



St. Colman's Parish
Second Sunday of Advent
6th /7th December 2025

The artist's reconciliation

Leonardo da Vinci painted the fresco (wall painting), "The Last Supper," in Santa Maria delle Grazie church in Milan in three years (1495-1498). A very interesting story is associated with this painting. At the time that Leonardo da Vinci painted "The Last Supper," he had an enemy who was a fellow painter. Da Vinci had had a bitter argument with this man and despised him. When Da Vinci painted the face of Judas Iscariot at the table with Jesus, he used the face of his enemy so that it would be present for ages as the man who betrayed Jesus. While painting this picture, he took delight in knowing that others would actually notice the face of his enemy on Judas. As he worked on the faces of the other disciples, he often tried to paint the face of Jesus but couldn't make any progress. Da Vinci felt frustrated and confused. In time, he realised what was wrong. His hatred for the other painter was holding him back from finishing the face of Jesus. Only after making peace with his fellow-painter, and repainting the face of Judas, was he able to paint the face of Jesus and complete his masterpiece. — Be reconciled with your fellow human beings, says this Sunday's Gospel.

We need to prepare for Christ's coming by allowing him to be reborn daily in our lives: Advent is the time for us to make this preparation by repenting of our sins and renewing our lives through prayer, penance, and the sharing of our blessings with others. Let us humbly admit the truth about our need with the German mystic Angelus Silesius: "Christ could be born a thousand times in Bethlehem – but all in vain until He is born in me'. He means that Jesus must be reborn in our own hearts during this season of Advent and every day of our lives, radiating through our living his love, kindness, mercy, forgiveness, and spirit of humble service to the world.

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Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian community:
Caoimhe Ronayne, Ard Na Greine
Naoise Standen, Callinafercy

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Dec. 8 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> <i>Cyril Flynn, Rathpook</i>
	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>
Tues. Dec. 9 th	Listry	7:00 pm.	<i>Christy Scully</i> <i>Nauntenane</i>
Wed. Dec. 10 th	Milltown	10:00a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs. Dec. 11 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday Dec. 12 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Frances Burke (Months Mind)</i> <i>Rathpook</i>
Sat. Dec. 13 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>David Sheehy</i> <i>Rockfield</i>
Sun. Dec. 14 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Eileen & Paddy O' Brien, Brackhill and all deceased family members</i>

Offertory Collector

December John Moriarty

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Dec. 13th Tina O' Donoghue
Milltown Sunday Dec. 14th Sheila O' Sullivan & Eileen Roche

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Dec. 13th Jim O' Shea
Milltown Sunday Dec. 14th Rosemarie Healy

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.

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.

Carol Service: The Children's Choir are busy preparing for their Carol Service on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 pm in Milltown Church. This is always a very special celebration, and we hope to see as many families as possible from the community joining us.

The Listry Choir are meeting in Listry church next Tuesday 9th December at 8pm. New members are welcome to attend.

St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Church gate collection: will take place next weekend in both Listry and Milltown churches – 13th/14th December. Your support would be greatly appreciated

Refreshments after Sunday Mass in Milltown: Please join us for refreshments after Mass on Sunday December 14th in Milltown church All most welcome.

Nagle-Rice PS: are having a Christmas Memory Tree Service in the school 10th December at 6.00pm, officiated by Fr. Timothy. Deceased family members and friends will be represented by white ribbons and lights on the Memory Tree. These will be blessed and the tree will be officially lit during the ceremony. Memory cards are available from the School office (€5 each)

Milltown Christmas Markets: take place in the Old Community Hall, behind the chemist, on Sunday 7th and 14th December from 11am to 5pm. Raffle tickets on sale in aid of Recovery Haven Cancer Support House on both dates. The prizes are two hampers and two handmade crochet blankets. Draw to take place on Sunday 14th at the end of that day.

Credit Union Milltown are collecting for this year's SVP Annual Appeal. Donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries welcome until the 18th of December. Open hours: Tues & Thurs 10:00-16:00, Friday 13:00-18:00 and Sat. 10:00-13:00. Credit Union Milltown is also running an in-house colouring competition for under12s. Entries due 16th December. All entrants will receive a selection box.

Listry Seniors Christmas Party: will take place on Tuesday 9th December from 12noon -3pm at the Community Centre. Enquiries to Ciara on (086) 1997535

Milltown/Castlemaine LGFA AGM: will take place on Thursday 11th Dec. at 8pm in the Clubrooms. All members are invited to attend.

Parish Draw Announcement

The draw will be held on Monday night, December 15th, during Bingo. If you haven't had the chance to participate yet, tickets are still available at Murphy's Foodstore, and the Sacristy. Fantastic prizes to be won on the night. This is the parish's sole fundraiser, with proceeds vital for covering essential expenses such as heating, lighting, and insurance. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Penitential Services

Sunday 21st December

St. Carthage's Church, Kiltallagh	7:00 p.m.
St. Gobnait's Church, Keel	7:00 p.m.

Monday 22nd December

Immaculate Conception Church, Listry	5:00 p.m.
St. James Church, Killorglin	7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church, Milltown	7:00 p.m.

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve

The Immaculate Conception Church, Listry	5:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church Milltown	10:00 p.m.

Christmas Day:

The Immaculate Conception Church, Listry	8:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church Milltown	11:15 a.m.

Offertory Collections

Last weekend's collection €1,015.00
Thank you for your generous support.

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this weekend

Fr. Fergal Ryan (087) 2408540

Mass Cards and Christmas Cards are available from the Parish Office.