



*St. Colman's Parish*  
*3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
*10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

**'Waiting in Joyful Hope'**

The first words that Mary hears when she is told that she is going to be the mother of Jesus are, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured.' Mary is to be filled with joy because God has called her by her name and her son will be the long-awaited Messiah. When she goes to see Elizabeth her cousin, she breaks into song, singing out loudly, 'My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my savour'. Mary does not keep her good news or her joy to herself, she freely shares them with Elizabeth and the whole world. When the angels appeared to the shepherds they heard this life-giving message, 'Do not be afraid, I bring you news of great joy.' The good news of Jesus' birth is meant not only for the shepherds, it continues to be good news for each of us today.

Up until recently we prayed these words after the Our Father, 'as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Although no longer used, this is still central message of Advent. We are called to wait for the birth of Jesus, and we are to wait in hope joyfully. As we wait, we are not to be afraid, anxious, or worried; we are to wait in joyful hope. Why? Because, as the opening antiphon tells us, 'The Lord is very near.'

Like Mary who shared her joy with Elizabeth, today each of us is asked to be a person of joy and we are asked to share our joy with others. There are many people, some of whom we may even know, who have little reason to be joyful at this time of the year. As Mary did with Elizabeth, may we follow her example and share our joy with all those whom we meet during these last few days and weeks of Advent. May we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday in Milltown Church from 5:00p.m. -7:00p.m.**

*Masses & Intentions*

**Recent Death:** Please pray for: **Denis Scully**, Nauntenane  
**Eileen Halpin**, mother of Richard Halpin, 44 Ballyoughtragh Heights who passed away in Ashborough Lodge. Originally from Listowel.

Mon. Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>			
Fri. Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>James &amp; Bessie Murphy Main Street</i>
Sat. Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>David Sheehy Rockfield</i>
Sun. Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Timothy (Tim) Galvin Cloonmore</i>

**Eucharistic Ministers**

**Listry Saturday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>** Margaret Gallagher  
**Milltown Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** Deirdre Corkery

**Readers**

**Listry Saturday Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>** Jim O' Shea  
**Milltown Sunday Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>** Joe Tyther

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.

**Trocaire:** If you want to make the world a better place this Christmas and give a gift that shows how much you care then please give a Trocaire Gift of Love. Together, we can help improve lives, support communities escape poverty and look forward to a brighter, better future.

Gifts start from as little as €5 for a six-month supply of soap for families in countries like South Sudan. Gifts available in the Parish Office, Castlemaine and in The Friary Bookshop, Killarney.

**Anam Cara Kerry:** the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 13th December at 7:15pm in the Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee. This event is free and open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether their death was recent or not. We also offer an online support group, and you can get further information on this by contacting us in [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie)

**St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Church:** gate collection will take place his weekend 10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Milltown Christmas Market:** takes place at the Old Community Hall, Milltown on Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> December from 11:00 a.m. to 4:30p.m. Lots of local crafts, decorations & confectionary. The Scouts will be selling hot chocolate. Please support your community.

### **Parish Draw Cards and Parish Boxes**

The boxes of parish envelopes together with the Parish Draw cards have been distributed to your homes in the last few 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.

### **Parish Draw**

The draw takes place on Monday night, December 17<sup>th</sup> during Bingo. If you have not had the chance to support the draw, tickets are available in Murphy's Foodstore and The Parish Office. This is the one fundraiser that is run by the parish and the proceeds are important to offset the parish expenses (heating, lighting, insurance etc.) so your support is greatly appreciated.

**Christmas Dues** Please return your Christmas envelopes in the collection box. Your support is deeply appreciated throughout the entire year.

## Penitential Services

**Monday December 19<sup>th</sup>**

Sacred Heart Church Milltown 7:00 p.m.

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**

Church of the Immaculate Conception Listry 7:20 p.m.

## Christmas Masses

**Christmas Eve**

Church of the Immaculate Conception, Listry 6:00 p.m.

Sacred Heart Church Milltown 10:00 p.m.

**Christmas Day:**

The Immaculate Conception Church, Listry 8:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church Milltown 9:30 a.m.

***Weekend's collection - €1,110.00  
Special Collection –Diocesan Youth  
Service - €255.00  
Thank you for your generous support***

The offertory collection is currently not being taken up during Mass. There are boxes at the front and side entrance of the Milltown church and front entrance in Listry church for your contributions which are greatly appreciated.

**Killorglin Pastoral Area  
Priest on Duty this Sunday:**

**Fr. Danny Broderick (087) 9061255**

*In an emergency always ring your own Priest first*

*If he is unavailable, please ring the following:*

**Monday:** Fr. Danny Broderick (087) 9061255

**Tuesday:** Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (066) 9768209; (087) 2432155

**Wednesday:** Fr. Fergal Ryan (087) 2408540

**Thursday:** Fr. Danny Broderick (087) 9061255

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

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