



St. Colman's Parish
3rd Sunday of Lent
11th /12th March 2023

No drinkin 'and no dancing

A couple of Catholic young men from the New York were visiting a dusty little town in the back country of West Texas. It was a hard-shell Baptist town in the Bible belt of the South: A “No drinking and no dancing area”! But since these two men were strangers, they asked a cowboy where they might get a drink. “In this town,” said the cowboy, “we use whiskey only for snakebite: to wash the wound as first aid.” Then he added slyly, “If you guys are so thirsty for whiskey, there’s only one poisonous snake in this town and that is in the zoo. So, you better get a ticket to the zoo, go to the snake park, get hold of a cobra through the iron bar of its cage and give it a big hug! The zookeeper will appear immediately with whiskey.” — The woman at the well had a mighty thirst, a thirst like that of these young men for whiskey, a thirst so big that it led her through five husbands and who knows what else. And still she was thirsty — a thirst caused by the absence of God in her life. A meeting with Jesus gave her the *living waters* of friendship with Jesus and the anointing of the Spirit of God which restored her dignity and changed her life.

This week’s readings are centred on Baptism and new life. Our liturgy makes use of the symbol of *water* to refer to our relationship with God. *Water* represents God’s Holy Spirit Who comes to us in Baptism. Baptism is the outward, symbolic sign of a deep Reality, the coming of God as a Force penetrating every aspect of a person’s life. The Holy Spirit quenches our spiritual thirst. Just as water in the desert was life-giving for the wandering Israelites, the *water* of a true, loving relationship with Jesus is life-giving for those who accept him as Lord and Savior. We are assembled here in the Church to share in this *water* of eternal life and salvation. The Holy Spirit of God, the Word of God, and the Sacraments of God in the Church are the primary sources for the *living water* of Divine Grace. Washed in it at Baptism, renewed by its abundance at each Eucharist, invited to it in every proclamation of the Word, and daily empowered by the Holy Spirit, we are challenged by today’s Gospel to remain thirsty for the *living water* which only God can give.

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Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community:
James David Kavanagh, Dromkerry

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. March 13 th	Milltown		<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. March 14 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Pat & Rita Broderick Ballymalis</i>
Wed. March 15 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thurs March 16 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Vigil Mass James Doyle Culleeny More, Beaufort</i>
Fri. March 17 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>St Patricks Day Brendan Quirke, Farran</i>
Sat. March 18 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Jackie Mannix and all deceased members of the Mannix Family, Keel Faha</i>
Sun. March 19 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday March 18th Marie Donnelly
Milltown Sunday March 19th Anna Clifford

Readers

Listry Saturday March 18th Anthony Clifford
Milltown Sunday March 19th Linus Burke

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.

Second Collection: will be taken up at all Masses w/e 11th /12th March.
- Emigrant Services

Diocesan Vacancies

The Diocese of Kerry invites applications from suitably qualified persons for the role of Pastoral Development Worker on the Diocesan Pastoral Team. Closing Date for applications is March 24th 2023. For further information, check out www.dioceseofkerry.ie

Diocesan Eucharistic Adoration Retreat: will take place on the 27th April 2023 at The Church of the Resurrection Killarney. Presented by Fr. Jim Lenihan. Your support will be very much appreciated: To book contact: Maureen at 087 9514352 Margaret at 0872976304.

National Eucharistic Adoration Pilgrimage to Knock this year takes place on the week 22nd and 23rd of April 2023. Contact: Maureen at 087 9514352 Margaret at 0872976304.

Youth 2000 Retreat in Killarney: The Munster Youth 2000 retreat takes place in St. Brendan's College, Killarney from the 24th - 26th March. Everyone aged 16 - 35 is most welcome to attend for all or part of the weekend. See www.youth2000.ie for more info.

Pilgrimages to Medjugorje 2023: Invitation to join us on pilgrimage to Medjugorje on May 17th to May 24th, June 21st to June 28th and September 13th to September 21st. For more information, please contact Tom Dennehy (087) 6468658.

Recovery Haven Kerry: (Cancer Support House) have a new 6 week online Cancer Thriving and Surviving course beginning Tuesday the 25th of April at 10.30am-1pm. (Intro session 18th April). Please ring reception 066 7192122 for more information.

Anam Cara Kerry: the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 14th March 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. We also offer an online support group and you can get further information on this by contacting us in info@anamcara.ie

Maine Valley FRC Castlemaine: are hosting a SHEP Course Caring for our Wellbeing starting Tues 14th March 10am-12.30pm for 8 weeks. Course is FREE and is available to all adults who want to focus on their own wellbeing. Phone/Text 087 3694169 to book a place.

Callinafercy Rowing Club: will hold its annual Table Quiz night on Friday the 24th of March @ 8pm in Maine Valley Golf Course. Tables of 4 are €40 and there will be prizes and a raffle on the night. All are welcome.

Empathy

*Let me hold the door for you.
I may have never walked in your shoes,
But I can see your soles are worn,
Your strength is torn.
Under the weight of a story
I have never lived before.
Let me hold the door for you.
After all you've walked through,
It's the least I can do.*

Morgan Harper Nichols

Stations of the Cross for Lent

Listry Church: Every Tuesday evening at 6:40 p.m.
Milltown Church: Every Friday evening at 6:40 p.m.

Upcoming Parish Sacramental Celebrations

Confirmation Ceremony – Wednesday April 19th

Milltown Church for children of Nagle Rice P.S. – 11:00 a.m.

Listry Church for children of Faha P.S. – 2:30 p.m.

First Holy Communion Ceremony

Milltown Church - Nagle Rice P.S. on Saturday May 20th at 11:00 a.m.

Listry Church -Faha P.S. on Saturday May 27th at 11:00 a.m.

Last weekend's collection - €1,035.00

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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There's not a wise man without fault