



St. Colman's Parish
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
28th /29th January 2023

Beatitude of a scholar kitty

C. L. James in his delightful book, *'To See a World in a Grain of Sand'*, tells the fable of a wise old cat who notices a kitten chasing its tail. "Why are you chasing your tail?" said the wise old cat. The kitten replied, "I have learned that the best thing for a cat is happiness, and happiness is my tail. Therefore, I am chasing it, and when I catch it, I shall have happiness." The wise old cat responded, "My son, I, too, have paid attention to the problems of the universe. I too have judged that happiness is my tail. But, I noticed that whenever I chase after it, it keeps running away from me, but when I go about my business, it just seems to come after me wherever I go." — We do not find happiness in material things, in a pill, in a bottle, or by having love affairs. Happiness is something that comes from within us. The only truly happy life is a life lived with God as our life's Source and our true centre. This week's Gospel reading asserts that those who have recognised and acknowledged their dependence on God are the truly blessed and that these are the poor in spirit, the sorrowing, the lowly, those who hunger and thirst for holiness, the merciful, the single-hearted, the peace-makers and those persecuted for their right convictions.

We need to respond to the challenge of the Beatitudes in our daily lives. The Beatitudes propose to us a way of life, inviting us to identify with the poor, those who mourn, the meek, and those who hunger and thirst after justice. They challenge us to be compassionate people, to be men and women who are pure in heart, and to become the peacemakers in our dealings with one another, in our families, and in the society at large, even when this approach to things exposes us to ridicule and persecution. Let us remember that each time we reach out to help the needy, the sick, and the oppressed, we share with them a foretaste of the promises of the Beatitudes here and now.

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Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian community
Sofia Anne Spring, Ballincollig &
Fiadh Michelle Groves, Furies

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Jan. 30 th	Milltown		<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Jan. 31 st	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Mary Doyle Culleeney More</i>
Wed. Feb. 1 st	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>St Brigid's Day</i>
Thurs Feb. 2 nd			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Feb. 3 rd	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>The Lucey & Hanafin Families Ballyvirrane</i>
Sat. Feb. 4 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Dan O' Callaghan Lahard</i>
Sun. Feb. 5 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>BobDan & Lizzie McKenna The Cliff, Callinafercy</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Feb. 4th Margaret Gallagher
Milltown Sunday Feb. 5th Mary O' Shea

Readers

Listry Saturday Feb. 4th Anthony Clifford
Milltown Sunday Feb. 5th Majella O' Sullivan

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: Mary Aspell February 4th – February 17th

Second Collection: will be taken up at Masses w/e 4th /5th February.
- Lourdes Helpers

The Lourdes sanctuaries are still recovering from the pandemic with regulations for the sick still quite strict. The Pilgrimage has changed in many ways over the past 50 years, but the main purpose is still the same, to take the sick to Lourdes and for this, they need helpers. Many are students and thus require help to finance the trip. This collection goes towards that effort. The fund also helps assisted pilgrims who may not be able to afford to pay the full fare and would like to go to Lourdes. This year the Pilgrimage is for 5 nights from September 1st from Kerry Airport.

First Friday Communion Calls: will take place on Friday February 3rd. 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 / office (066) 97 67312.

First Friday Confessions are available after 7:00p.m. Mass in Milltown Church on Friday February 3rd.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on Sunday February 5th from 8-9.30pm. All most welcome. Guest Speaker Lora Beth Molloy.

The Communal First Saturday devotions: will take place on the 4th Feb. at 8.45 am in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney. Devotions will begin with the Fatima intentions followed by the Rosary and the celebration of Mass at 9.30am. All will be done with the intention of saving souls and making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, thus fulfilling Our Lady's request to pray for peace.

Totus Tuus Eucharistic Conference 2023 is live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm on Sat. Feb. 4th. Speakers include Fr. Columba, Mary Toman op, Fr. Patrick Cahill O.J.S.S, Fr. Patrick Lagan (Derry Diocese), Maura Murphy (Holy Family Mission). Radio Maria Ireland can be listened to by downloading the radio Maria Ireland app, Saorview Channel 210 or listen live at (01)4373277.

A Queen's Speech: by Mike O'Halloran the director of Ballymacandry will be performed in Milltown Community Centre on Friday, Saturday and Sunday 17,18,19 February at 8pm. The local scouts group will benefit from this event. Tickets can be booked by TXT on (086)3116077. Or at the door.

St Brigid's Day: is celebrated on Wednesday 1st February. Mass will be celebrated in Milltown church at 10:00a.m. The children of the Primary School will join the congregation to celebrate the feast of St. Brigid's and also to celebrate their Grandparents.

Candlemas Day: is celebrated on 2nd February and marks the return of light, a symbol of protection and prosperity. It commemorates the presentation of Jesus at the Temple of Jerusalem, referring to him as the light of the people of Israel. The blessing of candles will take place during Masses next weekend. Please bring your own candles if you would like to have them blessed during Mass.

St. Blaise's Day: is celebrated on 3rd February. The blessing of St. Blaise is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick. The blessing of throats will take place after Masses next weekend.

Rosminian Mission: Fr. Wilhad Shayo from the Rosminian Mission is visiting our parish next weekend and will preach at our weekend Masses. The Rosminians work in East Africa, running parishes in Tanzania and Kenya, providing health care in rural areas, digging water wells for local communities and providing primary and secondary education for both boys and girls, Christians and Muslims. They will be making a mission appeal at these Masses.

Last weekend's collection - €1,016.00

Thank you for your generous and continuing 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:
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The soul that sees beauty may sometimes walk alone.