

St. Colman's Parish

The Most Body and

Blood of Christ

6th/7th June 2026

There's a story about a parish where people quietly began saying, "*It's not what it used to be... it feels like it has died.*" Fewer people were attending mass, the singing felt flat, and the atmosphere seemed tired. Some blamed the sermons, others the music, and many simply drifted away, feeling a little disappointed and disconnected. The priest heard all of this and decided to do something unusual. He announced a special Mass a kind of "farewell" for the parish—and placed a coffin at the front of the church. At the end of the Mass, he invited everyone to come forward and look inside. One by one, people approached, unsure and curious. But when they looked into the coffin, they didn't see a body. Instead, they saw themselves because at the bottom was a mirror. No words were needed. The message was simple, and it stayed with them.

Maybe that story resonates because it feels a bit familiar. Most of us have at one time or another, come to Mass tired, distracted, or carrying the weight of everyday life and work, family worries, busy schedules. Sometimes it's hard to feel fully present. And when things don't quite connect the music, the homily, the atmosphere it's easy to think, "*This just isn't doing much for me.*" That is a very human feeling. But the story gently invites us to look at things differently not with blame, but with honesty.

A parish doesn't "die" suddenly. It can slowly lose its energy when people are stretched thin, when fewer people get involved, or when we begin to see ourselves more as observers than participants. It is a bit like any part of life friendships, families, or teams. They don't grow on their own. They need presence, care, and a bit of effort from everyone. Think of a family meal. If everyone is silent or distracted, the room can feel flat. But when someone starts to share, listen, or even smile, it can lift everything. Parish life is much the same. It isn't just something we attend; it's something we help shape.

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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.

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.

Recent Baptism: We welcome into our Christian Community, **Connell Murphy, Callinafercy, Milltown.**

Masses & Intentions

Mon. June 8 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. June 9 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>The People of the Parish.</i>
Wed. June 10 th	Milltown	10:00a.m.	
Thurs. June 11 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. June 12 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Niall Ahern - Anniversary & All Deceased Family Members.</i>
Sat. June 13 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Michael & Eilish Buckley – Anniversary Keel House, Faha.</i>
Sun. June 14 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Ann Fitzgibbon – Anniversary Kilcolman</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday June 13th Bridie Murphy
 Milltown Sunday June 14th Tony O’ Shea & Tim Fleming

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday June 13th Anthony Clifford
 Milltown Sunday June 14th Joe Tyther

Offertory Collector

June Sheila Hurley

Flower Arranger: Mary Aspell | 13th June – 26th June

Monthly Prayer Meeting: takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on **Sunday June 7th, 8:00 p.m.-9.30pm.** Guest Speaker is Ben Perkin. All are most welcome.

Corpus Christi: The Annual Corpus Christi Procession will take place this Sunday, immediately following the 11:15am Mass. The procession will begin at the church concluding at The Square in Milltown. Everyone is warmly invited to take part in this special celebration of our faith.

Sunday Refreshments: Please join us for refreshments after **Sunday Mass in Milltown on June 14th.** This is a good opportunity to meet with fellow parishioners and strengthen our parish community.

May Devotion to Our Lady: Sincere thanks to everyone who welcomed the statue of the Blessed Virgin Mary into their homes. The statue has now been safely returned.

The Legion of Mary are visiting our parish on **Saturday June 20th and Sunday June 21st.** They will say a few words at our Masses and would like to give you all a gift of a Blessed Miraculous Medal. They are hoping that soon they will help start a branch of the Legion of Mary here in our parish.

Our Lady of Fatima – Communal First Saturdays: Following our recent invitation to complete the Communal First Saturdays, you are warmly invited to an introductory meeting in **Milltown Parish Office,** on **Monday, 15th June at 7pm.** The meeting will begin with two visitors from the CFS Apostolate offering guidance on how to establish the devotion. We hope that **all parishes in our pastoral area have representation.** Our Lady promised peace in our world and families through this devotion, and that she would accompany us at the hour of death. You are invited to help bring and sustain this devotion in your parish—even quiet participation brings great graces. **All are welcome.** For more information, contact **087 6884124 (CFS Coordinator).**

Our Lady of Fatima: As we continue to celebrate the visit of Our Blessed Mother in Fatima, we will recite the Rosary on Main Street Killarney at 3 p.m. on Saturday June 13th June. We welcome all to come and pray before the Statue of Our Lady, to pray for peace in our world.

Beaufort Film Night: Kilgobnet National School, Beaufort will hold a film night on **Friday 12th June at 8.30pm** at. The feature film on the night is Cinema Paradiso, the classic Italian coming of age comedy-drama (with English subtitles). Cert PG. Admission €8 cash (No card payment available).

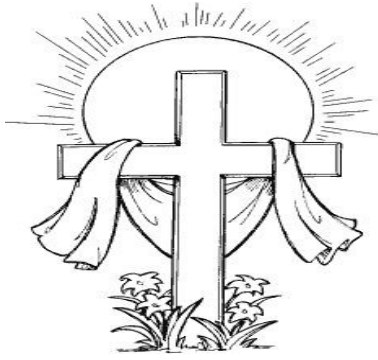
Offertory Collections:

Last weekend's collection **€683.00** | **Thank you for your generous support.**

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Weekend

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The Eucharist, then, is not something we simply watch. It is something we are part of. We come as we are—not perfect, but real. We bring our joys, our worries, our gratitude, and even our tiredness. And in that coming together, something greater than any one of us begins to happen. As St. Paul reminds us, we share in the life of Christ not only in joyful moments, but also in our struggles. The pressures of daily life are not separate from our faith; they are part of what we bring with us when we gather.

Jesus used the image of the vine and the branches. A branch doesn't have to do anything extraordinary it simply needs to stay connected to the vine in order to live. In the same way, we don't have to be full of energy or inspiration every time. We just need to stay connected, even in small ways. A smile to someone nearby. Joining in a hymn, even quietly. Taking a moment of stillness instead of rushing away. Offering patience instead of criticism. These small things can slowly bring life back.

If people are to experience Christ today, it will often be through ordinary encounters with people like us. Not because we have all the answers, but because we show kindness, presence, and care.

And over time, almost without noticing, something begins to change. The parish feels less like a place we go to, and more like a place we belong to. The Eucharist feels less like a routine, and more like a shared table. We begin to realise something simple but important:

The life of the parish is not somewhere “out there.” It grows, quietly and steadily, within each one of us.

† Prayer for the Feast of Corpus Christi †



*Our Father, on this blessed Feast of **Corpus Christi**, we gather to honour the Body and Blood of Christ. May our hearts be filled with gratitude for this sacred gift. Strengthen our faith, unite us in love, and inspire us to serve others as we celebrate Your divine presence among us.*