



St. Colman's Parish
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
16th /17th August 2025

Courage to confront

In the 1920s, an English adventurer named Mallory led an expedition to conquer Mount Everest. His first, second, and even his third attempt with an experienced team met with failure. Upon his return to England, the few who had survived held a banquet to salute Mallory and those who had perished. As he stood up to speak, he looked around he saw framed picture of himself and those who had died. Then he turned his back on the crowd and faced a large picture of Mount Everest looming large like an unbeatable giant. With tears streaming down his face, he spoke to the mountain on behalf of his dead friends: "I speak to you Mt. Everest, in the name of all brave men living, and those yet unborn. Mt. Everest, you defeated us once, you defeated us twice; you defeated us three times. But Mt. Everest, we shall someday defeat you, because you can't get any bigger, but we can." —Today's Scripture challenges us to confront the world with prophetic courage of our Christian convictions (John Rose in John's Sunday Homilies).

The central theme of this Sunday's readings is that we should be Christians on fire instead of remaining "frozen Christians." It is by courageously living out our religious convictions with commitment as Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus did, even if doing so would result in causing divisions in families and society and inviting suffering and death. If no one is ever offended by the quality of our commitment to Christ, then perhaps we are practicing "inoffensive Christianity."

On the day of our Baptism, we received the light of Christ and were instructed to keep that torch burning brightly until the return of Christ Jesus. In addition, the Holy Spirit was sent into our hearts both in Baptism and at Confirmation to help set us on fire. "One who is on fire cannot sit on a chair." So, as Christians on fire, we have to inflame people to care, to serve, and to bless one another with all the gifts of Faith. We should allow that fire to burn off the impurities in us and to bring out the purity of the gold and silver within us.

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Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian community
 Max O' Shea, Doha, Qatar

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Aug. 18 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Aug. 19 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Wed. Aug. 20 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	
Thurs Aug. 21 st			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Aug. 22 nd	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Patrick O' Sullivan Knockavota</i>
Sat. Aug. 23 rd	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Sheila O' Sullivan Lissivane East</i>
Sun. Aug. 24 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Hannah Counihan 3rd Anniversary Abbie Gallagher 3rd Anniversary & Sr. Augustine Presentation Sisters 13th Anniversary, Keel Faha</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Milltown Sunday Aug. 24th Anna Clifford & Tim Fleming

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Aug. 23rd Jim O' Shea

Milltown Sunday Aug. 24th Rosemarie Healy

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: Margot Lawlor – 23rd August – 5th September

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.

Listry Family Fun Day: will take place on Saturday 6th September at 2pm in Listry GAA grounds. All welcome to attend with Entertainment for all ages.

CHY3 Tax Forms for Charitable Donations: (CHY3 enduring certificate simply enables the charity to claim tax relief if you donate €250+ in any of the five years covered by the form) Any parishioners that received a CHY3 form, can you please complete and return in the stamped addressed envelope provided. Thank you to all who have already returned this form. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

CHIME: As a charity Chime is part funded by the HSE to provide services to Deaf and Hard of Hearing people within the community. Chime have recently set up a new free supportive service in Killarney for people who are hard of hearing. This is a welcoming, supportive, and social space for people who are hard of hearing, whether they are looking to connect, share experiences, or simply enjoy good company. Meeting on Tuesday August 19th from 10:30am – 11:30 a.m. in Chime Unit 1b, Park Place, High Street, Killarney V93 CDP9. Contact (064) 6620052 / (086) 8056202

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.

Lord

We find it difficult at times to be faithful to our Christian calling and to give witness to our faith in you.

Many aspects of contemporary society offer little support to Christian values.

We are not surrounded by a crowd of witnesses who give testimony to their Christian commitment.

Your word in today's reading invites us to have the courage of our convictions in all circumstances.

Jeremiah spoke the truth with boldness, and you,

O Lord accepted the shame of the Cross.

Give us the grace to remain faithful to you and to the values you taught and help us to imitate you in doing the will of the Father, no matter what the cost.

Amen

Offertory collection

Last Weekend's collection -€845.00

Thank you for your generous support

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this weekend

Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155