

St. Colman's Parish The Baptism of our Lord 7th /8th January 2023

Because you never know what's going to happen next!

A survey was made among school children asking the question why they enjoyed reading Harry Potter novels and watching Harry Potter movies. The most common answer was, "Because you never know what's going to happen next!" The same element of suspense and discovery marked the journey of the Magi, who never knew what road the Spirit was going to take them down next. Half a billion people all around the world watched with suspense and were thrilled when men, three astronauts in Apollo 8, landed for the first time on the moon (July 20th, 1969). When pilots Dick Rutan and Jeana Yeager made their historic flight in 1986 with their spindly Voyager aircraft, the whole world followed it with excitement. For nine days a sky-watch was kept tracking the first non-stop global flight without refueling. The same elements of suspense and discovery were there when Marco Polo journeyed to India and China, when Christopher Columbus travelled to America, and when Admiral Byrd went to the South Pole. Such adventurers have always aroused our admiration and curiosity. —

The magi-astrologers described in our scriptures had to be a little crazy leaving the security of their homeland to venture forth into a strange country presided over by a mad king like Herod, in search of a Divine Child. But their great Faith, curiosity, and adventurous spirit enabled them to discover the secret of the whole universe – the secret of God's incredible love for His people – because the Child they found was no ordinary child, but the very Son of God become man. We are invited to have the curiosity of the school students and the Faith and adventurous spirit of the magi so that we may experience the "epiphany" of our God in everyone and every event, everywhere.

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Safeguarding Children: Contact No (087) 6362780

Recent Death: Please pray for: Bernard Supple, Knockreigh

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community: **Harry & Hugo Cronin**, Castlemaine Road

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday in Milltown Church from 6:00p.m. -7:00p.m.

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Jan. 9 th	Milltown		No Mass
Tues. Jan. 10 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word
Wed. Jan. 11 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word
Thurs Jan. 12 th			
Fri. Jan. 13 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Nora Maher, Main Street
Sat. Jan. 14 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Teresa Clifford – 1 st Anniversary Rosnacarton
Sun. Jan. 15 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Joe Kneafsey Killarney Road

Eucharistic Ministers				
Listry Saturday Jan. 14 th	Marie Donnelly			
Milltown Sunday Jan. 15 th	Betty Moriarty			
Readers				
Listry Saturday Jan. 14 th	Michael F. O' Connor			
Milltown Sunday Jan. 15 th	Ann Jennings			

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.

Flower Arranger: Margot Lawlor – January 7th - January 20th

Diocesan Mission 2023

The online Mission, Growing in Love, will take place from Sunday Jan 22nd – Wednesday 25th. Each day, you are invited to join in the Mission talk, Prayer, Mass, Reflection, Prayer Petition and Family Time. Speakers include Dr Patricia Kieran, Fr Hugh Lagan, Fr Michael Conway, and Tríona Doherty. To participate in the Mission, register through the diocesan website, www.dioceseofkerry.ie

Diocesan Pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2023: Lisbon, Portugal Next July, the diocese will travel with 22 young adults to Lisbon, Portugal to take part in the biggest gathering of young people from all over the world. Travel out on Mon. July 31st and return on Tues. Aug. 8th, 2023. All young people between the ages of 18 and 35 are invited to join us. For more details, please contact Tomás Kenny on 086 3683778 or email Tomás on tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie

Anam Cara Kerry: the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 10th January at 7:15pm in the Meadowlands Hotel, Tralee Co. Kerry. 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

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). If you or someone you know needs support, please call our National Support and Referral Line on 0818 222 024 from 8am – 8pm, seven days a week. ALONE operates 365 days a year so we will be there to take your call when you need us.

Alhomecare: Affordable Live-in Homecare: provides live-in carers for the elderly in your area. If you are looking for a live-in carer for your relative, please call Eileen or Tom today on (087) 991 6791 or (087) 744 0729. Visit the website www.alhomecare.ie

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.

Prayer for the New Year

Lord in this New Year which we have begun may we have Enough happiness to keep us agreeable Enough trials to keep us strong Enough freedom to keep us happy Enough failure to keep us humble Enough success to keep us eager Enough wealth to meet our needs Enough faith to banish depression Enough hope to look forward Enough love to give us comfort and

Enough determination to keep us going Amen

Christmas collection - €2,530.00 Last weekend's collection - €1,050.00 Special collection last weekend-Needs of the Holy Land - €260.00 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. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155

In an emergency always ring your own Priest first If he is unavailable, please ring the following:

Monday: Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155 **Tuesday:** Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155 Wednesday: Fr. Fergal Ryan (087) 2408540 Thursday: Fr. Danny Broderick (087) 9061255

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