

Easter Message: Christ is Risen and present to us all.

Holy Week and Easter are close to the hearts of many people in all our parishes, thank God. Lovely to see large numbers who come to the Cathedral on Good Friday and Holy Saturday to quietly do "The Stations of the Cross". For many the Cross of Jesus gives them the strength to endure the Cross in their own lives. Some parishes have a well-attended dawn Mass on Easter Sunday morning. Witnessing the light of dawn on Easter Sunday morning symbolizes the Resurrection as the moment of proclamation of Jesus Christ as the "Light of the World".

May Good Friday remind us of Christ's gift to us all of his victory over death, - eternal life. May Easter Sunday morning remind us that Christ is risen, Christ is alive, and He is present in our lives through the Holy Spirit. The mystery of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, Creator and Lord of us all.

This Holy Week we remember the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, and we worship him as our Savior and our Hope. Every Easter blessing on all the people of all our parishes, and on our loved ones wherever they are in the world this Easter. Every blessing too on all for whom this is their first Easter in Ireland.

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Eilídh Kate Buckley, Lahard

Masses & Intentions				
Mon. April 1 st			No Mass	
Tues. April 2 nd	Listry		No evening Mass in Listry	
Wed. April 3 rd	Milltown		No morning Mass in Milltown	
Thurs April 4 th	Milltown		No Mass	
Fri. April 5 th	Milltown		No evening Mass in Milltown	
Sat. April 6 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Lilian Healy (Months Mind) Rockfield	
Sun. April 7 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	George, Sheila & David McAuliffe Kilcolman	

Eucharistic Ministers					
Listry Saturday April 6 th	Eamon Donnelly				
Milltown Sunday April 7 th	Tim Fleming				
Minister of the Word					
Listry Saturday April 6 th	Family Readers				
Milltown Sunday April 7th	Joe Tyther				

All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via <u>www.milltownlistryparish.com</u> 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: Margot Lawlor 30th March – 12th April

First Friday Communion Calls: will take place on Friday April 5th If you have a family member or neighbour who wishes to receive Holy Communion each month in their home, please contact Fr. Danny, (087) 9061255 Rev. Conor (087) 3664057 / office (066) 97 67312.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on Sunday April 7th from 8-9.30pm. All most welcome

The 'Synodal: Explored' conference will be held on 19 (Friday) and 20 April. Cardinal Mario Grech, Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops will be the keynote speaker. The conference is a free event and open to the public. It takes place on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th April 2024 at St. John's Welcome Centre, Knock Shrine, and all are welcome.

Divine Mercy Sunday: On Divine Mercy Sunday, observed on April 7th, Pope John Paul II established this day to encourage the world to embrace Divine Mercy. Inspired by St. Faustina's devotion, he urged people to invoke Divine Mercy. St. Faustina herself was drawn to this call and crafted the Divine Mercy image. Many people recite the Divine Mercy chaplet daily. You are invited to join the Divine Mercy celebration at Milltown Church on April 7th at 3:00 p.m. Confessions will be available starting at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome.

National Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration: Annual Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place this year on the W/E Saturday and Sunday 13th/14th April 2024. Coach leaving Killarney at 7.00a.m. on Sunday Morning. Details on coach contact Breda: (087) 674 2306 or Catherine: (087) 928 2421.

Recovery Haven Kerry (Cancer Support House): are currently enrolling for an upcoming *CUBS Programme* - a bereavement programme aimed at **children aged between 8 and 12** years of age, who are dealing with the loss of a parent through cancer. The free, **8-week programme begins on** Tuesday, April 9th (4.30pm - 6pm) and names are now being taken on (066) 7192122.

<u>Milltown Dance Classes</u>; 4 Week Beginners Class Commencing Wed 10th April at Nagle Rice Community Centre. Beginner's class 7pm – 8pm. Dancing Including Jiving, Quicksteps, Waltzing, Line Dancing. To book contact (087) 7541631

> Last Weekend's collection 24th March - €895.00 Thank you for your generous support.

Rejoice He Is Risen

"Easter" literally means "the feast of fresh flowers." Easter is the greatest and the most important feast in the Church for four reasons:

1) The Resurrection of Christ is the basis of our Christian Faith. It is the greatest of the miracles, for it proves that Jesus is God. That is why St. Paul writes: "If Christ has not been raised, then our preaching is in vain; and your Faith is in vain" (I Cor 15:14). "Jesus is Lord, He is risen" (Rom 10:9), was the central theme of the kerygma (or "preaching"), of the Apostles.

2) Easter is the guarantee of our own resurrection. Jesus assured Martha at the tomb of Lazarus: "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me will live even though he dies (Jn 11:25-26).

3) Easter is a feast which gives us hope and encouragement in this world of pain, sorrows and tears. It reminds us that life is worth living. It also gives us strength to fight against temptations and freedom from unnecessary worries and fears.

4) Easter gives meaning to our prayers: It supports our belief in the Real Presence of the Risen Jesus in and around us, in His Church, in the Blessed Sacrament, and in Heaven, hearing our prayers, and so gives meaning to our personal as well as our communal prayers.

Confirmation Ceremony – Friday April 12th

Milltown Church for children of Nagle Rice P.S. – 12:00 noon Listry Church for children of Faha P.S. – 3:00 p.m.

Easter Blessing

I want to wish you all a very happy Easter. May the joy and hope of Easter be in all of your hearts and all of your homes.

Fr. Danny Broderick

Killorglin Pastoral Area <u>Priest on Duty this Sunday</u>: Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638