



St. Colman's Parish

Fourth Sunday of Lent

26th /27th March 2022

A Father's Forgiveness

In his book, *What's So Amazing About Grace*, Phillip Yancey tells the story of Ernest Hemingway. Hemingway grew up in a very devout evangelical family, yet there he never experienced the grace of Christ. He lived a libertine life that most of us would call "dissolute"... but there was no father, no parent waiting for him, and he sank into the mire of a graceless depression. In Ernest Hemingway's short story "*Capital of the World*," a Spanish Newspaper *El Liberal*, carried a poignant story about a father and his son. It went like this. A teen-aged boy, Paco, and his very wealthy father had a falling out, and the young man ran away from home. The father was crushed. After a few days, he realized that the boy was serious, so the father set out to find him. He searched high and low for five months to no avail. Finally, in a last, desperate attempt to find his son, the father put an ad in a Madrid newspaper. The ad read, "*Dear Paco, Meet me at the Hotel Montana noon Tuesday. All is forgiven. I love you. Signed, Your Father.*" On Tuesday, in the office of Hotel Montana, over 800 Pacos showed up, looking for love and forgiveness from their fathers. — What a magnet that ad was! Over 800 Pacos!! We all hunger for pardon. We are all "Pacos" yearning to run and find a father who will declare, "All is forgiven."

The significance of the parable: The *parable of the prodigal son* is called "*the greatest short story in the world*" (Charles Dickens), "*the gospel of the gospels*", "*the gospel of the outcasts*," and the "*parable of the prodigal father*" (because the father is generous, excessive and extravagant with his love and because the Father's prodigal love finds its completion in Jesus Christ).

The story of the prodigal son asks each of us an important question: "Will you accept the Father's forgiveness and partake of the banquet, or will you remain outside?"

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Recent Death: Please pray for **Helen McFarland nee Quirke**,
 Boston/formally of Farranmanagh

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every
 Wednesday in Milltown Church from 5:00p.m. -8:00p.m.**

Masses & Intentions

Mon. March 28 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. March 29 th	Listry		<i>No evening Mass in Listry</i>
Wedne March 30 th	Milltown Listry	11:00 a.m. 3.30 p.m.	<i>No morning Mass in Milltown Confirmation Ceremony</i>
Thurs March 31 st			
Fri. April 1 st	Milltown	7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.	<i>Michael & Eileen Flynn, Rathpook Thomas O' Connor, Chapel Road</i>
Sat. April 2 nd	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Noel O' Donoghue, Rockfield</i>
Sun. April 3 rd	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>John Burke, Rathpook</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday April 2nd Eamon Donnelly
Milltown Sunday April 3rd Anna Clifford

Readers

Listry Saturday April 2nd Michael F. O' Connor
Milltown Sunday April 3rd Family Readers

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.

First Friday Communion Calls: will take place on Friday April 1st. If you have a family member or neighbour who wishes to receive Holy Communion each month in their home, please contact Fr. Danny, (087) 9061255 Rev. Conor (087) 3664057 or the parish office (066) 97 67312.

First Friday Confessions are available after 7:00p.m. Mass in Milltown Church on Friday April 1st.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: takes place in the Nagle Rice Community Hall on Sunday April 3rd from 8-9.30pm. Bishop Ray Browne will be present at the meeting. Everyone is most welcome.

Accord, Marriage Care Service: Accord is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes. Application forms are available by contacting marriagepreparation@accord.ie Selections will take place in June of this year with training commencing in September. This year Accord is celebrating 60 years supporting couples and families. Please contact us for any support you may need www.accord.ie

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. Contact Tel. No. (01)6293333, email donorservices@trocaire.org.

The Legion of Mary 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. The ceremony will be on webcam for those who cannot travel to Killarney.

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. 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.

County Clean Up Day.

This year County Clean Up Day is being held on Saturday April 2nd, 2022. The Listry Tidy up group are asking the people of the Parish to get involved in given the place a good clean up. Bags will be available at the community centre and the litter collected can be left in the car park. So, Please Everybody Get Out and Do Your Bit for Your Community.

The Power of Forgiveness

*There is nothing quite like
the power of forgiveness
Nothing is so freeing
as letting go of bitterness.*

*There is nothing quite like,
Forgiving and forgetting
Undoing the damage done
Without doubt of regretting.*

*There is nothing quite like,
A heart willing to believe
The words – I am sorry
So, peace it can receive.*

*There is nothing quite like,
mending hurt feelings
Resolving lifelong issues
to bring inner healing.*

*There is nothing quite like,
the attitude of humility
Letting go and letting God
turn discord into tranquillity.*

*There is nothing quite like,
the power of God's grace
the pure joy of release
when forgiveness we embrace*

***Last weekend's collection - €925.00
Special Collection – Emigrant Services €170.00
Thank you for your generous
and continuing support***

**Priest on Duty this Sunday:
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