



St. Colman's Parish
3rd Sunday of Advent
16th /17th December 2023

Valesa – a Nightmare

Valesa is a docu-drama written in Poland under a pseudonym and then smuggled out of the country. It tells the story of political prisoners like Lech Walesa. Near the end of the play a prisoner priest, who usually offers a solitary Mass, is joined by the rest of the prisoners at considerable risk to celebrate the Eucharist. At this moment, the play reaches a climax with the deafening scream of crows – a Polish symbol for the Communist military regime under General Jaruzelski. The cawing of the crows suddenly gives way to the soft chirping of spring birds and the comforting notes of a piano concerto – a symbol of the optimism of the Polish people that one day their quest for religious and political freedom will be realised.

Valesa – a Nightmare, shows how Christ can come into our lives even in the worst of circumstances. The Lord came to Lech Walesa in a Communist prison through Walesa's Faith and prayers, through his Polish culture and pride, through his fellow political prisoners and through the Sacrament of the Eucharist. (Albert Cylwicki in *His Word Resounds*)

By our Baptism we become members of the family of Christ, the true Light of the world. Jesus said, "*You are the light of the world.*" Hence, our mission as brothers and sisters of Christ and members of his Mystical Body, the Church, is to reflect Christ's Light to others, just as the moon reflects the light of the sun. It is especially important during the Advent season that we reflect upon and radiate Christ's unconditional love and forgiveness everywhere.

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Recent Death: Please pray for the soul of **Mick Regan**, Kilmoyley

Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian community
Spencer Eli & Amelia Mai O' Sullivan, Lissivane East &
Nathan James Hayes, Callinafercy Store.

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Dec. 18 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
Tues. Dec. 19 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Dec. 20 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs Dec. 21 st	Milltown		
Fri. Dec. 22 nd	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Jimmy Herlihy (Months Mind) Monastery Gardens</i>
Sat. Dec. 23 rd	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Christy Scully Nauntenane</i>
Sun. Dec. 24 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
	Milltown	10:00p.m.	

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Dec. 23rd Eamon Donnelly
Milltown Sunday Dec. 24th (am) Deirdre Corkery
Milltown Sunday Dec. 24th (pm) Linus Burke

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Dec. 23rd Michael F. O' Connor
Milltown Sunday Dec. 24th (am) John P. O' Sullivan
Milltown Sunday Dec. 24th (pm) 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.

Flower Arranger: Mary Aspell 23rd Dec. – 5th Jan 2024

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. Angela O' Donoghue will lead the prayer time.

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.

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 18th of December 2023. Mass starts at 7:30 pm. All welcome.

Christmas Day Collection: The Christmas Offering collection for parish clergy will be taken up at all Masses in the Parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Please return your Christmas envelopes in this collection. 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.

Recovery Haven Kerry: will have a Designer Fashion Showcase event taking place in the Gleneagle INEC Arena on 1st February 2024. MC'd by legendary RTE broadcaster, Mary Kennedy. Tickets are €30 and for sale at Recovery Haven Kerry 5 Haigs Terrace Tralee or at the Gleneagle INEC box office, they can also be purchased online or phone 066 7192122.

Milltown Christmas Market: Takes place on Sunday December 17th from 11.00am–5.30pm in the Old Hall, MilltownV93 ET62. All Welcome.

Trocaire Gifts of Change: bring real hope and opportunity to families and communities living in poverty and a chance to create positive and lasting change. There are four ways to support Trocaire; log on to trociare.org/gifts, by phone, by post or in person. Cards available for sale after Mass this Sunday in Milltown church. Your support is welcomed.

Samaritans Annual Church Gate collection: will be taken up on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day across all Kerry parishes.

Christmas Day

The Immaculate Conception Church, Listry
Sacred Heart Church Milltown

8:00 a.m.

9:30 a.m.

Advent Prayer

*God of hope,
who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.*

*God of hope,
who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.*

*God of hope,
who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.*

*God of hope,
the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always,
and particularly at this Advent time.*

Amen

Last weekend's collection - €920.00.00

Thank you for your generosity.

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