



St. Colman's Parish *First Sunday of Advent* *29th /30th November 2025*

Advent wreath and Advent candles: History

One of the most recognisable Catholic symbols of the Advent season is the Advent wreath. It symbolises the passage of the four weeks of Advent in the liturgical calendar of the Western Church. The concept of the Advent wreath originated in pre-Christian times when people would gather evergreens and light candles to ward off the darkness of winter and serve as a sign of hope that spring would come. By the 16th century, Catholics in Germany began using the wreath as a sign of Christ's coming. From there the tradition slowly spread throughout the world as Germans immigrated to various countries. The circular wreath represents the fact that God has no beginning and no end. The evergreen branches stand for everlasting life. Four candles—representing Christ as the light of the world—adorn the wreath. Traditionally, three of the candles are purple, a sign of penance. These candles are lit on the first, second and fourth weeks of Advent. On the third week a rose candle is lit. This week is known as “Gaudete” Sunday, Latin for “rejoice.” The rose candle symbolises joy. In addition to these four candles, many people place a white candle in the centre of their Advent wreath. This candle is called the Christ candle and is lit on Christmas Day to represent the birth of Christ. The candles should be lit each day of the appropriate week and for the subsequent weeks. For example, during the third week you will light two purple candles and the rose one.

This weekend we begin our yearly pilgrimage through the events of Salvation History starting with the preparation for the birthday celebration of Jesus and ending with the reflection the glorious “second coming” of Jesus as our Judge at the end of the world. We are entering the Advent season.

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Recent Death: Please pray for the soul of:
Sr. Eucharistia (Angela) Carmody, Presentation Sisters Milltown
 We also remember **Thomas Noonan** Listowel/Knockreigh
 whose First Anniversary occurs at this time.

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Dec. 1 st			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Dec. 2 nd	Listry	7:00 pm.	<i>Denis Riordan 1st Anniversary Clounmore</i>
Wed. Dec. 3 rd	Milltown	10:00a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs. Dec. 4 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday Dec. 5 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Eugene & Nora Ferris Dungeel</i>
Sat. Dec. 6 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Dan, Hannah & David Murphy Lisaree</i>
Sun. Dec. 7 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Rena Clifford -Months Mind, her husband Jerry – 1st Anniversary Brackhill and Peg & Denis Gallivan, Killarney</i>

Offertory Collector

December John Moriarty

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Dec. 6th Ann O' Brien
 Milltown Sunday Dec. 7th Josephine Twiss & Deirdre Corkery

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Dec. 6th Michael F. O' Connor
 Milltown Sunday Dec. 7th Geraldine Galvin

All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via www.milltownlistryparish.com or hurchmediatv.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.

Confessions take place in the parish as follows:

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

Second Collection: will be taken up at Masses w/e 6th /7th December
- Youth Service

First Friday Communion Calls: will take place on Friday December 5th. If you have a family member or neighbour who wishes to receive Holy Communion each month in their home, please contact Fr. Timothy (087) 0009181. Rev. Conor (087) 3664057 or the office (066) 97 67312

Monthly Prayer Meeting: takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on Sunday 7th December from 8-9.30pm. Guest speaker, Fr. John Ahern. All most welcome.

Medjugorje: There will be a Medjugorje evening of prayer on Sunday 7th December 2025 in The Church of the Immaculate Conception, Currow, V93P863 starting at 4pm Anointing of the Sick, followed by Confessions, Rosary, Mass, Adoration and refreshments. All welcome.

Mass -Lord of all Nations: Mass celebrating all Nations in the community takes place on Sunday 30th November (First Sunday of Advent) in St. John's Church, Tralee at 12 noon. Celebrant: Bishop Ray Browne.

First Saturday Conference in Knock: To mark the 100th anniversary of the First Saturday Apparition in Pontevedra, Spain, there will be a special conference in Knock on the first Saturday in December - December 6th. The day begins with adoration and confessions at 10am' For more details please visit firstsaturdays.ie

Carols from the Cathedral: in aid of MS Kerry South Kerry featuring the Kerry Concert Choir, in St. Mary's Cathedral, on Sunday 30th November, at 7.30pm. Tickets, €20, at the door.

Trócaire Gift of change Cards: will be on sale in Milltown church on Sunday November 30th. Your support will be much appreciated.

For Attention of Parents of children attending Primary Schools or have yet to start: The Department of Education is currently conducting a Primary School Survey that will determine the future provision of Primary Schools and crucially could lead to lasting changes in your school. You are being asked if you want your school to stay a Catholic school or if you want that to change. Don't leave it to others, have your say before 16 December 2025. See - <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/>

Milltown First Responders: is launching the new public Access Defibrillator on Tuesday 7th December in Milltown Community Hall from 7:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m. There will be live demonstrations on how to use the new defibrillator and basic CPR Skills. Everyone is welcome. YOU too could save a life. Please join us.

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Advent means coming. We are invited to meditate on Jesus 'first coming in history as a baby in Bethlehem, his daily coming into our lives in mystery through the Sacraments, through the Bible, through the worshipping community, and finally, his Second Coming at the end of the world to reward the just and to punish the wicked. We see the traditional signs of Advent in our Church: violet vestments and hangings, dried flowers or plain green plants, and the Advent wreath. These signs remind us that we must prepare for the rebirth of Jesus in our hearts and lives, enabling him to radiate his love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness around us.

Parish Boxes and Parish Draw Cards

†The Parish envelopes and Parish Draw cards can be collected from the Parish Office any Thursday or after Mass in Milltown on Sunday. The draw will take place on Monday, December 15th, at Muintir Na Tíre Hall, Milltown. Tickets are also available at the Sacristy and the parish office. Completed cards can be submitted in the Offertory box at the church, the parish office, or Murphy's Food Store. This draw is the parish's sole fundraiser, and its proceeds are essential for covering expenses like heating, lighting, and insurance. Your generous support is deeply appreciated.

Vacancy: Sacristan Position

We are re-advertising the position of 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 no later than **Monday, 1st December 2025**.

Offertory Collections

Last weekend's collection €1,175.00
Thank you for your generous support.

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this weekend

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