



*St. Colman's Parish*  
*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in ordinary time*  
*31<sup>st</sup> January/1<sup>st</sup> February 2026*

### **Beatitude of a scholar kitty**

C. L. James in his delightful book, To See a World in a Grain of Sand, tells the fable of a wise old cat who notices a kitten chasing its tail. “Why are you chasing your tail?” said the wise old cat. The kitten replied, “I have learned that the best thing for a cat is happiness, and happiness is my tail. Therefore, I am chasing it, and when I catch it, I shall have happiness.” The wise old cat responded, “My son, I, too, have paid attention to the problems of the universe. I too have judged that happiness is my tail. But, I noticed that whenever I chase after it, it keeps running away from me, but when I go about my business, it just seems to come after me wherever I go.” — We do not find happiness in material things, in a pill, in a bottle, or by having love affairs. Happiness is something that comes from within us. The only truly happy life is a life lived with God as our life’s Source and our true centre. Today’s Gospel asserts that those who have recognised and acknowledged their dependence on God are the truly blessed; these are the poor in spirit, the sorrowing, the lowly, those who hunger and thirst for holiness, the merciful, the single-hearted, the peace-makers, and those persecuted for their right convictions.

In this weekend’s Gospel, Jesus instructs his disciples in the paradoxical blessedness of poverty, hunger, sorrow, and persecution. In poverty, we recognise God’s reign; in hunger, His providence; in sorrow, true happiness; and in persecution, true joy. In other words, the blessed in Jesus’ list are poor in spirit, compassionate, meek, merciful, clean of heart, peace-makers and those who are willing even to be insulted and persecuted for their lived Faith in him. Each of the inspired authors of this weekend’s readings, Zephaniah, Paul, and Matthew, “makes a motion,” that each of us should consider making a personal Declaration of Dependence on God, and then work with His grace to lead a holier and happier life.

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**Recent Death:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
**Denis Griffin, Lissivane West**

**Baptism:** We welcome into our Christian community  
**Mary Áine O' Leary, Knockreigh**

## Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday in  
Milltown Church from 6:00p.m. -7:00p.m.**

## ***Masses & Intentions***

Mon. Feb. 2 <sup>nd</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Feb. 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Feb. 4 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>Michael Collins Cork</i>
Thurs. Feb. 5 <sup>th</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday Feb. 6 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Nora Murphy – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Ballymacandy</i>
	Milltown	7:30 p.m.	<i>Eileen Roche (Months Mind) Callinafercy East</i>
Sat. Feb. 7 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Dan O' Callaghan Lahard</i>
Sun. Feb. 8 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Denis Courtney Rockfield</i>

## Offertory Collector

## February Paddy Lawlor

## **Eucharistic Ministers**

Listry Saturday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup>      Bridie Murphy  
Milltown Sunday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>      Denis O' Mahony & Mary O' Shea

## Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Feb. 7<sup>th</sup> Sinead O' Donnell  
Milltown Sunday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> Joe Tyther

All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via [www.milltownlistryparish.com](http://www.milltownlistryparish.com) or [churchmediatv.ie](http://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:** Margot Lawlor 31<sup>st</sup> Jan - 13<sup>th</sup> Feb.

**Second Collection:** will be taken up at Masses w/e 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> Feb  
- Lourdes Helpers

**First Friday Communion Calls:** will take place on Friday February 6<sup>th</sup>. 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 or Rev. Conor (087) 3664057 or the office (066) 97 67312.

**Diocesan Mission 2026:** The Diocesan Mission with the theme, Peace be with you all, will take place from Sunday February 8th – Wednesday February 11th. Each day, you are invited to join in the Mission Talk, Prayer, Mass, Video Reflection, Prayer Petition and Family Time. Speakers include Sr Finola Cunnane, Jim Deeds, Dr John Lannon and Gemma Mulligan. To participate in the Mission, register through the diocesan website, [www.dioceseofkerry.ie](http://www.dioceseofkerry.ie)

**Monthly Prayer Meeting:** takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on Sunday February 1<sup>st</sup> from 8:00 p.m.-9.30pm. Guest Speaker is Lora Beth Molloy. All most welcome

**Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima:** takes place 11<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> May. 6 nights from Shannon Led by Fr. Noel Spring Price, €1089pp, includes return coach from Kerry to Shannon, direct flight from Shannon to Porto with 10kg hand luggage and 6 nights stay at 4\* Hotel Fatima. Details: Barter's Travelnet: (021) 4851700, [kcallaghan@travelnet.ie](mailto:kcallaghan@travelnet.ie)

**Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes:** 10th - 15th June ex Kerry Price, €980pps, includes return direct flights Kerry/Tarbes (Lourdes), coach transfers to/ from Lourdes airport, all airport taxes and local city taxes, travel insurance up to 85 years (€40 extra for those over 85. €300 deposit required to book Contact Nora, (087) 9318976 [pilgrimage@dioceseofkerry.ie](mailto:pilgrimage@dioceseofkerry.ie)

**A pilgrimage to Medjugorje:** will take place from 2nd–9th June. For further information, please contact Maureen on (086) 877 3498.

**Refreshments after Sunday Mass in Milltown:** Please join us for refreshments after Mass this Sunday Feb. 8<sup>th</sup> in Milltown church This will be a monthly gathering, offering a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our parish community.

**Killorglin Pastoral Area  
Priest on Duty this Sunday  
Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155**

## **Children's Choir – New Members Welcome! 🎵**

We are delighted to welcome new members to our Children's Choir here in Milltown Church. The choir sings regularly at the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass, helping to lead and enrich our parish liturgy. Practices generally take place on Thursdays from 5:30–6:15 p.m. in Milltown Church. Children aged 5 years and upwards are very welcome to attend.

No previous singing experience is needed – just a love of music and singing together. We would love to see some new faces join our choir family!

Please contact Deirdre on 086/1703332

## **Saint Brigid**

you were a woman of peace,

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light into the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace

Cover those who are troubled and anxious,

And may peace be firmly rooted

In our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and reverence all God has made.

Brigid, you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater

Wholeness in mind, body and spirit.

**Amen**

## **Upcoming Parish Sacramental Celebrations**

### **Confirmation Ceremony – Monday - March 9<sup>th</sup>**

Milltown Church for children of Nagle Rice P.S. – 11:00 a.m.

Listry Church for children of Faha P.S. – 2:30 p.m.

### **First Holy Communion Ceremony**

Milltown Church - Nagle Rice P.S. on Saturday May 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

Listry Church -Faha P.S. on Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

## **Offertory Collections**

Last weekend's collection €935.00

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