



***St. Colman's Parish
First Sunday of Lent
21st /22nd February 2026***

On the ninth trip around the block, there it was!

A comical, but illustrative, story shows us how adept we are at rationalising our actions: A very overweight man decided that it was time to shed a few pounds. He went on a new diet and took it seriously. He even changed his usual driving route to the office in order to avoid his favourite bakery. One morning, however, he arrived at the office carrying a large, sugar-coated coffee cake. His office mates roundly chided him, but he only smiled, shrugged his shoulders and said, “What could I do? This is a very special cake. This morning, from force of habit, I accidentally drove by my favourite bakery. There in the window were trays of the most delicious goodies. I felt that it was no accident that I happened to pass by, so I prayed, ‘Lord, if you really want me to have one of these delicious coffee cakes, let me find a parking place in front of the bakery.’ Sure enough, on the ninth trip around the block, there it was!” — Temptation is strong, but we must be stronger. We should not tempt fate, and we should not rationalise our actions.

Every one of us is tempted to seek sinful pleasures, easy wealth, and a position of authority, power, and glory, and to use any means, even unjust or sinful ones, to gain these things. Jesus serves as a model for us in conquering temptations by strengthening himself through prayer, penance, and the active use of the Word of God. Temptations make us more powerful warriors of God by strengthening our minds and hearts. By constantly struggling against temptations, we become stronger. Each time one is tempted to do evil but does good, one becomes stronger. Further, we are never tempted beyond our power. In his first letter, St. John assures us: “Greater is the One Who is in us, than the one who is in the world (1 Jn 4: 4).

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Recent Death: Please pray for the repose of the soul of:

Colette Twomey née McKenna – Ballinoe, Milltown

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday in Milltown Church from 6:00p.m. -6:30p.m.

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Feb. 23 rd	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Denis Griffin (Months Mind) Lissivane West</i>
Tues. Feb. 24 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Mairead Cronin née Leslie who recently passed away in England and formally of Drombrick, Listry</i>
Wed. Feb. 25 th	Milltown	10:00a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs. Feb. 26 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday Feb. 27 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Chris O' Connor – 1st Anniversary Steeple Meadow Drive, Milltown</i>
Sat. Feb. 28 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>John Sugrue, Lissivane West & John Behan, Limerick</i>
Sun. Mar. 1 st	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Nora & Tommy Maher Main Street</i>

Offertory Collector

February	Paddy Lawlor
March	Linus Óg Burke

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Feb. 28 th	Ann O' Brien
Milltown Sunday March 1 st	Tony O' Leary & Tim Fleming

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Feb. 28 th	Jim O' Shea
Milltown Sunday March 1 st	Grace Titus

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.

Trainings for the Parish Readers/Lectors and the Eucharistic Ministers are scheduled for 12/03/2026 and 06/05/2026 respectively. They will be held in Milltown Church at 7:30pm. Those have the desire to serve as Readers or Eucharistic ministers are also invited to attend. For the new ministers and those who were not commissioned previously will have their commissioning on the same weekend (after the training) in their churches.

Fr. Timothy

Monthly Prayer Meeting: takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on Sunday March 1st from 8:00 p.m.-9.30pm. Guest speaker Donal Walsh. All most welcome

Lenten Online Talk Series: The Diocese of Kerry invites you to its Lenten online talk series, “Beyond Almsgiving”, exploring poverty in the light of Catholic Social Teaching, on 24th February, 10th March, and 24th March at 7.30pm. Speakers include Dr Aoife McGrath, Maynooth, and guest speakers from SVP and Trócaire. Information and registration: www.dioceseofkerry.ie

Trócaire - together for a just world This year's Trócaire's Lenten campaign focuses on Uwamahoro, a mother in Rwanda, working to provide for three generations of her family. Families in Rwanda are facing the worst of the global climate crisis. Severe storms are striking faster and more often, sweeping away homes, schools and crops. With your support, families can survive the next heavy rains and floods.

Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes: 10th - 15th June ex Kerry Price, €980pp, 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

Listry Church Choir: A meeting will be held in Listry Church on Tuesday, 24th February at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and consider joining the choir.

Milltown Children's Choir – New Members Welcome: aged 5 and up. The choir sings at the 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass and rehearses Thursdays from 5:30–6:15 p.m. in the church. No experience needed – just a love of singing! Contact Deirdre on (086) 1703332.

Samaritans of Kerry: sincerely thank the parishioners for their continued support of the Christmas collection, which is greatly appreciated. The amount collected in Milltown was €813.25.

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We may be strengthened by St. Paul's words in 1 Cor 10:13: "No testing has overtaken you, that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and [God] will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing [God] will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it." Hence, during this Lent, let us confront our evil tendencies by prayer (especially by participating in the Holy Mass), by penance, and by meditative reading of the Bible.

Stations of the Cross for Lent

Listry Church: Every Tuesday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Milltown Church: Every Friday evening at 6:30 p.m.

Upcoming Parish Sacramental Celebrations

Confirmation Ceremony – Monday - March 9th

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

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 16th at 11:00am

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

Offertory Collections

Last weekend's collection €1,035.00

Special collection: Lourdes Helpers - €602.00

Thank you for your generous support.

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Sunday

Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155

Lord Jesus, as I begin the desert journey of Lent give me strength and courage. Lead me through these days of prayer and penance in such a way that I may worthily come to the celebration of your saving death and glorious resurrection. Stay with me in time of temptation. Do not allow me to give way to greed but lead me to generous service. Preserve me from vanity and self-glory, and make me humble of heart. Save me from false pride, let me be obedient to your will Amen.