Ardfert Retreat Centre. Following negotiations, the Diocese wishes to advise that it is proposed to sell the Ardfert Retreat Centre to the Grove. The Diocese has had a long association with Talbot Grove and their mission is compatible with the spirit of the Gospel.

After many years great service, Sr. Elizabeth has retired as director of Ardfert Retreat Centre, and we wish to thank her and indeed her predecessors for their work in the Centre. We also wish to thank the various members of staff, volunteers and the contact people for their work and dedication down the years. Lastly, we thank the people of the Diocese and especially the people of Ardfert for their support of Ardfert Retreat Centre since it opened its doors in 1981. We would ask you to join with us in wishing all in The Grove every success as a new chapter opens in the life of Ardfert Retreat Centre.

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Ash Wednesday- March 2nd

Blessing with ashes will take place at the following Masses:

8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. - Milltown Church

6:00 p.m.

- Listry Church

Ashes will also be available after each Mass to bring home and in Milltown Church throughout the day. **For home:** Place your thumb in the Ashes and make a sign of the cross on the forehead of the person and say, "Repent and Believe the Gospel".

The person can respond with "Amen."

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Sunday:

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