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St. Colman's Parish
33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
18th /19th November 2023

The man who did not bury his talent

Antonio Stradivari was born in Cremona, Italy, in 1644. Because Antonio's voice was high and squeaky, he did not pass the audition for the Cremona Boys' Choir. When he took violin lessons, the neighbours persuaded his parents to make him stop. Yet Antonio still wanted to make music. His friends made fun of him because his only talent was wood-carving. When Antonio was 22, he became an apprentice to a well-known violinmaker, Nicholas Amati. Under his master's training Antonio's knack for carving grew, and his hobby became his craft. He started his own violin shop when he was 36. He worked patiently and faithfully. By the time he died at 93, he had built over 1,500 violins, each one bearing a label that read, "*Antonius Stradivarius Cremonensis Faciebat Anno.....*" ("Antonio Stradivarius of Cremona made in the year...") They are the most sought-after violins in the world and sell for more than \$100,000 each. — Antonio couldn't sing or play or preach or teach, but he used the ability he had, and his violins are still making beautiful music. Antonio is a challenge to people who have only a single talent and who try to bury the talent for fear of failure — like the lazy servant in Jesus' parable.

We need to trust God enough to make use of the gifts and abilities we have been given. Some of us are clearly very gifted with valuable abilities, but there is no one, absolutely no one, who can say he has been gifted with nothing. We may be especially talented in teaching children or cooking meals or repairing homes or programming computers. So, we should ask ourselves how we are using our particular gifts in the service of our Christian community and the wider society. Why not follow the example of people who use their God-given talents the best way possible, like, for instance, nursing assistants who take great pride in keeping their patients clean and comfortable, or carpenters who gain enormous satisfaction from building quality homes, or teachers who find joy in the discoveries of the classroom, or attorneys who keep the goal of justice at the very centre of their practices?

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Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian community:
Rhea Healy, Ard Na Greine
Timmy Fleming, Ard Na Greine

**There is no Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament taking place on
Friday November 24th in Milltown Church**

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Nov. 20 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Nov. 21 st	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Remembrance Mass for all deceased members of the Listry GAA Club</i>
Wed. Nov. 22 nd	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>Holy Souls</i>
Thurs Nov. 23 rd			
Fri. Nov. 24 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>No Mass in Milltown</i> <i>Remembrance Mass for all parishioners who passed away during the year in Listry</i>
Sat. Nov. 25 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Noreen O' Regan Kilmoley/London and all deceased family members</i>
Sun. Nov. 26 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Charlie Riordan Farran</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Nov 25th Margaret Gallagher
Milltown Sunday Nov. 26th Linus Burke

Readers

Listry Saturday Nov. 25th Tom O' Sullivan
Milltown Sunday Nov. 26th Family Members

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.

Flower Arranger: Joan Allman – 18th November -1st December

Webinar – Shaping the Future of Parishes: The Diocese of Kerry will host a webinar, “Moving Forward in Hope – shaping together a future for our local church communities, parishes and pastoral areas” on Monday, November 27th @ 7.30 pm. The speaker, Dr Jessie Rogers, will explore God’s call to us as Church today. This will prepare us for parish meetings to be held throughout the diocese in February 2024, where we will plan together for the future of our parishes. To register, www.dioceseofkerry.ie

Safeguarding Training: If you are a Eucharistic Minister who takes communion to nursing homes or private homes of non-family members you must attend safeguarding training. Training is on zoom, Tuesday 28th November from 7:00pm-9:00pm. Please contact Jacklyn McCarthy jacklynmccarthy@dioceseofkerry.org | (064) 6631168 to book a place. If you take communion to direct family members you do not need to attend this training.

Blessing with St. Pio’s Glove: There will be a blessing after Mass with the glove of St. Pio in the Church of the Resurrection, Killarney on Monday the 20th of November. Mass starts at 7:30 pm. All welcome.

November Envelopes: Please drop in your list of family and friends that you would like to be remembered during Masses in the month of November either into the box at the church, Parish Office or to Fr. Danny.

The Children's Choir and the Milltown Adult Choir: will come together on Thursday December 14th in Milltown Church for a Carol Service. This will a lovely evening of carols and choral pieces as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Time to be confirmed.

Seniors Christmas Party: Listry Community Council would like to invite members of the local community to enjoy a day of festive cheer on November 28th. Mass will be celebrated by Fr. Broderick and followed by Christmas dinner and Faha S Carol Singers. Please call the centre on (064) 6624919. Transport will be provided.

Parish Draw: our draw will take place on Monday 18th December at the Muinitir Na Tíre Hall, Milltown. Tickets will be distributed to homes in the coming weeks. Your support will be very much appreciated.

Kick off the Christmas Season with Kiltallagh NS Christmas Cookery Demonstration, on Thursday November 30th at the Killorglin Golf Club from 7:00p.m. to 9:00p.m. Tickets €20 each. Complimentary mulled wine reception, door prizes, recipe cards and raffle. For tickets and information contact (087) 6403298.

**Masses of Remembrance for those who died since last
November:**

Listry Church Friday, November 24th at 7:00 p.m.

Candles will be lit in memory of each person whose funeral Mass was celebrated in Listry parish since last November.

Please note there will be no Adoration or 7:00p.m. Mass in Milltown church on Friday November 24th.

Masses for those on our November lists will take place.

Listry Church Tuesday November 28th – 7:00 p.m.

Milltown Church Wednes. Nov. 22nd & 29th – 10:00a.m.

*In Times of Sorrow
May you see God's light
on the path ahead
When the road you walk is dark.
May you always hear,
Even in your hour of sorrow,
The gentle singing of the lark.
When times are hard,
may hardness
Never turn your heart to stone,
May you always remember
When the shadows fall,
You do not walk alone.*

Last weekend's collection - €1,220.00

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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