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St. Colman's Parish

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9th /10th September 2023

“I must forgive”

Sister Helen Prejean, in her book *Dead Man Walking*, tells the real story of Lloyd LeBlanc, a Roman Catholic layman, whose son was murdered. When he arrived in the cane field with the sheriff's deputies to identify his son David's body, LeBlanc immediately knelt by his boy's body and prayed the Lord's Prayer. When he came to the words: *“Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us,”* he realised the depth of the commitment he was making. “Whoever did this, I must forgive them, I resolved,” he later told Sr. Prejean. LeBlanc confessed that it had been difficult not to be overcome by the bitterness and feelings of revenge that welled up from time to time, especially on David's birthday. But for the rest of his life, forgiveness was prayed for and struggled for and won. He went to the execution of the culprit Patrick Sonnier, not for revenge but hoping for an apology. Before sitting in the electric chair Patrick Sonnier, the murderer said, “Mr. Le Blanc, I want to ask your forgiveness for what I did,” and Lloyd LeBlanc nodded his head, signaling forgiveness he had already given. — Today's Gospel reminds us and challenges us to continue on the path to forgiveness and reconciliation.

The common theme of our Scripture readings this weekend is God's command concerning our spiritual responsibility and individual accountability for others in our families, parishes, and community. This accountability arises from our identity as God's children. As brothers and sisters in Christ, then, we become each other's “keepers,” and take on a painful, triple responsibility. We must lovingly and prudently correct each other when we err, forgive those who offend us, and ask forgiveness from those we have offended.

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Recent Deaths: Please pray for the souls of
John Foley, The Square, Milltown &
Brendan Conway, Faha
Gerard Clifford, Woodlawn/late of Kilderry

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

Masses & Intentions

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| Mon. Sept. 11 th | | | <i>No Mass</i> |
| Tues. Sept. 12 th | Listry | 7:00 p.m. | <i>Con, Mary & Dan O' Callaghan, Lahard & The Kalo Family, Massachusetts</i> |
| Wed. Sept. 13 th | Milltown | 10:00 a.m. | |
| Thurs Sept. 14 th | | | <i>No Mass</i> |
| Fri. Sept. 15 th | Milltown | 7:00 p.m. | |
| Sat. Sept. 16 th | Listry | 6:00 p.m. | <i>Mary Doona Lahard</i> |
| Sun. Sept. 17 th | Milltown | 11:15 a.m. | <i>John Coffey, Corpus Christi Tce & his daughter Joanne O' Connor,</i> |

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Sept. 16th Eamon Donnelly
Milltown Sunday Sept. 17th Denis O' Mahony

Readers

Listry Saturday Sept. 16th Elizabeth Griffin
Milltown Sunday Sept. 17th Josephine Twiss

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.

Funeral Masses: If you wish to have a family funeral mass recorded, please contact the parish office or Fr. Danny Broderick on (087)9061255/ Rev. Conor Bradley (087) 3664057. All funeral masses will be livestreamed.

Flower Arranger: Joan Allman 9th September – 22nd September

House Mass/Blessings: If any family wish to have a house Blessing or a house Mass, please contact Fr. Danny Broderick directly on (087) 9061255 or the Parish Office (066) 9767312.

Horizons: on Radio Kerry every Sunday morning 9.00am – 10:00am communicating the Christian message.

Autumn Dues: Please return your Autumn dues envelopes. You can do so by dropping them into the Parish Office or the Collection Box in the church. Your continuing support is deeply appreciated.

The Annual Pilgrimage of the Legion of Mary to Knock Shrine: will be held on Sunday 24th Sept 2023. Bus leaves Killarney from the Church of the Resurrection at 6.30 a.m. Price for the bus is €30. More details from Pat (086)8510423.

Rosary on Main Street, Killarney: The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima will be on Main Street, Killarney on Wednesday 13th September. Prayer begins at 3 p.m. Everyone is most welcome to come and join us.

Anam Cara Kerry: the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 12th September 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. Further details on info@anamcara.ie

The Totus Tuus Men for Christ Conference 2023: a Catholic Conference for Men will be live & exclusive on Radio Maria Ireland Saturday 16th September from 2pm. Speakers for this year's Conference Fr. Billy Swan, Fr. Chris Hayden, Anthony Crossey & Fr. John Harris OP

St John's Church Concert: Gala Concert—Red Hurley with St. John's Gregorian Choir, Kerry School of Music Orchestra and Kerry Chamber Choir. ***“How Great Thou Art”*** Sunday September 24th in St. John's Church at 7.30pm. Tickets €20 available in St. John's Parish Centre or from Michael Fox O'Connor on (087) 9833075. Tickets will also be available at the door on the night. *Proceeds in aid of Kerry Hospice.*

Rainbows Ireland: A 9-week Bereavement Support group for children aged 7 & 8 years will take place at Maine Valley Family Resource Centre Castlemaine in Wednesday 4th Oct 2023. Ring/Text 087 3694169 to book a place. For further details see www.rainbowsireland.ie

O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.'

*From a spiritual point of view, hardness of heart
Is one of the worst things that can happen to anyone.*

To adopt a hard-hearted attitude is to maim oneself.

A hard heart can't feel, can't respond, can't love.

A hard heart can't experience joy.

A hard heart is a closed heart.

A hard heart is a barren heart.

A soft heart, on the other hand, is a blessing.

A soft heart can receive and can respond.

*It can be saddened but it can also be deliriously
happy.*

Softened by the rain of God's grace,

And warmed by the sun of his love,

*The human heart can be turned from a desert into a
garden.*

Last weekend's collection - €980.00

Special collection – Diocesan Needs - €230.00

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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