



St. Colman's Parish
The Ascension of the Lord
20th /21st May 2023

The disciples who completed Puccini's opera *Turandot*.

The Italian composer Giacomo Puccini wrote *La Boheme*, *Madama Butterfly*, and *Tosca*. It was during his battle with terminal cancer in 1922 that he began to write *Turandot*, which many now consider his best work. He worked on the score day and night, despite his friends' advice to rest, and to save his energy. When his sickness worsened, Puccini said to his disciples, "If I don't finish *Turandot*, I want you to finish it." He died in 1924, leaving the work unfinished. His disciples gathered all that was written of *Turandot*, studied it in great detail, and then proceeded to write the remainder of the opera. It was completed by Franco Alfano. The world premier was performed in La Scala Opera House in Milan in 1926, and Arturo Toscanini, Puccini's favourite student, conducted it. The opera went beautifully. When Toscanini came to the end of the part written by Puccini, he stopped the music, put down the baton, turned to the audience, and announced, "Thus far the master wrote, but then he died." There was a long pause; no one moved. Then Toscanini picked up the baton, turned to the audience and, with tears in his eyes, announced, "But his disciples finished his work." The opera closed to thunderous applause, and to a permanent place in the annals of great works.

Jesus instructs us his disciples, in his Ascension message, to finish his work of saving mankind by proclaiming His *Good News* by words and deeds till the end of the world.

In this week's Gospel, Jesus gives this mission to all believers ("***Go out to the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature***"), not just to a select few. To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangeliser. There is a difference between preaching and proclaiming.

We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives.

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Recent Deaths: Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Thomas Spillane, Knockavota
Bridie Mangan, Knockavota

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. May 22 nd			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. May 23 rd	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Madge & Patsy Gallagher, 1st Anniversary</i>
	Milltown	7:30p.m.	<i>Graduation Mass Milltown Presentation School</i>
Wed. May 24 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	
Thurs May 25 th			
Fri. May 26 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>
Sat. May 27 th	Listry	11:00 a.m.	<i>First Holy Communion</i>
	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>For the pupils of the parish sitting Exams</i>
Sun. May 28 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Martin Galvin Knockavota</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday May 27th Margaret Gallagher
Milltown Sunday May 28th Dorothy Casey

Readers

Listry Saturday May 27th Jim O' Shea
Milltown Sunday May 28th Family Readers

Last weekend's collection - €565.00

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.

Flower Arranger: Breege O' Sullivan May 20th – June 2nd

Second collection: The annual diocesan collection for the Education of Clergy will be taken up at Masses this weekend, 20th/21st May.

Day of Prayer for the Synod of Bishops: Pope Francis has asked the Church to pray for the work of this October's Synod of Bishops on the Feast of the Visitation, Wednesday 31st May. A Day of Prayer is being held in Knock Shrine on that day. 11am Prayer Service in the Apparition Chapel 12:00pm Mass in the Basilica 7pm Rosary and Mass in Knock Parish Church. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details & livestream. Parishioners are invited to pray for the work of the Synod by praying the Angelus or by joining the parish for prayer at Mass on Wednes. morning.

LAUDATO SI', mi' Signore – “Praise be to you, my Lord”. In the words of this beautiful canticle, Saint Francis of Assisi reminds us that our common home is like a sister with whom we share our life and a beautiful mother who opens her arms to embrace us. “Praise be to you, my Lord, through our Sister, Mother Earth, who sustains and governs us, and who produces various fruit with coloured flowers and herbs”.LS1

ACCORD: If you have a positive attitude towards marriage in the Catholic Church. If you have the enthusiasm to be part of the ACCORD team in supporting couples who are preparing for the sacrament of Marriage. Join Accord and train as a Marriage Preparation Programme Facilitator. Please contact Aisling on 01 5053112 or email: marriagepreparation@accord.ie

The All-Ireland Rosary Rally: will take place on Saturday June 3rd from 1pm in Knock. It will include Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Stations of the Cross, and a talk by Bishop Oliver Doeme. The Main Celebrant for the Holy Mass is Archbishop Eamon Martin. A bus will leave from Kerry. Book your seat early to avoid disappointment. Ring Eilís (087) 6341538

Volunteers: Castlemaine Community Centre are looking for volunteer drivers to deliver meals and wheels. This would involve delivery of meals once a month. If interested, please contact Dan (087) 9260988 or Theresa

Killorglin Men's Social Club Choir will perform with the Castleisland Presentation School Choir in St. James' Church, on Tuesday 23rd May at 7:30pm. Admission is free - there will be a retiring collection with all funds going to the Kerry Cork Cancer Bus. All are most welcome.

Killorglin Pastoral Area
Priest on Duty this Sunday:
Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155

As we celebrate the Lord's return to His Father in Heaven – His Ascension – we are being commissioned to go forth and proclaim the Gospel of life and love, of hope and peace, by the witness of our lives. On this day of hope, encouragement, and commissioning, let us renew our commitment to be true disciples everywhere we go, beginning with our family and our parish, ***“living in a manner worthy of the call we have received.”***

First Holy Communion Ceremony: We wish to congratulate the children of Milltown Nagle Rice P.S. Milltown who received their First Holy Communion on Saturday 20th May. May Jesus lead and guide you all the days of your life.



A prayer for our earth

All-powerful God, you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures. You embrace with your tenderness all that exists. Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace, that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one. O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes. Bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing, to be filled with awe and contemplation, to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

Amen. (Laudato Si)

What kind of world do we want to leave to those who come after us, to children who are now growing up?