

St. Colman's Parish 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th Sept/1st Oct 2023

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Blind obedience

How we admire the obedience a dog shows to its master! Archibald Rutledge, the American storyteller wrote that one day he met a man whose dog had just been killed in a forest fire. Heartbroken, the man explained to Rutledge how it happened. Because he worked outdoors, he often took his dog with him. That morning, he left the animal in a clearing and gave him a command to stay and watch his lunch bucket while he went into the forest. His faithful friend understood, for that is exactly what he did. Then a fire started in the woods, and soon the blaze spread to the spot where the dog had been left. But he did not move. He stayed right where he was, in perfect obedience to his master's word. Later with tearful eyes, the dog's owner said, "I always had to be careful what I told him to do, because I knew he would do it." — This, and more, is the kind of obedience to which Christ has called us. The short parable in today's Gospel illustrates what true and graceful obedience is.

We need to do God's will every day: Each one of us is responsible to God for every action, and the just God will punish or reward one according to one's actions. Since we are not sure about the moment of our death, our only guarantee of dying in God's friendship is to live in that friendship always, saying "Yes," to God by doing His will cheerfully and daily.

It is never too late for us to repent, be converted, and allow the Holy Spirit to renew our life: If we have been disobedient to God in our past life, we need to knock at the door of God's mercy. God can, and will, do for us what, in his mercy, He, did for the repentant tax-collectors and harlots in the parable.

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Recent Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian community.

Ella Flaherty, Faha East

Rían McCarthy, Killarney Road, Milltown

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Oct. 2 nd			No Mass
Tues. Oct. 3 rd	Listry	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word
Wed. Oct. 4 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word
Thurs Oct. 5 th			No Mass
Fri. Oct. 6 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Liturgy of the Word
Sat. Oct. 7 th	Listry	4:00 p.m.	Brendan Conway (Months Mind) Faha
	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Tony O' Shea (Months Mind) Lahard Upper
Sun. Oct. 8 th	Milltown	11:00 a.m.	Jer McGillycuddy Farran

Eucharistic Ministers				
Listry Saturday Oct. 7 th	Marie Donnelly			
Milltown Sunday Oct. 8 th	Deirdre Corkery			
Readers				
Listry Saturday Oct 7 th (4pm)	Family Readers			
Listry Saturday Oct 7 th (6pm)	Family Readers			
Milltown Sunday Oct. 8 th (11am)	Geraldine Galvin			

All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via www.milltownlistryparish.comor 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.

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

Flower Arranger: Breege O' Sullivan 7th October – 20th October

<u>Autumn Dues</u>: 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.

First Friday Communion Calls: will take place on Friday Oct. 6th If you have a family member or neighbour who wishes to receive Holy Communion each month in their home, please contact Fr. Danny, (087) 9061255 Rev. Conor (087) 3664057 or the parish office (066) 97 67312.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: Takes place in the Nagel Rice Community Hall on October 1st at 8:00p.m. All most welcome.

Hail Holy Queen Conference 2023: Is Live on Radio Maria Ireland from 2pm On Sat 7th Oct. Can Be listened to by downloading The Radio Maria Ireland App, Saorview Channel 210 Or Listen Live At (01)4373277.

Communal First Saturday Devotions: will take place on the 7th of October starting at 8.45 am in the Church of the Resurrection Killarney Devotions will begin with the Fatima intentions followed by the Rosary and the celebration of Mass at 9.30am. All will be done with the intention of saving souls and making reparation to the Immaculate Heart of Mary, thus fulfilling Our Lady's request to the Laity to pray for peace.

The feast day of Our Lady of Fatima: occurs on the 13th October, where we recall the wonderful miracle of the sun that occurred that day in 1917 when Our Blessed Mother visited Fatima. The rosary and Divine Mercy chaplet will be recited on that day on Main St, Killarney at 3 p.m. We are hoping for a large crowd and that many parishes will be represented. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

<u>Poll an Aifrinn annual Mass</u> (Keelacloghane Wood) will be held on Sunday October 15th at 3p.m. In the event of poor weather on the day, this Mass will take place in the Milltown Church. All are welcome.

Anam Cara Kerry: the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 10th October at 7:15pm. Further information on info@anamcara.ie

<u>Children's Folk Choir:</u> If your child would like to be part of our Children's Folk Choir in Milltown Church, please contact Deirdre O Sullivan on (086)1703332 for further details.

Hence, every morning we must pray for the strengthening power of the Holy Spirit to do God's will and every night we need to repent of our sins and ask God's pardon and forgiveness. May the huge number of Covid deaths serve us as a strong warning that we may not get a chance to be anointed before our death. If we are in serious sin we need to get reconciled with God, the Church and our brothers and sisters through the Sacrament of Reconciliation as soon as possible. Let us remember that it is never too late for us to turn back to God, ready to do His will.

Parish Draw

It is that time of the year again and the wheels are in motion for our annual Parish Draw. This fundraiser is of vital importance for the financial health of the parish. It is hoped that all parishioners would support the draw. and keep the parish in a relatively healthy financial state. If you would like to volunteer to help distribute cards to houses in your area, please contact the office. All help gratefully appreciated.

Liturgy of the Word.

When the Liturgy of the Word is celebrated instead of Mass in our parish, it is the directive of the Dioceses that Holy Communion is not to be distributed at that ceremony.

Sunday Mass

Mass will be celebrated at the earlier time of 11:00a.m. on Sunday October 8th in the Sacred Heart Church, Milltown

Last weekend's collection - €755.00 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: Fr. Fergal Ryan (087) 2408540