

St. Colman's Parish Third Sunday of Lent 19th /20th March 2022

Joy of being forgiven:

In his memoirs, Mahatma Gandhi, the father of the Indian nation, humbly and frankly acknowledges that, when he was fifteen, he stole a little piece of gold from his brother. A few days later, he felt very guilty and decided to come clean by confessing to his father. So, he took a paper, wrote down his fault, sincerely asked his father for forgiveness and promised never to repeat the offence. Taking that note to the bedroom of his father, the young Gandhi found him ill in bed. Very timidly he handed the note to his father without saying a word. His father sat up in bed and began reading the note. As he read it, the senior Gandhi was so deeply moved by the honesty, sincerity, and courage of his son that tears began to stream from his eyes. This so touched the son that he burst into tears as well. Instinctively both father and son wrapped their arms around each other and wordlessly shared their mutual admiration and joy. This notable experience made such an impact on Gandhi that years later he would say, "Only the person who has experienced this kind of forgiving love can know what it is." — This precisely is what happened when the repentant prodigal son returned home. Such is God's merciful forgiveness and benevolent love for all who resolutely turn over a new leaf, especially during this Lenten season.

We need to make the best use of the "second chances" God gives us.

Our merciful Father always gives us a second chance. The prodigal son, returning to the father, was welcomed as a son, not treated as a slave. The repentant Peter was made the head of the Church. The persecutor Saul was made Paul, the apostle to the Gentiles. During Lent, we, too, are given another chance to repent and return to our Heavenly Father's love. We are also expected to give others another chance when they ask our forgiveness. God would like to use each one of us as the "gardener" in the parable to help Him cultivate our families and communities and enrich them with grace. Let us thank God for using others to help us bear fruit. *Grace is everywhere*. Let us always cooperate with grace, especially during Lent.

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Recent Death: Please pray for Leonard Griffin, Castlemaine Rd

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. March 21st			No Mass
Tues. March 22 nd	Listry	7:00 p.m.	Enrolment Ceremony For First Holy Communion Children of Faha School
Wedne March 23 rd	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Thurs March 24 th	Milltown	11:15a.m.	
Fri. March 25 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. March 26 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Jackie Mannix and all deceased members of the Mannix family Keel, Faha
Sun. March 27 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Noel O' Mahony – 1 st Anniversary Kilderry

Eucharistic Ministers				
Listry Saturday March 26 th	Margaret Gallagher			
Milltown Sunday March 27 th	Dorothy Casey			
Readers				
Listry Saturday March 26th	Sinead O' Donnell			
Milltown Sunday March 27 th	Rosemarie Healy			

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.

Second Collection: will be taken up at all Masses 26th /27th March - Ukraine Collection

<u>Trócaire</u>: 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 <u>donorservices@trocaire.org</u>.

<u>The Legion of Mary</u>: are organising the Annual Consecration to Our Lady on Sunday 27th March at 3 p.m. in St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney. Everyone is very welcome to come and join them and consecrate themselves to the Mother of God. The ceremony will include the Rosary, consecration, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. The ceremony will be on webcam for those who cannot travel to Killarney.

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.

<u>Census 2022:</u> Census Enumerators will be calling to every household over the coming weeks delivering and collecting Census forms. Each Enumerator will carry Identification documents, will wear a high visibility jacket with Census Enumerator written on the back of it. There is no reason for any Enumerator to enter any person's house.

Fundraiser For Ukraine: A fundraising Concert hosted by the Moriarty School of Music & Dance in aid of Ukraine will take place on Sat 2nd April in the Killarney Avenue Hotel commencing at 8pm. Fear an Tí for the night will be none other than the legendary Seán Ó Sé. Performers include Patrick O'Sullivan, his son Conor, Elle Marie O 'Dwyer, Alan Finn and friends, Conor Moriarty and the Kilcummin Set and Irish Dancers. Tickets are €20 per head & are on sale at the Killarney Avenue Hotel and from John at the Rural Dev. Office. Raffle on the night. All proceeds will go to Trócaire for their Ukrainian fund.

<u>Castlemaine Tuesday Group:</u> Tuesday group for Senior Citizens. From 12.30pm -3.30pm. Bus will collect from Castlemaine, Firies, Keel and Milltown. Contact Eileen (087) 6230254 or Dan (087) 9260988.

<u>Parish Office</u> will be closed Thursday morning March 24th for meeting and will open in the afternoon 2pm-5pm.

Last weekend's collection - €570.00

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and continuing support

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.

A prayer for Ukraine

Loving God,
we pray for the people of Ukraine,
for all those suffering or afraid,
that you will be close to them and protect them.

We pray for world leaders, for compassion, strength, and wisdom to guide their choices.

We pray for the world. that in this moment of crisis, we may reach out in solidarity to our brothers and sisters in need.

May we walk in your ways so that peace and justice become a reality for the people of Ukraine and for all the world.

Amen.

Our Lady, Queen of Peace, pray for us! Our Lady of Kyiv, pray for us!

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