



*St. Colman's Parish*  
*Fourth Sunday of Lent*  
*9<sup>th</sup> /10<sup>th</sup> March 2024*

**The “umbilical cord” of space walking astronauts**

The famous Bible verses given in today's Gospel passage, John 3:16 and John 3:17 took an extra special meaning for many Christians when they were displayed in an astronaut program on TV a few years ago. Space engineers were shown as designing space suits for the command module pilot and the lunar module pilot. A part of the design of each space suit was an umbilical cord, consisting of a long flexible tubing. Its purpose was to supply oxygen to the astronauts when they walked in space or passed from one module to another. The suit receptacle into which the command pilot's cord fit was called J 3:16 and that of the lunar pilot was called J. 3:17. — Designer Frank Denton said that he named the two suit receptacles after the two gospel passages, John 3:16 and John 3:17. His reasoning for doing so went like this. Just as J 3:16 and J 3:17 supply the astronauts with what they need to survive in their journey from one module to another, so John 3:16 and John 3:17 supply us with what we need to survive in our journey from earth to heaven. That is why Bible scholars call Jn 3:16 the Gospel in the Gospels or the miniature Gospel, explaining why God sent His Own Son into our world to die for us and save us, thus demonstrating God's unconditional love for us.

*“For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life.”* This is the summary of the Gospel message of salvation through Christ Jesus. This text is the very essence of the Gospel. It tells us that the God takes the initiative in all salvation because of His love for man. As St. Augustine puts it: *“God loves each one of us as if there were only one of us to love.”* It is our God who brings us to greater belief in our daily struggles and temptations, and leads us to eternal life, thus demonstrating the depth of His love for us.

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**Recent Deaths:** Please pray for:  
**Carmel Alben nee Lombard** late of New York, Dublin and Milltown

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

*Masses & Intentions*

Mon. Mar 11 <sup>th</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Mar 12 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Pauline Ferris Faha</i>
Wed. Mar 13 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs Mar 14 <sup>th</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Mar 15 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Sean &amp; Willie Foley Dromin East</i>
Sat. Mar 16 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Lisa Orsi Spillane Culleeneymore</i>
Sun. Mar 17 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>St Patrick's Day Michael O' Shea Kilcolman</i>

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Listry Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> Eamon Donnelly  
 Milltown Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> Eileen Roche

**Minister of the Word**

Listry Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> Jim O' Shea  
 Milltown Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> Family Readers

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.

**Second Collection:** will be taken up at Masses w/e 16<sup>th</sup> /17<sup>th</sup> March  
- Emigrant Services

**Synod of Bishops - Feedback Needed:** The Synod of Bishops in Rome wants to hear from parishioners throughout the world about the progress that is being made in sharing responsibility for the work and mission of the Church on the ground and asks for ideas about how this can be done better. To contribute to the Irish Church's response to this request, or to find out more, please visit [www.dioceseofkerry.ie/synod](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie/synod)

**Diocesan Youth Pilgrimage to Taizé, France:** Interested in coming to Taizé this June? The diocese will be taking a group of young adults on this amazing pilgrimage from Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday June 30<sup>th</sup> 2024. Please contact Tomás Kenny for more information on 086 3683778 or email Tomás at [tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:tomaskenny@dioceseofkerry.ie).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend:** All married couples deserve a WWME. This next weekend will be held in the Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co Kildare from Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2024. To register online [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)  
Good marriages can always be made better!

**Samaritans:** Freephone 116 123 The Samaritans are available 24/7 to offer non-judgmental emotional support to people experiencing difficulties or times of crisis in their lives.

**Seniorline:** Freephone 1800 80 45 91 Seniorline is a confidential listening service for older people. Trained older volunteers offer a friendly, listening, and non-judgmental ear to all callers, 10am -10pm

**Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages:** April - Oct 2024:  
7 Nights Apartment B&B from €273 per person sharing. Airport transfer available on request. Contact us for details and book the dates that suit you. Tel. 01 4434510 or website [www.med-irishcentre.com](http://www.med-irishcentre.com)

**Afternoon Dancing:** takes place every Sunday afternoon from 3:00p.m. to 5.30p.m in the Community Hall, Milltown V93 ET62. Admission €10.

**Beaufort Film Night:** will hold a screening night on Friday 15th March at 8.30pm at Kilgobnet National School. The feature film on the night is *Róise agus Frank*, an uplifting Irish-language comedy-drama with English subtitles. Cert PG. Admission €7 (Under 16: €4). Under 16s must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

*The seed is sown in the ground  
when its hour comes.  
In time it bears fruit.  
Christ through his obedience dies,  
but through his dying  
he brings eternal life  
to all who call on his name.  
In the new relationship with him that comes about,  
God remembers our sins no more.*

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**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 Sat. 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.

**Weekend's collection  
18<sup>th</sup> February - €505.00  
Thank you for your generous support.**

**Killorglin Pastoral Area**

**Priest on Duty this Sunday:**

**Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 9061255**

*In an emergency always ring your own Priest first  
If he is unavailable, please ring the following:*

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**Parish Office:** The office telephone connection is currently unavailable If you encounter difficulty reaching us by phone, kindly contact Sheila. Parish Secretary on (086) 1788086. Thank you.