

SECOND SUNDAY
OF LENT
"WATCH AND LISTEN"

St. Colman's Parish
Second Sunday of Lent
12th /13th March 2022

A Pastoral Message for Lent 2022.

A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit with in me. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me.

A meaningful Lent

I think of two image to describe Lent: just as the harsh Winter weather kills off old vegetation and cleans up the soil for seeds to be planted and green shoots to spring up; just as between now and Easter nature will come alive again, - so too in Lent we work on ourselves that we may be at our Christian best as family members, neighbours, colleagues and citizens in the years ahead.

The 2022 season of sport lies ahead. These first months for athletes and team members involve the discipline of training, - to sharpen skills, to attain fitness and to develop teamwork. The discipline is needed if there is to be the joy of participation. We have the discipline of Lent that we might be at our best, in gratitude to God and in appreciation of the blessings of family, community and country.

As parish communities this Lent we put a focus on inviting all to return to participation in the fullness of parish life. Gradually, carefully all activities can resume. It will do us good to be together again.

A wish I have is that in our churches choirs will come back strong. They give life and joy to our worship. Also, may the Sign of Peace return, not yet as a handshake but as a smile, a bow, or a hand gesture of recognition and fellowship.

I suggest some simple things for this Lent: Check that you are happy with the time you give:

- to daily prayer and Sunday Eucharist
- to keeping your faith fresh and strong
- to participation in parish activities,
- to being involved in some voluntary service to others
- God Our Father asks us to have a special care for those who are poor or in some other need. Also, remember the Trocaire Lenten campaign.

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Recent Death: Please pray for **Donie O' Connor**, Coolbane, Killorglin

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. March 14 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. March 15 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>
Wedne March 16 th	Milltown Listry	10:00 a.m. 6:00p.m.	<i>Vigil Mass</i>
Thurs March 17 th	Milltown	11:15a.m.	<i>St Patricks Day</i>
Fri. March 18 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Sheila Roche Gortloughera, Killorglin</i>
Sat. March 19 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>James (Jamie) Doyle- 2nd Anniv. Culleeneymore, Beaufort</i>
Sun. March 20 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Brendan Quirke, Farran</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday March 19th Marie Donnelly
Milltown Sunday March 20th Sheila O' Sullivan

Readers

Listry Saturday March 19th Anthony Clifford
Milltown Sunday March 20th Geraldine Galvin

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.

A Synod of Bishops will take place in Rome in October 2023. In preparation for the Synod, Pope Francis invites every member of the Church to discuss locally what it means to belong to the Church and how we can play our part in the life of the Church. This feedback will help Pope Francis when he gathers with the Bishops in Rome.

A Listening Session for the Killorglin Pastoral Area will take place on Wednesday March 23rd, 2022 in the Tom O' Donnell Centre (Day Care Centre) Market Street, Killorglin, at 8:00p.m.

Every person is invited to come along and give voice to their views. Each person's opinion is valuable.

Trócaire: is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church of Ireland. Your donations this Lent will work hard in over 20 countries to help people build lasting, sustainable futures despite the odds they face. Thank you for the hope you bring. A better tomorrow belongs to us all. Contract Tel. No. (01)6293333, email donorservices@trocaire.org.

Stations of the Cross for Lent

Listry Church: Every Tuesday evening at 6:45 p.m.

Milltown Church: Every Friday evening at 6:45 p.m.

Confirmation Ceremony – Wednesday March 30th

Milltown Church for children of Nagle Rice P.S. – 11:00 a.m.

Listry Church for children of Faha P.S. – 3.30 p.m.

St. Patricks Day Parade: takes place on Thursday 17th March. All groups to assemble at the Mart, Milltown at 9:30 a.m.

Castlemaine Tuesday Group: Castlemaine Community Centre invites you to their Tuesday group for Senior Citizens. From 12.30pm -3.30pm. Dinner, Music, Bingo, Exercise and a get together. Bus will collect from Castlemaine, Firies, Keel and Milltown. Contact Eileen (087) 6230254 or Dan (087) 9260988.

***Last weekend's collection - €765
Thank you for your generous and continuing support***

**Killorglin Pastoral Area
Priest on Duty this Sunday:
Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155**

A Christian Sunday

Sunday is special for every Christian community: 1) the first day of creation Gen1:1-5, 2) the Day of Christ's Resurrection, and 3) the Day of the Coming of the Holy Spirit. This Lent can we reflect on how we live Sunday as Christian communities? For you and your loved ones is there in your Sunday:

- a place for quiet prayerful reflection to count our blessings and renew your trust in God
- a place for gathering to celebrate Mass in response to his invitation "do this in memory of me"
- a place for a day of rest away from the busyness and pressures of the everyday.

Sunday is also a day for people, for family, neighbours and friends. Have you a pattern of regular good contact with others? Has Covid taught us that people are the true treasure in our lives? It is all too easy in today's world to not have time for the people around us every day.

The Sunday Gospels of Lent

This year our Lenten Sunday Gospels are from St Luke. The second Sunday of Lent, the Gospel is that of the Transfiguration and focuses on the incredible mystery that in Jesus, God has come among us, "*This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.*".

The fourth Sunday of Lent, the Gospel is that of the Prodigal Son, - God's mercy is there for everyone," *this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found*". To return to God is to be forgiven and to realise that God the Father never stopped loving you, your place in God's family is assured.

The Synodal Pathway

Since last Autumn throughout Ireland there has been much talk of a "Synodal Pathway for Ireland" and of a "Synod of Bishops in Rome in October 2023". Because of Covid very little has been possible until now. Activities will be happening in our parishes and pastoral areas during Lent. The Church is a family. Vital to every family is that the voices of all family members are heard. How can the Church be open to hearing many more voices, not just 'once off' but in an ongoing way as a pilgrim people journeying together to God? Journeying together, all voices encouraged, all voices matter. Together listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit in the Scriptures and in our celebration of the Eucharist. Pope Francis asks that this be the way of the Church worldwide. To know more about the "Synodal Pathway" see our diocesan website (google, 'diocese of Kerry synodal pathway'), and the National Website of the Synod (www.synod.ie).

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to all people on earth.
Lord make us an instrument of your peace.**

+ Ray Browne
Diocese of Kerry