



*St. Colman's Parish*  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent*  
*17<sup>th</sup> /18<sup>th</sup> December 2022*

## **Christmas Expectations**

As Christmas approaches,  
people's hopes soar.

However,  
the substance of these hopes is often  
dictated by commercial interests.

Little wonder, then,  
that when the sun goes down on Christmas Day,  
many feel disappointed.

Those who pin their hopes  
on what the merchants promise  
will always be disappointed,  
not because they promise too little,  
but too much – of the wrong thing.

When our hearts long for the taste  
of what the angels announced to the shepherds:

**'Behold, I bring news of great joy;  
today a Saviour has been born to you.'**

This joy is the real hope of Christmas.  
Let us open our hearts to receive it.

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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 Deaths: Please pray for:**

**John Barrett**, Upper Camp, formally Ardmalode

**Jason O' Connor**, An Tuairin Lin

**Baptism:** We welcome into our Christian community

**Ryan Flynn**, Brackhill

Mon. Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
Tues. Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation after Mass</i>
Wed. Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>			
Fri. Dec. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Listry</b> <b>Milltown</b>	<b>6:00 p.m.</b> <b>10:00 p.m.</b>	<i>Christmas Eve (live on Radio Kerry)</i>
Sun. Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Listry</b> <b>Milltown</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b> <b>9:30 a.m.</b>	<i>Christmas Day</i>

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

**Listry Saturday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** Eamon Donnelly  
**Milltown Saturday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** Sheila O' Sullivan  
**Listry Sunday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** Marie Donnelly  
**Milltown Sunday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** Dorothy Casey

### **Readers**

**Listry Saturday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** Tom O' Sullivan  
**Milltown Saturday Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>** Linus Burke  
**Listry Sunday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** Anthony Clifford  
**Milltown Sunday Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>** Geraldine Galvin

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.

**Samaritans Annual Christmas Collection:** will take place in all parishes on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Anyone unable to attend church services who wishes to donate, can on [www.idonate.ie/kerrySamaritans](http://www.idonate.ie/kerrySamaritans) or [www.samaritans.ie/kerry](http://www.samaritans.ie/kerry)

**Recovery Haven:** Are you supporting a loved one with cancer? We now taking names for our latest online course, 'Building Better Caregivers' due to begin in January which will offer valuable support and practical advice to those supporting a loved one through cancer treatment. The free course is given over two and half hours, one day a week, for six weeks and will cover topics such as communication skills; staying well and getting a good night's sleep; tools for managing fatigue; dealing with challenging emotions and behaviour and getting help and action planning. For more information, please ring Reception at Recovery Haven on (066) 7192122

**Listry GAA Club:** are having a Fun Table Quiz in Faha Court on Friday December 30th at 8pm. Tables of 4 for 40 euro. Spots would be appreciated. All welcome.

**The annual 31 card drive:** in Faha Court will take place on Sunday January 8th at 5pm in aid of Kerry Cork Cancer bus. 5 single hand. Entry fee 10 euro. All proceeds to the Cancer bus. Spots would be appreciated. Enquiries to Anthony (087) 2215059.

***Weekend's collection - €290.00***  
***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.

**The Parish Office will close on Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup> and will re-open on Thursday January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023.**

**Christmas Eve Mass:** The 6:00pm Mass in Listry church on Christmas Eve is going out live on Radio Kerry. We ask anyone attending this Mass to please be in the church no later than 5:45pm

### **Parish Draw**

The parish draw takes place on Monday night, December 19<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 Day Collection**

The Christmas Offering collection for parish clergy will be taken up at all Masses in the Parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please return your Christmas envelopes in this collection. Your support is deeply appreciated throughout the entire year.

### **Advent Prayer**

*God of hope,  
who brought love into this world,  
be the love that dwells between us.*

*God of hope,  
who brought peace into this world,  
be the peace that dwells between us.*

*God of hope,  
who brought joy into this world,  
be the joy that dwells between us.*

*God of hope,  
the rock we stand upon,  
be the centre, the focus of our lives  
always,  
and particularly at this Advent time.*

*Amen*

**Priest on Duty this Sunday:**  
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