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St. Colman's Parish

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd /3rd September 2023

There is no Poland without a cross

Years ago, when Poland was still under Communist control, the Prime Minister ordered that crucifixes be removed from classroom walls. Catholic Bishops attacked the ban, which had stirred waves of anger and resentment all across Poland. Ultimately the government relented, insisting that the law remain on the books, but agreeing not to press for removal of the crucifixes, particularly in the classrooms. But one zealous Communist school administrator, the director of the Mietnow Agricultural College, Ryszard Dobrynski, took the crosses down from his seven lecture halls where they had hung since the school's founding in the twenties. Days later, a group of parents entered the school and hung more crosses. The administrator promptly had these taken down as well. The next day two-thirds of the school's six hundred students staged a sit-in. When heavily-armed riot police arrived, the students were forced into the streets. Then they marched, crucifixes held high, to a nearby Church where they were joined by twenty-five hundred other students from nearby schools for a morning of prayer in support of the protest. Soldiers surrounded the Church. But the press was there as well, and pictures from inside of students holding crosses high above their heads flashed around the world. So did the words of the priest who delivered the message to the weeping congregation that morning. "There is no Poland without a cross. — Perhaps the cross has come to symbolise comfort to us because we have had to sacrifice little in our lives. The more we are called upon to carry our own crosses, the more we will understand the one our Saviour carried outside the city gates to the hill called Golgotha. That is why this Sunday's Gospel challenges us to deny ourselves, take up our crosses and follow Jesus.

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Recent Deaths: Please pray for the souls of
Tony O' Shea, Lahard Upper,
Johnny O' Reilly, Beaufort

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Sept. 4 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Sept. 5 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Louie Leslie, Drombrick Listry & All deceased members of the Leslie family</i>
Wed. Sept. 6 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	
Thurs Sept. 7 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Sept. 8 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>John Griffin Castlemaine Road</i>
Sat. Sept. 9 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Keith O' Donnell Faha Glen</i>
Sun. Sept. 10 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Mary Bowler (Months Mind) Rockfield/Farranfore</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Sept. 9th Marie Donnelly
 Milltown Sunday Sept. 10th Linus Burke

Readers

Listry Saturday Sept. 9th Family Readers
 Milltown Sunday Sept. 10th Christiane Spillane

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

Second Collection: will be taken up at Masses this weekend.
- Diocesan Needs

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.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: Takes place in the Nagel Rice Community Hall on Sunday September 3rd at 8:00p.m. Guest Speaker Dermot Landy. All most welcome.

St. Patrick's University, Maynooth: are currently running a blended learning Higher Diploma/Diploma in Pastoral Liturgy. Applications close on 10th September. More information is available at sppu.ie/courses or cmmadmissions@spcm.ie or (01) 7084778.

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

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.

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. We also offer an online support group and you can get further information on this by contacting us in info@anamcara.ie

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Celebrating 50 years in Ireland. All Married Couples Deserve A WWME Weekend! Next Weekend will be held 13-14-15 Oct 2023, in The Cork International Hotel. Register online. www.marriageencounter.ie

Killarney Comhaltas: offering traditional Irish music lessons. First term commencing 12th Sept for €80. Further information, please contact (087) 9403508/ (086) 3163348.

Adult Singing Group: Mary Culloty O' Sullivan is starting a brand-new Adult Singing Group in Centre for smart aging, Unit 11, 4. Park Centre, Farranfore. Classes will begin on Tuesday 12th September at 7.30-8.30pm. €50 per 5-week term. All welcome!

Our Scripture readings for this Sunday remind us that Christians are called to live their lives in a different way from others around them. Christian discipleship demands honesty, the willingness to suffer (“*take up your cross*”), generosity (“*to offer our bodies as a living sacrifice to God*”), and readiness to follow Jesus by obeying his commandment of love.

Lord

*Clear my mind to follow you with all my heart,
all my soul,
all my mind,
and all my strength.*

*Through Jesus Christ, our Lord
Mighty Lord,
please be with me every day.*

*Watch over my steps and keep me safe
as I take action
and make decisions in my life.*

Amen

Booking an Anniversary Mass for 2024

If you wish to book an Anniversary Mass for a loved one for the coming year, the 2024 diary will open on **Tuesday 5th September**.

Please note the first week will be designated to taking bookings for **First Anniversary Masses only**. The diary will open for all other Anniversary Masses from **Tuesday 12th September** onwards.

Last weekend's collection - €790.00

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.

**Priest on Duty this Sunday:
Fr. Fergal Ryan (087) 2408540**