

St. Colman's Parish 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9th /10th August 2025

Come what may

A woman once approached John Wesley [1703-1791; Anglican theologian and founder of the Methodist denomination], with an interesting question: "Suppose you knew for certain that you were going to die and meet your Maker at the stroke of midnight tomorrow," she said. "How would you spend your time between now and then?" Wesley replied, "Well, madam, just as I intend to spend it now. I will preach this evening at Gloucester and again at five tomorrow morning. After that I will ride to Tewkesbury to preach in the afternoon and meet with the societies in the evening. Then I'll go home to dinner, talk and pray with the family as usual, retire to my room at 10 p.m., commend myself to God, lie down to rest and wake up to GLORY!" When similarly questioned, Martin Luther 1483-1546), replied, "Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant my little apple tree and pay my debts." Centuries before Luther and Wesley, Francis of Assisi (1182-1226) was hoeing his garden when one of his brothers in Christ put the same question to him. "Come what may, he answered, "I would finish hoeing my garden." — In a sense, the Scripture readings for this Sunday invite each member of the gathered assembly to become engaged in a similar reflection. What would you do if you knew that this day would be your last? What would you not do? How would you prepare to meet God? Where would you go? With whom would you spend your remaining hours?

We need to be vigilant and ready to face the Lord. One of the traditional means for remaining alert is prayer. The most important element in prayer is listening to God – an attitude of attention to the "tiny whispering sound" of the Lord (1 Kgs 19:11-12).

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Recent Deaths: Please pray for:

John Hickey, Rathpook

Kathleen O' Connell, Ballymalis

Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian community

Hugh Buckley, Lahard, Hannah Cronin, Australia,

Odhran O' Dowd, Killorglin, Noah Kerins, Millbrook Village

Zoey Reidy, The Cliff, Callinafercy.

No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday 15th August in Milltown Church

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Aug. 11 th			No Mass
			Tony O' Shea 2 nd Anniversary
Tues. Aug. 12 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	Lahard Upper
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Wed. Aug. 13 th	Mılltown	10:00 a.m.	& Rani Kunjiparambil, India
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Thurs Aug. 14 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin
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Fri. Aug. 15 th	Militown	11:15 a.m.	The Assumption of The Blessed Virgin
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			No evening Mass in Milltown
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Sat. Aug. 16 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Clash Listry
			Ann Clifford, The Store, Callinafercy &
Sun. Aug. 17 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Elaine & Padraig Clifford, An Tuairin Lin

Eucharistic Ministers

Milltown Sunday Aug. 17th Dorothy Casey

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Aug. 16th Michael F. O' Connor Milltown Sunday Aug. 17th Geraldine Galvin

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

<u>Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock:</u> 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.

<u>The Statue of Our Lady of Fatima</u>: will be in Main Street Killarney on August 13th. The rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited at 3pm.

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.

A Big Thank You Regarding Our Parish Barbecue

We would like to thank everyone who attended the Barbecue; we all seemed to really enjoy the event. There are some particular people we need to acknowledge: Fr Danny Broderick gave a gift of 100 euros towards costs, Milltown Credit Union bought us drinks and other items, Spar (Mr Norman Foley) donated food items and of course Burkes Butchers donated 100 burgers which were devoured! The Muintir na Tire Hall Committee loaned us the comfortable chairs, Flor and Dan Cronin helped us to transport the chairs. Caroline, Molly and Louise provided us with the lovely music. Violet and Camesha offered artistic face painting for the children. Sheila our parish secretary sorted out insurance for the event. Conor sorted out practical things for us at the Church. Many thanks to everyone and apologies if anyone has been left out.

The Sunday Refreshments Group.

Such attentiveness demands that we set aside a quiet time every day during which we can tune our ears to the Divine sounds of love, harmony, and peace. Let us recall the words of the Book of Revelation: "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will enter his house and dine with him and he with me" (3:20).

We need to wait for the Lord." Waiting for Christ to return" means working for the coming of the Kingdom of God. This includes doing God's will by rendering humble service to others, by combating poverty, by ending the hatred that divides us, by establishing peace among individuals and nations, by curbing the pride that causes us to become confrontational, and by building social structures that respect the dignity of individual humans. We must wait for the Lord in our daily lives by learning to see Jesus in the least of our brothers and sisters. In other words, we must be prepared to serve Jesus in whatever form he takes. What we frequently discover in "serving" other people is that God comes to us through them

Feast of the Assumption

The Feast of the Assumption is a Holy Day and Masses in the parish are at the following times.

Thursday 14th August – Listry at 6:00 p.m.

Friday 15th August – Milltown at 11:15 a.m.

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.

Offertory collection

Last Weekend's collection -€1,065.00

Thank you for your generous support

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