

St. Colman's Parish 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time 4th /5th November 2023

Elephantine shock therapy.

The story has been told of a lion who was very proud. He decided to take a walk one day to demonstrate his mastery over all the other creatures. He strutted his way through the forest until he came across a bear. "WHO IS THE KING OF THE JUNGLE, BEAR?" "Why of course you are, mighty lion." He went on until he found the tiger. "WHO IS THE KING OF THE JUNGLE, TIGER?' "Why you are, great lion." Next the lion found the elephant. "WHO IS THE KING OF THE JUNGLE, ELEPHANT?" The elephant instantly grabbed the lion with his trunk and spun him around a few times and slammed him to the ground. He then stepped on him a few times, picked him up and dunked him in the water and then threw him up against a tree. The lion staggered to his feet and said, "LOOK, JUST BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GET SO UPSET!" - The lion was the one who wasn't getting it. He was missing the truth, just as were many of the scribes and Pharisees and Jewish priests to whom Jesus gives an elephantine shock treatment in today's Gospel.

A strong invitation to render humble, committed, and loving service to others in the community is the main theme of all our Scripture readings this weekend. In the first reading, the prophet Malachi condemns the irresponsible, proud, lazy priests of his day. In the second reading, St. Paul presents himself as an ideal example of servant leadership in caring for his Christian community. In our Gospel, Jesus offers a word of judgment against those religious leaders of his day who have been more concerned with self-promotion than with giving loving service to others. Christ-like leadership calls for integrity and honesty from all those in authority, whether priests, parents, teachers, or politicians. There should be in leaders no double standards. Rather, there should grow a deep sense of equality with, and mutual respect between, leaders and those they rule. Each should seek to serve the other. Service, not status, is the mark of this new community, and true humility is the only position its members should seek.

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Safeguarding Children: Contact No (087) 6362780

Recent Death: Please pray for: **Mary Sweeney (née O' Donoghue)** formally of Rockfield. Her funeral takes place in the Holy Family church, Luton on Monday 6th November.

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community:

Lola Rose Wrenn, Nauntinane

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday in
Milltown Church from 6:00p.m7:00p.m.

Mon. Nov. 6 th			No Mass	
Tues. Nov. 7 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	Holy Souls	
Wed. Nov. 8 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	Holy Souls	
Thurs Nov. 9 th				
Fri. Nov. 10 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Ciarán Daly Kilderry South	
Sat. Nov. 11 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Donie Bowler – Months Mind Rockfield	
Sun. Nov. 12 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	John Foley – Months Mind The Square, Milltown	

Eucharistic Ministers					
Listry Saturday Nov 11 th	Margaret Gallagher				
Milltown Sunday Nov. 12 th	Tim Fleming				
Readers					
Listry Saturday Nov. 11 th	Michael F. O' Connor				
Milltown Sunday Nov. 12th	Family Readers				

All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via <u>www.milltownlistryparish.com</u>or <u>churchmediatv.ie.</u> 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: Margot Lawlor – 4th November – 17th November

Masses & Intentions

Indulgences: are special blessings received from God by praying for our dead during the month of November, by visiting a church or oratory and there reciting one Our Father and the Apostle's Creed for the Pope's Intentions. Praying the Rosary for our loved ones. By visiting our graveyard or going to Confession.

Vocations.ie 'Come & See' Vocations Retreat. 18th-19th November 2023 at St Patrick's College Maynooth. This retreat is an opportunity for Catholic men (18 and over) resident in Ireland to meet priests and seminarians, to hear about how they heard their call, how they discerned what God was asking of them and what is involved being a priest and of seminary formation. If you are interested in exploring a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood, and who wish to attend the Come & See retreat please contact Deacon Conor Bradley Vocations Director (087)3664057.

<u>Monthly Prayer Meeting:</u> Takes place in the Nagel Rice Community Hall on Sunday November 5th at 8:00p.m. Guest Speaker, Lora Beth Molloy. All most 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.

<u>University Hospital Kerry:</u> Invite you and your family to the annual November Mass for all who died within the Hospital over the past year. The Mass will be celebrated on Monday 6th November @ 7pm in St Johns Church Castle Street Tralee.

Anam Cara Kerry: the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its monthly Parent Evening for bereaved parents on Tuesday 14th November 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 information at **info@anamcara.ie**

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. If you or someone you know would like to attend, please call the centre on (064) 6624919. Transport will be provided.

Beaufort Rambling House: takes place at Beaufort Community Hall on Saturday 11th November. Doors open at 8:00p.m. All most welcome.

Lord Jesus, who walked the land you made holy and blessed those who made peace; look with compassion on the people of your land today, Jew and Muslim and Christian, Israeli and Palestinian. May peace come for all with justice, may war cease and all live in harmony, and be the children of the one God who you made known, now and always.

<u>Masses of Remembrance for those who died since last</u> <u>November:</u>

Milltown Church
Listry ChurchFriday, November
Friday, November17th at 7:00 p.m.At these Masses, there will be candle lit in memory of each person
whose funeral Mass was celebrated in our parish since last
November. There will also be Three large candles lit – the first in
memory of the entire group whose funeral Mass took place in the
parish; a second in memory of those whose funeral took place in
another parish; a third for stillborn babies and miscarriages.

<u>Masses for those on our November lists will take place</u> Milltown Church on Wednes. November 8th /22nd & 29th Listry Church on Tuesday November 7th /21st/28th

All Masses at 7:00p.m. Killorglin Pastoral Area Last weekend's collection - €1,411.00 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. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638