



St. Colman's Parish
17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
26th /27th July 2025

The Tavern and the power of prayer

A tale is told about a small town that had always been “dry.” One day, however, a local businessman erected a tavern. A group of Christians from a local Church were concerned and they convened an all-night prayer meeting to ask God to intervene. It just so happened that shortly thereafter lightning struck the tavern burning it down to the ground. The owner of the bar sued the Church, claiming that the prayers of the congregation were responsible, but the Church hired a lawyer to argue in court that they were not responsible. — The presiding judge, after his initial review of the case, stated, “No matter how this case comes out, one thing is clear: the tavern owner believes in prayer and the Christians do not.”

The main themes of this Sunday's Scripture readings are the power of intercessory prayer, the Our Father as the ideal prayer, and the necessity for persistence and perseverance in prayer, with trusting faith and boldness. In short, the readings teach us what to pray for and how to pray.

A colleague asked C.S. Lewis if he really thought he could change God with his prayer for the cure of his wife's cancer. Lewis replied: “Prayer doesn't change God; it changes me.” William McGill summed it up this way. “The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us but that we will finally hear God.” Keep in mind that Jesus has taught us to address God as Our Father. A loving Father listens to his child but does not blindly endorse every request. Instead, the loving Father provides what is needed, including discipline. Venerable Servant of God Bishop Fulton J. Sheen has this comment on prayer: “The man who thinks only of himself says prayers of petition. He who thinks of his neighbour says prayers of intercession.

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. July 28 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues July 29 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. July 30 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs July 31 st			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Aug. 1 st	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Theresa Loughlin, 1st Anniversary Whitegate/Keel, Castlemaine</i>
Sat. Aug. 2 nd	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Treasa Healy (Months Mind) Galway/Rockfield</i>
Sun Aug. 3 rd	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Breda, Mary & Donie Bowler Rockfield, Faha</i>
Mon. Aug. 4 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Aug. 5 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Daniel & Kathleen Buckley Knocknagowna, Faha</i>
Wed. Aug. 6 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs Aug. 7 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Aug. 8 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. Aug. 9 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	
Sun. Aug. 10 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Francis Ladden 1st Anniversary Kilderry</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Milltown Sunday Aug. 3 rd	Josephine Twiss & Deirdre Corkery
Milltown Sunday Aug. 10 th	Sheila O' Sullivan & Eileen Roche

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Aug. 2 nd	Family Readers
Listry Saturday Aug. 9 th	Sinead O' Donnell
Milltown Sunday Aug. 3 rd	Joe Tyther
Milltown Sunday Aug. 10 th	Linus Burke

Offertory Collector

Milltown: July 27th – August 31st Tony O' Leary

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.

Flower Arranger: Doris Mangan 9th August – 22nd August

Second Collection: will be taken up at Masses w/e 2nd/3rd August
- Pastoral Centre

First Friday Communion Calls: will take place on Friday August 1st
If you have a family member or neighbour who wishes to receive Holy Communion each month in their home, please contact Fr. Timothy (087) 0009181 Rev. Conor (087) 3664057 or the parish office (066) 97 67312.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on Sunday August 3rd from 8:00 p.m. -9.30pm. Guest speaker, Ann Reilly, Cork. All most welcome.

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: will take place on Saturday 23rd August. Ceremonies begin at 2.00pm: Outdoor Stations of the Cross and Rosary Procession 3.00pm: Concelebrated Mass at Knock Basilica with Anointing of the Sick There will be a bus from Killorglin. To book, please contact Deacon Pat Coffey (087) 9933672

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 28th August - 2nd September ex Kerry €970 pps, includes 5 nights accommodation with full board, bus transfers, travel insurance (up to 85 years, €30 extra if over). €250 deposit. Contact Nora, (087) 931 8976. pilgrimage@dioceseofkerry.ie

St. Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth: Applications are still open for programmes in Theology and Pastoral Liturgy (Higher Diploma/Diploma options). Visit www.sppu.ie/courses.

He who thinks only of loving and serving God says prayers of abandonment to God's will, and that is the prayer of the saints." To pray is not to impose our will on God but to ask God to make us open to His will; in other words, we pray not to change God's mind but for God to change ours. The Our Father is the "summary of the whole Gospel"(Tertullian) and it is the "perfect prayer" (St. Thomas Aquinas). "The Lord's Prayer is the most perfect of prayers... In it we ask, not only for all the things we can rightly desire, but also in the sequence that they should be desired. This prayer not only teaches us to ask for things, but also in what order we should desire them." (St. Thomas Aquinas, as quoted in Catechism of the Catholic Church, #2763)

Booking an Anniversary Mass for 2026

If you wish to book an Anniversary Mass for a loved one in the coming year, please note that the 2026 booking diary will open on Thursday, September 4th. During the first week, only First Anniversary Masses may be reserved. Booking for all other Anniversary Masses will begin on Thursday, September 11th.

Graveyard Masses in Killorglin Pastoral Area

August (all August Masses at 7:30 p.m.)

Friday 1st Réalt na Mara, Cromane

Monday 4th Dromavalla

Thursday 7thArdmoniel

Take sometime today, and every day of the month, to remember your deceased loved ones. Give thanks to God for them -for the people they were and the love they showed during their time on earth. Take time to visit their graves. And pray for them each day.

Offertory collection

Last Weekend's collection -€963.00

Thank you for your generous support

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty week-ending

26th /27th July - Fr. Timothy Kiplagat Chebii (087) 0001981

2nd/ 3rd August – Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638

The parish office will be closed on Thursday 31st July.