



*St. Colman's Parish*  
*23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
*6<sup>th</sup> /7<sup>th</sup> September 2025*

**Hating father and mother**

St. Thomas More was the Lord Chancellor, when Henry VIII was the King of England. More, with a wife and children, was a successful lawyer, a great linguist and a renowned spiritual and political writer. His book, *Utopia*, has become a classic. More refused to take an oath supporting the Act of Succession, which a) recognised the offspring of the self-divorced Henry and his second wife Anne Boleyn as the heir to the throne; b) declared Henry's first marriage with Catherine as null and void, and so c) repudiated the Pope (who had given Henry a dispensation for that first marriage) and named himself Supreme Head of the Church in England. Consequently, More was imprisoned in the Tower of London in the year 1534. Thomas More could not, with any honesty, approve Henry's second marriage to Anne, and he could not acknowledge the King as the supreme head of the Church of England. His family implored him – for his sake and theirs – to take the oath. More's beloved daughter, Margaret, took an oath to persuade him to do so, in order that the family might visit him in prison. With More's wife and son-in-law, Margaret tried hard, but Thomas refused. He spent fifteen lonely months imprisoned in the Tower of London – in poor health, isolated from the other prisoners, deprived of his beloved books; not even paper and pen were given to him. Thomas More was convicted of treason, sentenced to death and, on July 6th, 1535, he was beheaded. — On mounting the scaffold, Thomas More proclaimed that he was “the king's good servant but God's first.” St. Thomas More paid the price for his discipleship by loving God more than his wife, children, nay, even his life.

We need to accept the challenge of Christian discipleship with heroic commitment and practice it. We do so: 1) by daily recharging our spiritual batteries through prayer, i.e., by talking to God, and by listening to Him through our meditative reading and study of the Bible; 2) by sharing in God's life through frequent and active participation in the Eucharistic celebration, and grateful use of the gift of the Sacrament of Reconciliation when we have sinned and turned away from Him

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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. 8 <sup>th</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Sept. 9 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Kathleen O' Connell (Months Mind) Ballymalis, Beaufort</i>
Wed. Sept. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thur Sept. 11 <sup>th</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Sept. 12 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>John Griffin Castlemaine Road, Milltown</i>
Sat. Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Bridie &amp; Bernard Supple Knockreigh</i>
Sun. Sept. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Special Intention for person who kindly donated to our parish</i>

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Milltown Sunday Sept 14<sup>th</sup> Josephine Twiss & Deirdre Corkery

**Minister of the Word**

Listry Saturday Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> Anthony Clifford

Milltown Sunday Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> Ann Jennings

**Offertory Collector**

Milltown: September – Liam Ryan

All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via  
[www.milltownlistryparish.com](http://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 6<sup>th</sup> September – 19<sup>th</sup> September

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

- Diocesan Needs

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

**Monthly Prayer Meeting:** takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on Sunday September 7<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 p.m. -9.30pm. Guest speaker Andy Campbell from Northern Ireland. All most welcome.

**Diocese of Kerry Celebrate Season of Creation:**

The Season of Creation September 1st – October 4th “Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children.” *Pope Francis*

Join the online launch of a short documentary on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> Sept at 7.30pm, featuring a journey around the diocese to see what a parish, schools and an individual are doing to return to nature and protect biodiversity.

Link on [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**The canonisation Mass for Bl. Carlo Acutis & Bl. Pier Giorgio**

**Frassati** will be broadcast on RTE One television at 10.15 am this Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> September. A leaflet on Bl. Carlo Acutis's life can be found on the church noticeboard

**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.

**Children's Choir:** Do you love singing? If you do, then come join the Milltown Children's Choir! Practice: Most Thursdays- 5:30 – 6:15 pm 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) The Children's Choir is a wonderful way to make friends, have fun, build confidence, grow in faith and share your voice with our parish community. For more information, contact Deirdre – 086 170 3332.

**Adult Group Singing Classes:** in Anam Arts and Cultural Centre, Killarney, V93 D628 Tuesday Evening 9th September 7.30-8.30pm and Wednesday Morning 10th September 11-12pm. €50 per 5-week term Book your place with Mary Culloty O Sullivan (087)9222753.

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

3) by practicing the spirit of detachment and the renunciation of evil habits; 4) by the generous giving our time, talents and resources for the Lord's work in the Church universal, and especially in our parish community, relying on the guidance of the Holy Spirit, 5) by loving all God's children, especially the less fortunate ones, through humble, selfless acts of kindness, mercy, forgiveness, and service; 6) by showing true commitment to the obligations and duties entrusted to us by our vocation in life and our profession, for example, by fidelity in marriage and firm adherence to justice in our living and profession.

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**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 me 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](mailto:milltown@dioceseofkerry.ie) by

**Monday, 15th September 2025.**

**Booking an Anniversary Mass for 2026:** The diary is opened to book all Anniversary Masses for the coming year.

**Offertory collection**

***Last Weekend's collection -€1,160***

***Thank you for your generous support***

**Killorglin Pastoral Area**

**Priest on Duty this weekend**

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