



St. Colman's Parish
2nd Sunday of Advent
9th /10th December 2023

A Tale of Repentance.

Not too many years ago, newspapers carried the story of Al Johnson, a Kansas man who repented of his sins and chose Jesus Christ as his Lord and Saviour. What made his story so remarkable was the fact that, as a result of his newfound Faith in Christ, he confessed to a bank robbery he had participated in when he was nineteen years old. Because of the statute of limitations, Johnson could not be prosecuted for the offence. But because of his complete and total change of heart, he not only confessed his crime but voluntarily repaid his share of the stolen money! — That's repentance — *metanoia* — the radical change of heart demanded by John the Baptist in this Sunday's Gospel.

John's message calls us to confront and confess our sins; to turn away from them in sincere repentance; to receive God's forgiveness; and most importantly, to look to Jesus. Do we need to receive God's forgiveness? There are basically three reasons why we fail to receive forgiveness. Firstly, we fail to recognise as sin what we have done or failed to do; secondly, we recognise the sin but do not repent of it, and thirdly is that we ourselves fail to forgive those who have injured us.

We need to make use of this Advent as a season of reflection and preparation. We are invited by the Church to prepare for Christmas through this time of reflection and personal renewal in preparation for the coming of Jesus into our lives. In the section of St. Peter's Second Letter which we read in this week's scripture readings, Peter reminds us, on the one hand of God's great desire to come into our lives and, on the other, of our need to be prepared for that event when it happens. We want, and need, God's help and comfort, but we are not always prepared to change our ways to enhance genuine conversion. For God to come to us, we also need to go to Him. We need to let every day become Christmas and the "Day of the Lord" for each one of us.

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**Advent Prayer & reflection will take place in Milltown church
 Friday evening from 7:30pm to 8:00p.m.**

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Dec. 11 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Dec. 12 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Dec. 13 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Thurs Dec. 14 th	Milltown	7:30p.m.	<i>Carol Service</i>
Fri. Dec. 15 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. Dec. 16 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Bill Gray (Months Mind) Lahard, Beaufort</i>
Sun. Dec. 17 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Dec. 16th Eamon Donnelly
 Milltown Sunday Dec. 17th Josephine Twiss

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Dec. 16th Sinead O' Donnell
 Milltown Sunday Dec. 17th Elaine O' Sullivan

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.

**Mass Cards and Christmas Cards are available from the
 Parish Office.**

Advent Prayer: Please join us as we spend a little time in Advent Prayer and Reflection. It will be a time to stop, reflect and listen. We will gather each Friday from 7:30p.m to 8:00p.m. at the top left-hand side of Milltown church. Anglea O' Donoghue will lead the prayer time.

Our Lady of Fatima rosary: will take place in Listry church this Sunday December 10th at 3:00p.m. All most welcome. The message of the first five consecutive Saturdays wearing the brown scapular is a sign of our consecration to the Immaculate heart of Mary and praying the holy rosary every day.

Carol Service: Joint us for a heartwarming celebration of the season of Advent at our Annual Carol Service featuring The Children's Choir and the Milltown Adult Choir taking place in the Sacred Heart Church, Milltown on Thursday December 14th at 7:30p.m. Spread the joy and bring friends along to this lovely evening of carols and choral pieces as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Parish Draw: The draw takes place on Monday night, December 18th during Bingo. If you have not had the chance to support the draw, tickets are still available in Murphy's Foodstore, The Sacristy and The Parish Office. This is the one fundraiser that is run by the parish and the proceeds are important to offset the parish expenses (heating, lighting, insurance etc.) so your support is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Dues Please return your Christmas envelopes in the collection box. Your support is deeply appreciated throughout the entire year.

Charity 31 Card Drive in aid of Kerry Cork Cancer Bus will take place on Sunday 17th December at 5pm in Faha Court Bar. 5 Single Hands Entry €10 per person. Raffle will also take place on the day and all contributions would be appreciated. Enquiries to Anthony 087 2215059, Noel 085 1743351 or John 087 1273702.

St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Church gate collection: will take place this weekend in both Listry and Milltown churches - 10th /11th December. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Milltown Christmas Market: Takes place on Sunday December 10th & December 17th from 11.00am—5.30pm in the Old Hall, Milltown Eircode V93 ET62. All Welcome.

Penitential Services

Monday December 18th

Sacred Heart Church Milltown

7:00 p.m.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

Sacred Heart Church Milltown

10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day:

The Immaculate Conception Church, Listry

8:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart Church Milltown

9:30 a.m.

Last weekend's collection - €710.00.00

Special collection – Diocesan Youth Service €195.00

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.

*Hold fast to your dreams
for dreamers see tomorrow
Keep safe your wishes,
wishes can come true.
Let faith be strong
to hold you in your sadness.
Reach out for love,
and love will see you through*

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