



St. Colman's Parish
Fifth Sunday of Easter
17th /18th May 2025

Catherine Lawes who transformed a notorious prison with love

In 1921, Lewis Lawes became the warden at Sing Sing Prison in New York state. No prison was tougher than Sing Sing during that time. But when Warden Lawes retired some 20 years later, that prison had become a humanitarian institution. Those who studied the system said credit for the change belonged to Lawes. But when he was asked about the transformation, here's what he said: "I owe it all to my wonderful wife, Catherine, who is buried outside the prison walls." Catherine Lawes was a young mother with three small children when her husband became the warden. Everybody warned her from the beginning that she should never set foot inside the prison walls, but that didn't stop Catherine! When the first prison basketball game was held, she went ... walking into the gym with her three beautiful kids, and she sat in the stands with the inmates. Her attitude was: "My husband and I are going to take care of these men and I believe they will take care of me! I don't have to worry." She insisted on getting acquainted with them and their records. She discovered one convicted murderer was blind so she paid him a visit. Holding his hand in hers she said, "Do you read Braille?" "What's Braille?" he asked. Then she taught him how to read. Years later he would weep in love for her. Later, Catherine found a deaf-mute in prison. She went to school to learn how to use sign language. Many said that Catherine Lawes was the body of Jesus that came alive again in Sing Sing from 1921 to 1937. Then, she was killed in a car accident. The next morning Lewis Lawes didn't come to work, so the acting warden took his place. It seemed almost instantly that the prison knew something was wrong. The following day, her body was resting in a casket in her home, three-quarters of a mile from the prison. As the acting warden took his early morning walk, he was shocked to see a large crowd of the toughest, hardest-looking criminals gathered like a herd of animals at the main gate. He came closer and noted tears of grief and sadness. He knew how much they loved Catherine.

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He turned and faced the men, “All right, men, you can go. Just be sure and check in tonight!” Then he opened the gate, and a parade of criminals walked, without a guard, the three-quarters of a mile to stand in line to pay their final respects to Catherine Lawes. — And every one of them checked back in. Everyone! They had learned the commandment of love as practiced by Catherine.

The renewal of Christian life means a radical change of vision and a reordering of our priorities in life. Such a renewal brings us to embrace new attitudes, new values, and new standards of relating to God, to other people and, indeed, to our whole environment. For most of us, “renewal” is something that comes at different stages in our lives, each time bringing us to a deeper understanding, insight, and commitment

Flower Arranger: Joan Allman 17th May – 30th May

Diocese of Kerry Care of Creation Network for Parishes: Join us for a zoom meeting on Tue 20th May at 7.30pm to hear about upcoming events, resources and link with others to promote biodiversity and care for creation in our parishes. If you are not already a member and would like to join us, email berniemccaffrey@dioceseofkerry.ie all are welcome.

Recovery Haven Kerry (Cancer Support House): will have a Coffee morning at the Killorglin Outreach at the Day care Centre on Market Street, Killorglin on Thursday May 22nd at 10.30am-1pm. Please drop in for a cuppa and a chat

The 3rd Kerry Milltown Scout Group: is holding a coffee morning at the Muintir Na Tire Hall on Sunday, May 18th, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. All funds raised will go towards supporting the Milltown First Responders in purchasing a defibrillator for the community.

Gratitude: We would like to express our appreciation to the Listry Community Council for their recent cleaning and power washing of the Listry Church grounds.

First Holy Communion Ceremony:

We wish to congratulate the children of Faha N.S. Milltown who received their First Holy Communion in the parish on Saturday 17th May.

May Jesus lead and guide them all the days of their life.



Jesus said “I give you a new commandment: love one another, just as I have loved you”

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Recent Death: Please pray for

John Broderick, Killarney/formally Rockfield, Faha

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. May 19 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues May 20 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. May 21 st	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs May 22 nd			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. May 23 rd	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Private Intention</i>
Sat. May 24 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Pat O' Brien (Months Mind) Elm Drive, Milltown</i>
Sun. May 25 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Tracey Foley – 1st Anniversary Knockavota</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Milltown Sunday May 25th Dorothy Casey

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday May 24th Michael F. O' Connor
Milltown Sunday May 25th Rosemarie Healy

Readings can be collected in advance from the Sacristy

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 this Sunday:
Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638

Our hearts go out in love and prayer to Pope Leo XIV

His words that point to Christ's Easter message:

"Peace be with you": God loves us, all of us"

With joy and gratitude, I welcome the news of the election of Pope Leo XIV as the Bishop of Rome and successor to Saint Peter. On behalf of the Diocese of Kerry I pledge our prayer and heartfelt support for his ministry as Pope.

In introducing himself to the crowds in Rome, he praised the papacy of Pope Francis and went on to emphasize the challenges of world peace, world poverty, and synodality, - the people of God journeying together. His quoting St Augustine regarding "For you I am a bishop, with you I am a Christian" points to a key emphasis on every baptised person having a part to play in the mission of the Church: practising their faith and living it in the community and society, sharing their faith with others and handing it on to their children.

Pope Leo XIV brings great experience and wisdom to the papacy: his early years at home in Chicago, his life as an Augustinian priest including two terms of leadership of the Order at world level; his years both as a missionary and as a bishop in Peru; his recent years as Cardinal and leader of the office in Rome that coordinates the choice of bishops for dioceses worldwide.

It is good that he has visited Ireland a number of times, visiting the Augustinian communities throughout the country. I invite all the clergy, religious and laity across the Diocese of Kerry to offer prayers of thanksgiving, and in the weeks and months ahead to continue to pray for him as he takes up office.

+ Ray Browne
Bishop of Kerry
8th May 2025

Offertory collection

Last Weekend's collection -€860.00
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