

St. Colman's Parish 2nd Sunday of Lent 4th /5th March 2023

The common theme of this week's scripture readings is metamorphosis or transformation. The readings invite us to work, with the assistance of the Holy Spirit, to transform and renew our lives during Lent, that we may radiate the glory and grace of the transfigured Lord which we have received, to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives.

"Lord, give me the grace for transformation."

The word transfiguration means a change in form or appearance. Biologists call it metamorphosis (derived from the Greek word *metamorphoomai* used in Matthew's Gospel), to describe the change that occurs when a caterpillar becomes a butterfly. (Holo-metabolism, also called complete metamorphism, is a form of insect development which includes four life stages – as an <u>embryo</u> or <u>egg</u>, a <u>larva</u>, a <u>pupa</u> and an imago or adult). As children, we might have curiously watched the process of the caterpillar turning into a chrysalis and then bursting into a beautiful Monarch butterfly. Fr. Anthony De Mello tells the story of such a metamorphosis in the prayer life of an old man. "I was a revolutionary when I was young, and all my prayer to God was: 'Lord, give me the grace to change the world. 'As I approached middle age and realised that half of my life was gone without changing a single soul, I changed my prayer to: 'Lord, give me the grace to change all those who come in contact with me; just my family and friends and I shall be satisfied.' Now that I am old and my days are numbered, I have begun to see how foolish I have been. My one prayer now is: 'Lord, give me the grace to change myself.' If I had prayed for this right from the start, I should not have wasted my life."

We are invited to work with the Holy Spirit to transform our lives by renewing them during Lent, and to radiate the grace of the transfigured Lord to all around us by our Spirit-filled lives. The Transfiguration of Jesus on the mountain reminds us that the way of the cross leads to Resurrection and eternal life, and that the purpose of Lent is to help us better to enter into those mysteries.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday in Milltown Church from 6:00p.m7:00p.m.					
Masses & Intentions					
Mon. March 6 th	Milltown		No Mass		
Tues. March 7 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.			
Wed. March 8 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish		
Thurs March 9 th			No Mass		
Fri. March 10 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Paddy & Kathleen Heffernan Abbeylands		
Sat. March 11 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	John Joe Griffin Rosnacartan		
Sun. March 12 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Leonard Griffin – 1 st Anniversary Castlemaine Road		
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Milltown Sunday March 12 th	Dorothy Casey			
Readers				
Listry Saturday March 11 th	Tom O' Sullivan			
Milltown Sunday March 12 th	Joe Tyther			

All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via <u>www.milltownlistryparish.com</u> or <u>churchmediatv.ie</u>. 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

<u>Monthly Prayer Meeting:</u> takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on Sunday March 5th from 8-9.30pm. All most welcome.

Trócaire: This year, the focus is on Somalia in East Africa and highlights how climate change, drought and conflict are severely affecting families and communities there. An unprecedented humanitarian crisis is unfolding, and almost 8.3 million people are facing unbearable hunger. Trócaire has been working with our partners in Somalia for 30 years and so is in a unique position to offer support to those affected. A better tomorrow belongs to us all. Contract Tel. No. (01)6293333 or <u>donorservices@trocaire.org</u>.

- 1. Envelopes marked Trócaire into Parish Offertory or the Office.
- 2. Online at <u>www.trocaire.org</u>
- 3. By phone 1850 408408

Pilgrimages to Medjugorje 2023: 7day trips will take place on the following three dates, May 17th, June 21st and September 13th. For further information, please contact Tom Dennehy (087) 6468658.

Escorted Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine: 20th March 2023. €599.00 per person sharing. Price includes return bus to Knock, 4 nights in Knock House Hotel with full board. Single supplement €100.00 Contact Patricia on (087) 1890 236/ <u>knockpilgrimages@gmail.com</u>.

Anam Cara Kerry: the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding it's monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 14th March 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 <u>info@anamcara.ie</u>

<u>Meals On Wheels:</u> Listry Community still continue to run our Meals on Wheels Service, Three days a week. Monday, Wednesday & Friday.

This is a vital service especially at this difficult time. To avail of this service please. call Cathriona 087 9381063. these meals will be dropped to the person home and we deliver this service to as many as we can.

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.

Only you can make the difference here

May the door of my inner home be wide enough. To receive those who hunger for kindness. Those who are lonely or isolated from friendship. May it welcome those who have cares to unburden, and pain to express. May the door of my heart be narrow enough To shut out pettiness and pride, envy and enmity. May the door of my heart be closed to harshness and indifference. May the threshold of my heart be for all who entry The doorway to understanding acceptance and compassion. Adapted from Joyce Rupp

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

<u>Confirmation Ceremony – Wednesday April 19th</u>

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 - €700.00 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 <u>Priest on Duty this Sunday</u>: Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155