



St. Colman's Parish
4th Sunday of Lent
18th /19th March 2023

Watson, you idiot, someone has stolen our tent.

Sherlock Holmes and his smart assistant Dr. Watson go on a camping trip, enjoy a heavy barbeque dinner with a bottle of whisky, set up their tent, and fall asleep. Some hours later, Holmes wakes his faithful friend. “Watson, look up at the sky and tell me what you see.” Watson replies, “I see millions of stars.” “What does that tell you?” Watson ponders for a minute. “Astronomically speaking, it tells me that there are millions of galaxies and potentially billions of planets. Astrologically, it tells me that Saturn is in Leo. Timewise, it appears to be approximately a quarter past three. Theologically, it’s evident the Lord is all powerful and we are small and insignificant. Meteorologically, it seems we will have a beautiful day tomorrow. What does it tell you?” Holmes is silent for a moment, then speaks. “Watson, you idiot, someone has stolen our tent!” – Watson had missed the most obvious observation. He was clever enough to notice the complexities of the stars, but he missed what was plain and simple. Today’s Gospel reading is about a whole lot of people who miss the point. In Jesus’ healing of a blind man, the Pharisees missed the most evident point that it was a real miracle by Divine intervention.

We need to allow Jesus to heal our spiritual blindness.

Physiologically, the “blind-spot” is the part of our eye where vision is not experienced. It is the spot where the optic nerve enters the eyeball. A blind spot in a vehicle is an area around the vehicle that cannot be directly observed by the driver. In real life, we all have blind-spots — in our marriages, our parenting, our work habits, and our personalities. We often wish to remain in the dark, preferring darkness to light.

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Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community:
Róisín Kate Murphy Ahern, Ballincollig
Niamh Hannah Keane O' Regan, Kilcummin
Luke Bill Burke, Milltown

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. March 20 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. March 21 st	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. March 22 nd	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs March 23 rd			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. March 24 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Dermot, Nellie, Frank & Frances Twiss and all deceased members of the Twiss family Callinafercy</i>
	Milltown	7:30 p.m.	<i>Kathleen Daly- Months Mind Farranmanagh</i>
Sat. March 25 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Do This in Memory of Me Noel O' Donoghue Rockfield</i>
Sun. March 26 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>John Burke Rathpook</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday March 25th Margaret Gallagher
 Milltown Sunday March 26th Tim Fleming

Readers

Listry Saturday March 25th Elizabeth Griffin
 Milltown Sunday March 26th Geraldine Galvin

All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via www.milltownlistryparish.com or churchmediatv.ie.

Diocese of Kerry Online Lenten Talk – Who Is My Neighbour? on Tue 21st March at 8.00pm. For further details and to register for the link www.dioceseofkerry.ie

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.

At Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Scartaglen: This Sunday starting at 2.30p.m. Lay Evangelist, and Validated by the Church, Brendan Welsh through personal testimony and healing service, in union with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with Deacon Thady O'Connor. The service will be accompanied by powerful music ministry of inspired healing hymns.

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.

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.

Nagle-Rice P.S. Milltown: Open morning for new Junior Infants, Friday 24th March - 9.30 to 10.30am. Parents and new pupils welcome.

Killarney Rambling House: on Friday the 31st of March at 8p.m at the Old Killarney Inn - in Aghadoe V93 NW52 - Entry €5 - All Welcome.

Last weekend's collection - €880.00

Special collection – Emigrant Services - €255.00

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.

It is even possible for the religious people in our day to be like the Pharisees: religious in worship, in frequenting the Sacraments, in prayer-life, in tithing, and in knowledge of the Bible – but blind to the poverty, injustice, and pain around them. Let us remember, however, that Jesus wants to heal our blind spots. We need to ask Jesus to remove from us the root causes of our blindness, among them, self-centredness, greed, anger, hatred, prejudice, jealousy, addiction to evil habits and hardness of heart. Let us pray with the Scottish Bible scholar William Barclay,

***“God our Father,
help us see Christ more clearly,
love him more dearly
and follow him more nearly”
day by day.***

**Pastoral Area Lenten Talk 2023 –
*Finding Hope along Life’s Journey***

This year, our annual ‘Pastoral Area Talk’ will be given by two people from the diocese who are well known to everyone.

Ian O’Connell, a Radio Kerry presenter, suffered an injury at the age of 16 that has paralysed him. But his attitude and spirit in the face of adversity has inspired the county. His words, ‘If you can’t stand up, stand out’ has resonated with many people.

Elma Walsh from Tralee is the mother of Donal Walsh. Donal passed away 10 years ago but not without making a huge impact on Irish society. His affirmation of life in the face of illness remains with us. His parents have carried that message of hope and faith in the intervening years the length and breadth of the country.

Date: Wednesday, March 22nd

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Venue: Tom O’Donnell Centre, Market Street, Killorglin

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.

**Killorglin Pastoral Area
Priest on Duty this Sunday:
Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638**