



St. Colman's Parish
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
20th /21st September 2025

Waddling ducks

Søren Kierkegaard, the Danish philosopher, once told a story about a make-believe country where only ducks lived. On Sunday morning all the ducks came into Church, waddled down the aisle, waddled into their pews and squatted. Then the duck minister came in, took his place behind the pulpit, opened the Duck Bible and read, "Ducks! You have wings, and with wings you can fly like eagles. You can soar into the skies! Ducks! You have wings!" All the ducks yelled, "Amen!" and then they all waddled home. No one flew or even tried. [Jim Burns, *Radically Committed* (Dallas: Word Publishing, 1991).] — Friends, there's just too much truth to that little fable. Using the parable of a rascal manager in this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to see that it is time for the children of light to quit waddling. It's time for us to soar by using wisely our God-given talents and blessings for the welfare of others, thus glorifying God and becoming eligible for our eternal reward. May we be the people that Jesus praises because we, too, saw something that needed to be done, and we did it.

We need to be faithful in the little things of life: Let us remember Saint John Chrysostom's warning, "Faithfulness in little things is a big thing," and the reminder of St. Theresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa), "Do little things with great love." Hence, let us not ignore doing little things, like acknowledging a favour with a sincere "thank you," congratulating others for their success, sharing in their sorrows, and/or offering them help and support in their needs.

We insure our houses against fire, storms, flood, and thieves, just as we insure our lives, buying life insurance, health insurance, and car insurance. In the same way, let us "insure" ourselves (with God, not Prudential!) for the one thing that most certainly will happen, namely, our meeting God to give Him an account of our lives. What really matters, at the time of our Private Judgment by God at the moment of our death, is how wisely we have used our blessings during our life, lovingly and generously sharing.

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Recent Death: Please pray for:

Selina Chebii, Kenya (Fr. Timothy's grandmother)
 who is being laid to rest on Wednesday 24th September.

Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community:

Parker Looney, Steeple Meadow Close

**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. 22 nd			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Sept. 23 rd	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Sept. 24 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thur Sept. 25 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Sept. 26 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. Sept. 27 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>John & Teresa O' Sullivan Armelode</i>
Sun. Sept. 28 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Joan & Jeff Fleming, Woodville and all deceased members of the Butler & Fleming families</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Sept 27th Eileen Fitzgerald
 Milltown Sunday Sept 28th Dorothy Casey & Fionnuala O' Leary

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Sept. 27th Sinead O' Donnell
 Milltown Sunday Sept. 28th Majella O' Sullivan

Offertory Collector

Milltown: September – Liam Ryan
 October – Danny McKenna

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: Mary Aspell 20th September – 3rd October

Our church is blessed with beautiful flowers on the Altar each week, thanks to the generosity of our volunteers. If you'd like to be part of the rota — which usually involves helping just once every 2 to 3 months — please leave your name and contact details with the parish office at (066) 9767312. Thank you for your support.

Why Sunday Matters: The Irish Catholic Bishops have published a Pastoral Letter on Why Sunday Matters – *an invitation to reflect on Sunday Mass*. It is available in parishes, or can be downloaded from the diocesan website, www.dioceseofkerry.ie. There is also an accompanying video series entitled *Sunday Mass – Digging Deeper*, which can be accessed also on the diocesan website.

Vocations Afternoon: at the Poor Clare Monastery College Road, Cork, on Saturday, September 27th, from 2 - 4 pm, for young women considering a contemplative vocation. For further information, feel free to email us: vocationspoorclaresescork@gmail.com www.poorclarescork.ie

Horizons Programme on Radio Kerry every Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. Communicating the Christian message.

Music Ministry: Calling all singers & musicians! Whether you're part of a parish choir, folk group, cantor, or musician join us for a special celebration of Music Ministry in this Jubilee Year on Nov 18th, 7:30pm at St Mary's Cathedral, Killarney.

Meals On Wheels: Listry Community continue to run our Meals on Wheels Service, Three days a week. Monday, Wednesday & Friday. This is a vital service especially at this difficult time. To avail of this service please. call Cathriona 087 9381063, these meals will be dropped to the person's home, and we deliver this service to as many as we can.

Speed Dating for Catholics aged 21 - 35 in aid of Mary's Meals:

On Saturday 27th September, at the Great National South Court Hotel, Limerick meet other single Catholics who share your faith in a fun and relaxed environment. This in-person event is the perfect opportunity to meet like-minded individuals while raising money for the registered charity Mary's Meals Ireland (RCN: 20061920) Tickets €25, see www.eventbrite.ie, search for 'Speed Dating for Catholics' and put Limerick as the location. Email littleroseevents@gmail.com

Farmers event "Health, Safety and Wellbeing" for Farmers and their Families on Tuesday 23rd of September and Saturday 4th October at the Mid Kerry Milltown Mart, from 10:00am – 2:00 p.m.

Congratulations

We wish to congratulate the Eucharistic Ministers and the Ministers of the Word of God who were recently commissioned at our Mass in Listry. We wish them well in their new Roles. For those who were unable to attend on the night, we request that you contact the parish office, and we can arrange for your commissioning at a later date.

Fr. Timothy

Autumn Dues: Thank you to everyone who has returned their Autumn Dues envelopes. If you haven't had the chance yet, you can still submit them by dropping them off at the Parish Office or placing them in the Collection Box at the church. Your ongoing support is greatly appreciated.

Confessions

Confessions will begin on the 26th/27th September and will continue every Friday and Saturday as follows:

- **Milltown:** Fridays, 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
- **Listry:** Saturdays, 5:10 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.

Offertory collection

Last Weekend's collection -€905.00

Thank you for your generous support

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Sunday

Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155

In emergency always ring your own Priest first.

If he is unavailable, please ring the following:

Monday: Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155

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Wednesday: Fr. Fergal Ryan, (087) 2408540

Thursday: Fr. Kevin Sullivan, (087) 6277638

Friday: Fr. Timothy Kiplagat, (087) 0009181