

St. Colman's Parish 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 30th /31st August 2025

Cardinal Léger's option for the poor:

Most Rev. Paul-Émile Léger served as Archbishop of Montreal from 1950 to 1968, and was elevated to the cardinalate in 1953 by Pope Pius XII. He was one of the most powerful men in Canada and within the Catholic Church, and a humble man of deep convictions. On April 20, 1968 he resigned his office, with Pope St. Paul VI's special permission, and, (after leaving his red vestments, crosier, miter, and pallium in his Montreal office), disappeared. Years later, he was found living among the lepers and disabled, outcasts of a small African village. When a Canadian journalist asked him, "Why?" here is what Cardinal Léger had to say: "It will be the great scandal of the history of our century that 600 million people are eating well and living luxuriously and three billion people starve, and every year millions of children are dying of hunger. I am too old to change all that. The only thing I can do which makes sense is to be present. I must simply be in the midst of them. So, just tell people in Canada that you met an old priest. I am a priest who is happy to be old and still a priest and among those who suffer. I am happy to be here and to take them into my heart." — Is that your calling? Is it mine? Probably not. Today's Gospel says: "Although they cannot repay you, you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

It is humility which opens our eyes, ears, hearts and minds to the poor, the needy, the disadvantaged, and the marginalised people in our society, thus practicing Christ's option for the poor. Today's Gospel teaches us that we must act with humility and see ourselves as the servants of the community rather than those whom the community might feel honoured to serve.

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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. Sept. 1st			No Mass
Tues. Sept. 2 nd	Listry	7:00 p.m.	Private Intention
Wed. Sept. 3 rd	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish
Thur Sept. 4 th			No Mass
Fri. Sept. 5 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	John Hickey (Months Mind) Rathpook
Sat. Sept. 6 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Brendan Conway, 2 nd Anniversary Faha
Sun. Sept. 7 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	John Foley The Square, Milltown

Eucharistic Ministers

Milltown Sunday Sept 7 th	Denis O' Mahony & Mary O' Shea
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Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Sept. 6th Family Readers Milltown Sunday Sept. 7th Liam Hurley

Offertory Collector

Milltown: September – Liam Ryan

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: Joan Allman 6th September – 19th September

Second Collection: will be taken up at Masses w/e 6th /7th Sept.

- Diocesan Needs

This collection helps fund may of the diocesan services including ACCORD, St. Senan's, Safeguarding, Data Protection as well as the promotion of catechetical initiatives.

<u>First Friday Communion Calls:</u> will take place on Friday September 5th. If you have a family member or neighbour who wishes to receive Holy Communion each month in their home, please contact Fr. Timothy on (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 September 7th from 8:00 p.m. -9.30pm. Guest speaker Andy Campbell from Northern Ireland. All most welcome.

Legion of Mary Pilgrimage to Knock: takes place on Sunday 28th September. Bus leaves Church of the Resurrection Killarney at 06.30 a.m. Further pickups in Farranfore and Castleisland. €30. For further information, please contact Pat (086) 8510423

The National Board for Safeguarding Children: is running an Art competition for children up to the age of 18. Prizes are available for different age categories, and all art will be displayed in an exhibition. The competition runs from 1st of September 2025 to the 30th of September 2025. More details are available on the Church notice board.

<u>Listry Family Fun Day:</u> is CANCELLED and will be rescheduled for a future date.

<u>Children's Choir:</u> Do you love singing? If you do, then come join the Milltown Children's Choir! Practice will take place most Thursdays from 5:30p.m. – 6:15 p.m. in Milltown Church (Participants will be notified via a What's App message) We plan for the choir to sing on Sundays at the 11:15 am mass (twice a month) Please contact Deirdre (086) 170 3332.

Kerry Education and Training Board: are providing Free computer classes in Tralee from the middle of September to the middle of December (one two-hour class per week). Classes are at all levels, from absolute beginner to QQI Level 3. To inquire, please phone Ed on (086) 074 9786 or email **traleeabe@staff.kerryetb.ie**

<u>Sunday Refreshments:</u> Please join us for refreshments after Mass in Milltown church on Sunday September 14th All most welcome for a friendly chat and it is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our parish community.

Parish Volunteers:

Following my recent meeting with our church volunteers, I would now like to meet each group individually. We will be arranging these meetings in the near future. If anyone is interested in volunteering as a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Flower Arranger, Cleaner, or in any other role, please contact myself directly or leave your name and phone number with the parish office. Your support is greatly appreciated and plays a vital part in continuing the wonderful work being carried out in our parish.

Fr. Timothy

Sacristan Position:

We are sorry to announce that Sandra will be stepping down from her role as Sacristan in Milltown and Listry due to personal reasons. We extend our sincere thanks to her for her dedication and support over the past several months, and we wish her every blessing for the future.

We are now accepting applications for a new Sacristan to serve both Milltown and Listry churches. If you desire to serve in this role, please send your application to Fr. Timothy at 18 Ballyoughtragh Heights, Milltown, or by email to milltown@dioceseofkerry.ie by

Monday, 15th September 2025.

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.

Canonisation of Bl. Carlo Acutis & Bl. Pier Giorgio Frassati

Pope Leo XIV will canonise both Blessed Carlo Acutis and Blessed Pier Giorgio Frassati in St. Peter's on Sunday September 7th 2025. The Mass commences at 10.00 am Rome time (9.00 am Irish time). Blessed Carlo Acutis will become the first millennial Saint and is very popular here in Ireland especially among young people. The Mass will be broadcast by RTÉ. Keep an eye on listings nearer the time for the actual transmission details.

Offertory collection Last Weekend's collection -€970.00 Thank you for your generous support

Killorglin Pastoral Area Priest on Duty this weekend Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638