



*St. Colman's Parish*  
*6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*10<sup>th</sup> /11<sup>th</sup> February 2024*

**Recovery of a 285-year-old Stradivarius violin**

In 1981 Peter Cropper, the world-famous British violinist, was invited to Finland to play a special concert. As a personal favour to Peter, the Royal Academy of Music lent him their priceless 285-year-old Stradivarius violin for use in the concert. It was made of 80 pieces of special wood by the world-famous Italian violin maker Antonio Stradivari, covered with 30 coats of special varnish. But then the unimaginable nightmare happened. As Peter entered the stage he tripped, landed on top of the violin, and snapped its neck off. We cannot even imagine how Peter Cropper felt at that moment. A priceless masterpiece destroyed! Cropper was inconsolable. He got permission to take the violin to a master craftsman in England in the vain hope he might be able to repair it. The master craftsman worked endless hours on the broken violin and repaired it he did. So perfect was the repair that the break was undetectable, and, more importantly, the sound was exquisite. The Academy was most gracious and allowed Cropper to continue using the Stradivarius. And so, night after night, as Peter drew his bow across those strings, Peter was reminded of the fact that what he once thought irreparably damaged had been fully restored by the hand of a Master craftsman. In the months ahead Cropper took the violin on a worldwide tour and drew standing ovations from concert audiences. — That violin is a beautiful illustration of what happened the wretched leper in this Sunday's Gospel story. Jesus reached out his hands lovingly to him, touched the man and healed him.

In our society, looks aren't everything. They are the only thing! No wonder we can get feelings of inferiority, looking at all those young, attractive, trim models and superstars in magazines and on TV commercials! As a result, we make rash judgments with far-reaching consequences, making people outcasts in society. For example, who can really live a normal life in the community if he or she is known to be HIV positive? Who can really walk about as one of us in this age of the war against terrorism if he/she comes from the wrong ethnic group, wears the wrong clothes, or has the wrong skin-colour? In this weeks Gospel incident, Jesus challenges each one of us to accept others unconditionally as our own brothers and sisters.

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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday evening in Milltown church from 6:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

*Masses & Intentions*

Mon. Feb. 12 <sup>th</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Feb. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Feb. 14 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Milltown</b> <b>Milltown</b> <b>Listry</b>	<b>8:00a.m.</b> <b>10:00 a.m.</b> <b>6:00p.m.</b>	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>
Thurs Feb. 15 <sup>th</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Feb. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Kathleen Daly 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary</i> <i>Farranmanagh</i>
	Milltown	8:00p.m.	<i>Pa McCarthy (Months Mind)</i> <i>The Square, Milltown</i>
Sat. Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Aela O' Keeffe 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary</i> <i>Dromin/Tralee</i>
Sun. Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Noreen Quirke (Months Mind)</i> <i>Farran</i>

Mon. Feb. 19 <sup>th</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Feb. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Feb. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs Feb. 22 <sup>nd</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Patrick &amp; Bridget Curran</i> <i>Lissivane East</i>
Sun. Feb. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Dermot, Nellie, Frank &amp; Frances Twiss</i> <i>and all deceased members of the Twiss</i> <i>and Evans Family</i>

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Listry Saturday Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Marie Donnelly
Listry Saturday Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Eamon Donnelly
Milltown Sunday Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Mary O' Shea
Milltown Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Josephine Twiss

## **Minister of the Word**

Listry Saturday Feb. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Elizabeth Griffin
Listry Saturday Feb. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sinead O' Donnell
Milltown Sunday Feb. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Family Readers
Milltown Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Majella O' Sullivan

All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via [www.milltownlistryparish.com](http://www.milltownlistryparish.com) or [churchmediatv.ie](http://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.

**The Worldwide Day of Prayer for Survivors and Victims of Sexual Abuse** takes place in Ireland on the Friday after Ash Wednesday, thus Friday 16 February this year. The Day of Prayer is an initiative of Pope Francis and was first marked in Irish dioceses in 2017. At Mass that day parishes are asked to light a 'Candle of Atonement' on the altar and say the enclosed prayer. The Prayer is based on the very moving Penitential Rite composed and prayed by Pope Francis at the final Mass of the 9<sup>th</sup> World Meeting of Families on 26 August 2018 at Phoenix Park, Dublin. The candle symbolises repentance, light in the darkness, and hope.

**The Diocese of Kerry will host an online seminar, First Holy Communion – Journeying with your Child**, on Wednesday, Feb 21st, for all parents and guardians of children preparing for First Communion. The guest speaker is Dr Patricia Kieran, parent and lecturer at Mary Immaculate College, Limerick. Register for the webinar on [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**Trócaire Boxes** are available at the back of the church. Please take one home with you. Thank you for your ongoing support.

**25<sup>th</sup> National Pioneer Ball:** takes place on Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> April in Mullingar Co Westmeath. Mass at 6pm followed by Dinner & Dancing at Annebrook House Hotel. Tickets €40. Please contact Daisy (087) 6544626, Dermot (085) 7201646.

### **Killorglin Pastoral Area**

#### **Priest on Duty this Sunday**

**11<sup>th</sup> February - Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 6277638**

**18<sup>th</sup> February – Fr. Kevin Sullivan (0876277638)**

### **Ash Wednesday- February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Blessing with ashes will take place at the following Masses:

**8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m. - Milltown Church**

**6:00 p.m. - Listry Church**

Ashes will also be available after each Mass to bring home and in Milltown Church throughout the day. **For home:** Place your thumb in the Ashes and make a sign of the cross on the forehead of the person and say, "Repent and Believe the Gospel". The person can respond with "Amen."

### **Stations of the Cross for Lent**

Listry Church: Every Tuesday evening at 6:40 p.m.

Milltown Church: Every Friday evening at 6:40 p.m.

### **Upcoming Parish Sacramental Celebrations**

#### **Confirmation Ceremony – Friday April 12<sup>th</sup>**

Milltown Church for children of Nagle Rice P.S. – 12:00 noon

Listry Church for children of Faha P.S. – 3:00 p.m.

#### **First Holy Communion Ceremony**

Milltown Church - Nagle Rice P.S. on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Listry Church - Faha P.S. on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

### **Online Seminar:**

#### **Planning for the Future of Parishes:**

**Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>**

**Time: 7:30 pm.**

During this webinar, speakers from Austria and England will discuss lay involvement in their parishes. They will share the initiatives undertaken in their parishes, what has worked well, what has been challenging and what they see as the hope for the future. This webinar is in preparation for the upcoming parish gathering as part of the diocesan planning process, Moving Forward in Hope. Go to [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie) to register.

**Last weekend's collection - €930.00**

**Thank you for your generous 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.

**The Office is closed on Thursday February 15<sup>th</sup>.**