



St. Colman's Parish
Divine Mercy Sunday
26th /27th April 2025

Statement of Bishop Ray Browne on the death of Pope Francis

*O God, who... through your only begotten Son,
have conquered death and unlocked for us the path to eternity*
(Opening prayer of the Mass of Easter Sunday)

It was with great sadness that I learned of the death of our Holy Father Pope Francis, a gentle shepherd who walked with us leading the People of God of our Church worldwide for the last twelve years.

From the moment he chose the name Francis, following in the footsteps of Francis of Assisi, rooted in humility he signalled a papacy of building peace, care for the poor, and love for all of God's creation. He constantly emphasised the need for all of us to take care of our planet, our common home. Like St Francis he alerted us to the "Cry of the Earth" and "Cry of the Poor", all creation united by the love of the Creator.

Pope Francis ever sought to be a voice for the voiceless, a champion of mercy, and a witness to the Gospel in word and deed, always on the side of those on the margins. He preached and lived God's Mercy for all. In his *Urbi et Orbi* address on Easter Sunday, his final day among us, Pope Francis gave us these prophetic words:

"The Resurrection of Jesus is indeed the basis of our hope. For in the light of this event, hope is no longer an illusion... Thanks to Christ — crucified and risen from the dead — hope does not disappoint! (cf. *Rom 5:5*) All those who put their hope in God place their feeble hands in his strong and mighty hand; they let themselves be raised up and set out on a journey. Together with the risen Jesus, they become pilgrims of hope, witnesses of the victory of love and of the disarmed power of Life."

I pray that he now enjoys Christian hope fulfilled, - eternal life with God the Father. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace. Amen.

Ar dheis Dé go raibh a anam.
Our Lady Queen of heaven, pray for him.

+Ray Browne

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. April 28 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues April 29 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. April 30 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs May 1 st			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. May 2 nd	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Eilis & William Daly Woodville</i>
Sat. May 3 rd	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Michael & Mary Hogan Listry</i>
Sun. May 4 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Tom Spillane Knockavota</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Milltown Sunday May 4th Denis O' Mahony & Mary O' Shea

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday May 3rd Anthony Clifford

Milltown Sunday May 4th Family Readers

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

All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via www.milltownlistryparish.com 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.

Killorglin Pastoral Area
Priest on Duty Sunday 23rd
Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155

Flower Arranger: Margot Lawlor – 3rd May- 16th May

First Friday Communion Calls: will take place on Friday 2nd May. 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 or the office (066) 97 67312.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on Sunday May 4th from 8-9.30pm. All most welcome

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver: will visit our Parish on the 3-4th of May to appeal on behalf of the missions. The Sisters will tell us about their work and will be grateful for your support.

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.

Spring/Easter Dues: Please remember to return your Spring/Easter envelopes which can be found in your box of envelopes. Thank you all for your ongoing support. It is deeply appreciated.

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. tralee@accord.ie.

Milltown Community Crime Prevention meeting will take place at Nagle Rice Community Centre next Monday the 28th April @ 8pm. Join us to keep Milltown safe. An Garda Síochána, Kerry County Council and Clúid Housing will be in attendance.

Milltown Graveyard Gates: 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.

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 2:30p.m. Confessions will be available starting at 2:00 p.m. All are welcome.

Fr. Danny Broderick

St. Faustina and the Image of the Divine Mercy

St. Faustina of Poland is the well-known apostle of Divine Mercy. On the 30th of April 2000, at 10:00a.m. on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday, the Feast requested by Jesus in His communications with St. Faustina), His Holiness Pope St. John Paul II celebrated the Eucharist in Saint Peter's Square and proceeded to the canonisation of Blessed Sister Faustina. [John Paul himself would be canonised on this same Feast Day – April 27 in 2014 – by Pope Francis.] At the canonisation of St. Faustina, Saint John Paul II said, "Believing in the love of God means believing in His mercy." Saint Faustina invites us by the witness of her life to keep our Faith and Hope fixed on God the Father, rich in mercy, who saved us by the precious Blood of His Son. During her short life, the Lord Jesus assigned to St. Faustina three basic tasks: 1. to pray for souls, entrusting them to God's incomprehensible Mercy; 2. to tell the world about God's generous Mercy; 3. to start a new movement in the Church focusing on God's Mercy. At the canonisation of St. Faustina, Pope St. John Paul II said: "The cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, speaks, and never ceases to speak, of God the Father, Who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy." "The Lord of Divine Mercy," a painting of Jesus based on the vision given to St. Faustina, shows Jesus raising his right hand in a gesture of blessing, with His left hand on his heart from which gush forth two rays, one red and one white. The picture contains the message, "Jesus, I trust in You!" (Jezu ufam Tobie). The rays streaming out have symbolic meaning: red for the Blood of Jesus, which is the life of souls and white for the Baptismal water which justifies souls. The whole image is symbolic of the mercy, forgiveness, and love of God.

Let us ask God for the Faith that culminates in self-surrender to God and that leads us to serve those we encounter with love. Living Faith enables us to see the risen Lord in everyone and gives us the willingness to render to each our loving service. The Fathers of the Church prescribe the following traditional means to grow in the living and dynamic faith of St. Thomas the Apostle: a) First, we must come to know Jesus personally and intimately by our daily and meditative reading of the Bible. b) Next, we must strengthen our Faith through our personal and community prayer. c) Third, we must share in the Divine Life of Jesus by frequenting the Sacraments of Reconciliation and receiving the Holy Eucharist. St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) presents it this way: "If we pray, we will believe; if we believe, we will love; if we love, we will serve. Only then we put our love of God into action."