



St. Colman's Parish
Easter Sunday
4th /5th April 2026

CHRIST IS RISEN! ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

As I celebrate my first Easter with you, after nine months of journeying together, my heart is filled with enthusiasm and gratitude. I still appreciate the fact that from the very beginning, you have given me great support in very many ways. We walked together through the sacred season of Lent, preparing ourselves for this great and glorious day.

Last week, I visited one of our parish schools to speak with the First Holy Communion classes about Holy Week and Easter. I began by asking a simple question: “*Are you excited that we are about to celebrate Easter?*” The response came back loud and clear: “*YEEES!*” Their enthusiasm was infectious. Then I asked, “*What’s exciting about Easter?*” One of the pupils raised his hand and said, “*It is my best day ever!*”

I was deeply moved by that response. From such a young Christian came a profound truth. Easter is indeed the “best day ever.” It is a day like no other—the mother of all solemnities in the life of the Church. It is the day of Christ’s Resurrection, the very foundation and core of our Christian faith. Without Easter, our faith would be empty. But because Christ has risen, we have hope, we have life, and we have a future.

And yet, I find myself wondering: how many of us can say with that same conviction that Easter is the best day ever? Sometimes, as adults, we can lose that sense of wonder. We become burdened by life’s worries and challenges. But Easter invites us to rediscover that joy, to renew our faith, and to rejoice in the victory of Christ over sin and death.

Now that we have journeyed through Lent—with its prayer, fasting, and almsgiving—we are not called to leave these practices behind. Rather, we are invited to live them out daily. The fruits of our fasting should be shared with those in need.

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Recent Deaths: Please pray for the repose of the souls of:
Michael Savage, Lixnaw
Nora Twomey, Ballinoe
Baby Noah Daniel Blennerhassett, Culleeney Beg, Beaufort
Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian community:
Ellie Mae Richards, Kilderry
Tilly Kate Brosnan, Carraig An Dúin

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. April 6 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. April 7 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Sean, Thomas & Norrie Murphy Ballymalis</i>
Wed. April 8 th	Milltown	10:00a.m.	<i>Pamela Ewers Judith Barrett Maurice Brosnan</i>
Thurs. April 9 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday April 10 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Vourneen Heffernan Kilderry</i>
Sat. April 11 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>John Murphy – 1st Anniversary Foxford, Co Mayo and all deceased members of The Murphy family</i>
Sun. April 12 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Dermot & Ellen Twiss, Callinafercy and all deceased member of The Twiss family</i>

Offertory Collector

April Sandra Tadajewska

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday April 11th Bridie Murphy
Milltown Sunday April 12th Betty Moriarty & Sheila O' Sullivan

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday April 11th Elizabeth Griffin
Milltown Sunday April 12th Family Readers

Flower Arranger: Joan Allman 4th – 17th April

Confessions: will take place in Milltown church on Easter Saturday from 2:00p.m. – 3:00p.m & Listry church 3:30p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Second Collection: will be taken up at Masses weekend 11th /12th April
- Family Services & Accord

First Friday Communion Calls: will take place on Friday 10th April. If you have a family member or neighbour who wishes to received Holy Communion each month in their home, please call Fr Timothy on (0870009181 or the Parish Office (066)9767312.

Easter Collection: will be taken up at all Masses in the Parish on Holy Saturday and Easter Sunday. This collection supports the Parish Clergy. If you do not use the parish envelope your support for this collection would be appreciated.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on Sunday April 5th from 8:00 p.m.-9.30pm. Guest speaker Alison Gallagher. All most welcome.

Divine Mercy Sunday: On Divine Mercy Sunday, observed on April 12th, Pope John Paul II established this day to encourage the world to embrace Divine Mercy. Inspired by St. Faustina's devotion, he urged people to invoke Divine Mercy. St. Faustina herself was drawn to this call and crafted the Divine Mercy image. Novena begins on Good Friday April 3rd. You are invited to join the Divine Mercy celebration at Milltown Church on April 12th at 2:30p.m. Confessions will be available before Mass at 1.50p.m. p.m. All are most welcome to attend.

Trócaire: works on our behalf in the areas of greatest need around the world. Our financial support is essential to sustaining this work. Please remember to return your Trócaire box or envelope to the church over Easter; it can be placed in the offertory collection box. Thank you.

Killarney Alzheimer Café: will meet on Wednesday 15th April from 11am – 1pm at Coill na Darrach Community Room. Eircode V93 VXY8. Guest speaker Mihael Cahillane Sage Advocacy. Further details please call Lynda (087) 3556508

Offertory Collections

Last weekend's collection €1,020.00
Thank you for your generous support.

Killorglin Pastoral Area
Priest on Duty this Sunday
Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638

Our acts of charity and almsgiving should not end with Lent but become a permanent part of our Christian life. In this way, the spirit of Easter becomes alive in us, not just for a day, but always. The Resurrection of our Lord teaches us a powerful lesson: that there is always an end to suffering, that darkness does not have the final word, and that victory comes through perseverance, resilience, prayer, hope, and a deep faith in God. No matter what we face in life, the empty tomb assures us that new life is possible.

We celebrate this Easter at a time when the world is in turmoil. The Middle East remains in crisis, and many parts of the world are torn apart by war. These conflicts have brought devastating loss—lives cut short, families broken, and millions displaced. Today, we lift up in prayer all those who suffer innocently: those who, like Jesus, are falsely accused, unjustly treated, and longing for justice. May the risen Christ bring them comfort, peace, and hope.

As Christ triumphed over the forces of evil, so too are we called to trust that good will ultimately prevail. Let our focus not remain on the emptiness of the tomb, but on the glory of the Risen Lord who brings life, healing, and restoration.

Finally, dear friends, may this Easter open for us a new page in the life of our parish. Together, let us write on it the beautiful story of who we are and who we are called to become. Let it be a story marked by self-giving, sacrifice, unity, and an unfailing love for God and for one another.

On 20th of this month, I desire that we have a parish conversation. We shall congregate in Milltown community Hall where we are going to share ideas on how we can uplift together our parish to greater heights. ALL ARE WELCOME. It is my prayer that with God's grace, our parish can continue to grow as a vibrant community of faith, love and service.

I take this opportunity to sincerely thank all who have made our Lenten journey, Holy Week, and now our Easter celebrations so meaningful, prayerful and successful— our liturgical ministers, choir members, volunteers, sacristans and every one of you who has contributed in ways seen and unseen.

May the joy and peace of the Risen Christ fill your hearts and homes.

**IT IS THE BEST DAY EVER!
HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL! ALLELUIA!**

Fr. Timothy