

St. Colman's Parish Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion 12th /13th April 2025

The Drama Begins

The story which begins of Palm Sunday is basically a human drama; it is our drama. As Jesus enters his final week, he takes humanity with him and continues to do so every Easter. We are not just remembering a historical event that happened over two thousand years ago. We are celebrating and taking part in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus as it happens today to us and for us.

His entry into the city begins on a huge wave of optimism, joy and hope. The people line the streets; they wave palms, they put their cloaks and garments on the ground, and they shout out his name. This was an ancient Roman tradition used to welcome soldiers and armies home after their success in battle. The crowd welcome Jesus in a similar way as they shout out, Hosanna, Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Yet, how quickly the crowd changed and turned on Jesus. The same people who were happy to welcome him with shouts of joy, will soon begin to shout, 'Crucify him, Crucify him. 'Jesus is even betrayed and denied by his closet friends. The rest of them run and desert him. He is left alone.

There is a real danger that we can get up and lost in getting the liturgy of Palm Sunday and indeed the whole of Holy week just right. If we are not careful, we can lose sight of what we are remembering, celebrating and taking part in. As well as celebrating this great week with dignity and reverence, we also need to ask ourselves what it is all about and what it means to each to us.

Where am I in the unfolding drama that begins on Palm Sunday and plays out over Holy Week and which climaxes on Easter? Where am I as Jesus passes by on the donkey? Am I one of the crowd shouting out his name? Am I like Judas in any way? When have I betrayed others or Jesus? Fr. Danny Broderick (087) 9061255 Parish Residence: 18 Ballyoughtragh Heights, Milltown Rev. Conor Bradley (087) 3664057 Parish Office: Thursday 9:00-3:00 Tel (066)-9767312 Email: <u>milltown@dioceseofkerry.ie</u> Website: www.milltownlistryparish.com Safeguarding Children: Contact No (087) 6362780

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

Masses & Intentions					
Mon. April 14 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	No Mass		
Tues April 15 th	Killarney	7:00 p.m.	No evening Mass in Listry Chrism Mass, St. Mary's Cathedral		
Wed. April 16 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	Bigi Thomas & Baiju George India		
Holy Thursday	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper		
Thurs April 17 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper		
Good Friday	Milltown	3:00 p.m.	The Passion of our Lord		
Fri. April 18 th	Listry	7:30 p.m.	Stations of the Cross		
Easter Saturday Sat. April 19 th	Listry	9:00 p.m.	Vigil Mass of the Resurrection		
Easter Sunday	Milltown	6:00 a.m.	Dawn Mass		
Sun. April 20 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Sheila Roche, Gortloughera		

Eucharistic Ministers

Milltown Sunday April 20th Anna Clifford & Tim Fleming

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday April 19th Milltown Sunday April 20th Michael F. O' Connor Christine Spillane

Readings can be collected in advance from the Sacristy after any Mass

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.

Last Weekend's collection - €605.00 Thank you for your generous support

The offertory collection is not 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.

The Diocesan Chrism Mass: will take place on Tuesday evening March 26th March at 7.00pm in St. Mary's Cathedral Killarney. Refreshments after Mass in St. Brendan's College refectory. Everyone is welcome.

Confessions: will take place in Milltown church on Easter Saturday from 12noon – 1:00p.m.

Eucharistic Ministers & Readers: You are invited to renew your commitment to the Church as a Eucharistic Minister or Reader during Mass on Holy Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m. in Milltown Church.

3rd Annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Saturday 23rd of August 2025. May our prayer be "To Jesus through Mary". Please pray for the safety of all pilgrims who travel.

Trip to Inisfallen: There will be a pilgrimage (Mass and Talk) to Inisfallen Island, Killarney, on the 15 May. If you wish to go on this pilgrimage call Tigh na Sagart (066) 9156131. Booking is essential.

Trócaire: is the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church of Ireland. Your donations this Lent will work hard in over 20 countries to help people build lasting, sustainable futures despite the odds they face. This year, Trócaire's Lenten campaign focuses on Ilma and Julio and their family from Guatemala. Find out more at <u>www.trocaire.org</u> Thank you for the hope you bring. A better tomorrow belongs to us all. Contract Tel. No. (01)6293333 or <u>donorservices@trocaire.org</u>.

<u>Milltown/Listry Branch of Kerry Hospice</u>: are holding their annual sponsored walk on Good Friday April 18th starting with registration at Muintir na Tire Hall, Milltown. Walk commences at 10:00a.m. All funds raised will go to Palliative Care in Kerry. Your support is greatly appreciated. Refreshments served in the hall after the walk.

<u>Milltown Graveyard Gates:</u> Please ensure when visiting Milltown graveyard, to close the gates when leaving as a mark of respect for loved one's graves. People have spent a lot of time and money attending to their family graves and we want to avoid stray animals damaging them.

Accord Tralee: are recruiting new members for Counselling and facilitating pre-Marriage courses. An open evening will be held in the Meadowlands Hotel. V92 DC83 on Monday 28th April - 7.30pm - 9.pm. All are welcome. Contact No (066) 7122280. <u>tralee@accord.ie</u>.

Nagle Rice Parents Association is holding a Preloved Tabletop Sale on Sunday 13th April at the school from 11a.m. – 2p.m. To reserve a table €10, please call Michelle (087) 9926290. Please support.

When like Peter, have I denied knowing Jesus? Am I like Pilate when I judge and condemn others? How am I like Simon or Veronica who help Jesus in his time of need? Having stood with the crowd shouting out his name and welcoming Jesus, will I stand with the same people spitting out insults as I shout 'Crucify him! Crucify him!'

As we celebrate Palm Sunday and begin our journey through Holy Week, we are called to ask ourselves who and where we are in the crowd. This is a week to pray and then decide what kind of followers of Christ we are and are going to be.

Divine Mercy Sunday

On Divine Mercy Sunday, observed on April 27th, 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 27th at 3:00 p.m. Confessions will be available starting at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome. Fr. Danny Broderick

Holy Week Masses and Ceremonies

Holy Thursday	sday Mass of the Lord's Supper					
Listry 6:00 p.m. – Milltown 7:00 p.m.						
Good Friday	The Passion of our Lord The Stations of the Cross		U			
Easter Vigil	Listry 9:00 p.m.					
Easter Sunday Dawn Mass 6:00 a.m. in Milltown church Milltown 11:15 a.m.						
Killorglin Pastoral Area <u>Priest on Duty this Sunday</u> : Fr. Danny Broderick (087) 9061255						