

St. Colman's Parish Pentecost Sunday 23rd/24th May 2026

“The Holy Spirit cannot be bottled or canned!”

On Friday November 13, 2015, Helen Leiris was shot dead in Bataclan, during the Paris attacks. In the days that followed the words spoken by her husband, Antoin, on Facebook went viral. He refused to hate those who had killed his wife and pledged to bring up their 17-month-old son as a happy child, without hate. Why did Antoin's words spark off such a reaction? Perhaps because the Holy Spirit is so clearly active in his words and attitude, a Spirit of love, peace and a gentleness that is strong enough to reject the temptation to respond to violence with violence. He spoke in his native French but, like the disciples on Pentecost, everyone understood, because he was speaking the unifying language of the Spirit.

It is easy to forget about the Holy Spirit or limit the action of the Spirit to special occasions like Pentecost or Confirmation, or to special people like charismatics. Even the Scriptures have resort to figurative language when they speak of the Spirit: like a dove, like a mighty wind, like tongues of fire. Perhaps this is due to the fact that spirits cannot be seen and so are difficult to describe or even imagine. Yet much of what is truest and most important in life, like love and truth, is not visible. However, the action of the Spirit can be clearly seen all around us by its gifts and fruits. All these gifts are given for the good, not only of the individual, but especially that of the community. Some are more or less extraordinary, given in response to particular needs of God's people, but most are ordinary and seen in everyday life. When someone shows love for others, especially when it is not humanly easy, acts for peace, responds to violence with gentleness, is patient, kind, trustful etc. they are living by the Spirit and the Spirit is ever creative, always doing something new. Each of today's readings presents us with a different aspect of the action of the Spirit.

In the first reading, the coming of the Spirit transforms a group of frightened individuals into courageous missionaries, happy to suffer and even die if necessary for the name of Jesus. Their word becomes a unifying element, understood by peoples from different parts of the world. May the Spirit inspire us to speak the message of Jesus in a language that is understandable to the people of today's world.

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Recent Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community
Kordian Kacper Kasperkiewicz, Cherry Drive, Milltown.

Congratulations: to the wonderful children of Faha National School on making their First Holy Communion. We hope you all have a lovely day as you mark this incredibly special occasion in your lives. A sincere word of thanks also to the parents, teachers, and staff of Faha NS for all the help, guidance, and preparation given to the children.

Congratulations: to the Leaving Certificate students at Milltown Presentation Secondary School who celebrated their Graduation Mass on Wednesday. The mass was made especially memorable by the beautiful singing and music throughout. We wish all the students every success as they prepare for their Leaving Certificate.

Recent Deaths: Please pray for the souls of **Ben Culligan, Castlemaine Road**, and **Margaret Peggy O'Leary London** and formally of **Callinafercy**.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday in Milltown Church from 6:00p.m. -7:00p.m.
Confessions - Friday – Milltown: 5:10 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.

Masses & Intentions

Sat. May 23 rd	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Ned Moloney – First Anniversary The Arches, Faha.</i>
Sun. May 24 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Tracey Foley – Second Anniversary Knockavota.</i>
Mon. May 25 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. May 26 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. May 27 th	Milltown	10:00a.m.	<i>Colm Daly Late of Sonas Nursing Home.</i>
Thurs. May 28 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. May 29 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>The people of the Parish.</i>
Sat. May 30 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Tim & John Riordan - Anniversary Faha</i>
Sun. May 31 st	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Patricia Carroll – Second Anniversary An Tuairín Lín.</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday May 30th Margaret Lehane
 Milltown Sunday May 31st Josephine Twiss & Deirdre Corkery

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday May 30th Patrick Sugrue
 Milltown Sunday May 31st Josephine Twiss

Offertory Collector

May Gracy Titus

Flower Arranger:

Joan Allman 30th May – 12th June.

Gratitude: Thank you to all the parishioners who turned out in such great numbers – and so well equipped – to help tidy up Listry Church and its grounds. Thanks for your hard work and generosity, everything is now looking wonderful. It was especially nice to end the evening together over a cup of tea and plenty of good conversation, enjoying the friendship and community spirit. Your time, effort, and willingness to help are very much appreciated.

Corpus Christi: The Annual Procession will take place after 11:15am Mass on Sunday, June 7th.

First Friday Communion Calls: will take place on Friday, June 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 or the office (066) 97 67312.

Kerry Creamery Experience Seniors Day Out: will be held on Tuesday, May 26th from 1:00pm – 3:00pm. Cost is €10 which includes soup and sandwiches on arrival followed by a tour of the Creamery. Should you require transport please contact Community Centre 064 6624919 or Ciara 086

Anointing of the Sick Sacrament: This is also called the sacrament of healing which is intended for those who are sick and in need of God's reconciliation. It offers spiritual comfort, peace, courage and strength. It also brings about the forgiveness of sins and restoration of physical healing. It is not only for those nearing the end of life, but for anyone desiring healing and God's mercy. If you or someone you know would like to receive this sacrament, please contact Fr. Timothy on (087)000918 or the parish office on (066) 97 67312.

Communal First Saturday (CFS): To mark the 100th anniversary of Our Lady's apparitions at Fatima, it is proposed to begin the Communal First Saturday devotion in St. Colman's Parish Milltown, in line with other pastoral areas in Kerry. A group of parishioners is needed to help establish this devotion. An initial meeting will take place in the Parish Office (Milltown) on Monday, June 15th at 7:00 p.m. If interested, please contact the Parish Office (066 9767312) or the CFS Coordinator (087 6884124).

Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: takes place on Saturday, August 22nd, the Feast Day of the Queenship of Mary. More information on how to book will follow.

Offertory Collections:

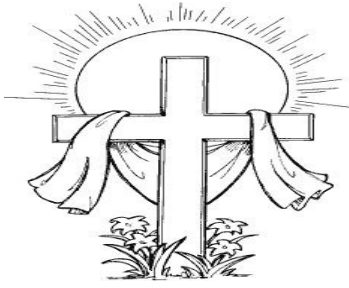
Last weekend's collection **€1010.00** | Thank you for your generous support.

Killorglin Pastoral Area | Priest on Duty this Weekend | Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 243 2155

Graveyard Masses – all masses at 8:00 p.m.

Listry Graveyard	Tuesday July 7 th
Kilbonane Graveyard	Wednesday July 8 th
Milltown Graveyard	Wednesday July 15 th
Abbey Graveyard	Wednesday July 22 nd

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In the Gospel, John reminds us that the Spirit will remain with us always to teach us the truth of Jesus' Word and to keep us in His love. May we remain always in that love.

In the second reading, Paul reminds us that we have not received a spirit of slavery but one of sonship that allows us to call God our Abba, Father. We are all God's children, and no one can be excluded. The Spirit cannot be bottled or canned, nor can the Holy Spirit be kept as the exclusive possession of any person or group. What was the religion of Antoin Leiris? Was he a church going person? I don't know, and I doubt if that really mattered to the Holy Spirit, who is like the wind that blows where it will. All the Spirit asks is our openness and loving readiness for whatever God asks of us in this moment. Let us open our hearts today and pray: Come Holy Spirit!

**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.

As students prepare for their Leaving Certificate exams, we keep them in our thoughts and prayers. May they be blessed with calm hearts, clear minds, confidence in their abilities, and the strength to do their best.

Prayer for Students Preparing for the Leaving Cert

*O Holy Spirit, help me to study well
and to pass my examinations.
Be my strength, grant me understanding,
give me your gift of wisdom.*

*When I was confirmed,
I received these gifts of fortitude,
understanding and wisdom.*

*I now ask you to make them ever more
active in my life,
So that my mind attains the clarity
I so badly need these days.*

*Spirit of understanding and
enlightenment, teach me. Amen*