

## St. Colman's Parish Third Sunday of Lent 2<sup>nd</sup> /3<sup>rd</sup> March 2024

## Never argue with him when he's drunk!

A man was driving without his seatbelt when he spotted a patrol car right behind him. He grabbed for the belt and put it on. But it was too late, and the red lights began to flash. "You weren't wearing your seatbelt," said the officer. "Yes, I was," said the man, "and if you don't believe me, ask my wife." "So how ABOUT it, ma'am?" asked the cop. "Officer," she said, "I've been married to this man for forty years, and there's one thing I've learned: Never argue with him when he's drunk! Just give him a ticket for not wearing the seat belt."

In <u>this week's Gospel</u>, Jesus doesn't bother to argue with the unjust merchants and moneychangers who have converted the Temple of Jerusalem into a noisy "marketplace" and a "hideout of thieves." Instead, he frightens them with his angry order and chases them away, wielding the whip in his hands.

St. Paul reminds us that we are God's temples, body and soul, because the Spirit of God dwells in us. Hence, we have no right to desecrate God's temple by impurity and injustice. We are expected to cleanse our hearts of pride, hatred, jealousy, and all evil thoughts, desires, and plans. Reminiscent of what Jesus did in cleansing the Temple, we, as 21st century disciples, must, with His grace, cleanse ourselves of attitudes and behaviours that prevent us from seeing and responding to hurt wherever we find it. Let us welcome Jesus into our hearts and lives during Lent by repentance and the renewal of our lives. We will drive out the wild animals that do not belong in the holy temple of our body by making a whip of cords out of our fasting, penance, and almsgiving during Lent, and by going to Confession to receive God's loving forgiveness in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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**Recent Deaths:** Please pray for:

Michael (Mike Charlie) O' Sullivan, Knockavota

Aloe Dowling, Ottawa/Bridge St. Milltown

Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian community

Ava & Evie O' Sullivan O' Connell, Ath Solas 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. March 4 <sup>th</sup>  |          |            | No Mass                                    |
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|                             | Milltown | 12:00 noon | Funeral Mass for Aloe Dowling              |
|                             |          |            | Ottawa/Bridge Street                       |
| Tues. March 5 <sup>th</sup> | Listry   | 7:00 p.m.  | Rosary will be recited                     |
| Wed. March 6 <sup>th</sup>  | Milltown | 10:00 a.m. | Liturgy of the Word                        |
| Thurs Mar 7 <sup>th</sup>   |          |            | No Mass                                    |
| Fri. March 8 <sup>th</sup>  | Milltown | 7:00 p.m.  | Liturgy of the Word                        |
| Sat. March 9 <sup>th</sup>  | Listry   | 6:00 p.m.  | John Griffin<br>Rosnacarton, Faha          |
| Sun. Mar 10 <sup>th</sup>   | Milltown | 11:15 a.m. | Patrick & Kathleen Heffernan<br>Abbeylands |

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Listry Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> Marie Donnelly Milltown Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> Sheila O' Sullivan

## Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday March 9<sup>th</sup> Family Readers
Milltown Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> Elaine O' Sullivan

All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via <a href="www.milltownlistryparish.com">www.milltownlistryparish.com</a> or <a href="churchmediatv.ie">churchmediatv.ie</a>. 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.

#### **Parish Gathering**

In his Pastoral Letter, *Moving Forward in Hope*", Bishop Ray invites all parishioners to participate in a consultation process to shape the future of pastoral areas and parishes. A consultation gathering will be held in our parish on **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March in the Nagle Rice Community Centre, Milltown from 19:30pm to 21.00pm.** Those attending this meeting will be asked to consider the following questions which will be forwarded to the Diocesan Office and will be used in drawing up a plan for a way forward to ensure the sustainability of our Church and Faith Communities in the future.

- 1. Without the presence of a priest to lead and coordinate, what aspects of parish life could we, the laity, take responsibility for and organise ourselves?
- 2. Where do we see scope for cooperation with neighbouring parishes in our pastoral area?
- 3. Given what Bishop Ray has said about reducing numbers and increasing age, what do we want to say to priests?

**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 <a href="www.dioceseofkerry.ie/synod">www.dioceseofkerry.ie/synod</a>

Monthly Prayer Meeting: takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on Sunday March 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8-9.30pm. Guest speaker Fr. Mark Moriarty. All most welcome.

**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.

**Listry Community Council:** are having a Senior Day on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March. Time 11.30 to 3pm.Dinner & entertainment. Contact Ciara (086) 1997535 or Cathriona (097)9381063.

**Funeral Mass:** for the late Aloe Dowling formerly of Bridge Street, Milltown, and Ottawa Canada. Remains will arrive to Milltown Church for 12 mid-day funeral Mass followed by burial in Milltown Cemetery.

Our Church is the place where we come together as a community to love and praise God. It is the holy place where we gather strength to support one another in the task of living the Gospel. It is the place where we come privately to enter into intimate conversation with God. In this building many prodigal sons and daughters have met the merciful Lord in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and have been welcomed back to our community. In this building, tears have been shed by those in pain and grief. Let's look around our Church this morning and treasure it. When we pass our Church, we might take the time to make a brief visit. Let us make our Church even more of a holy place by helping to keep it clean, by adding our prayers and songs to parish worship and by offering our time and talents in the various ministries.

## **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 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.

## **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 25th at 11:00 a.m.

Weekend's collection 18<sup>th</sup> February - €989.00 Thank you for your generous support.

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<u>Priest on Duty this Sunday</u>

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