



St. Colman's Parish

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

20th/21st June 2026

The wind had been howling for hours, rattling the shutters of the small fishing cottage where Tomas sat alone. Outside, the sea was a restless beast, its waves clawing at the shore. He had been a fisherman all his life, but lately, fear had begun to creep into his bones fear of storms, of failing nets, of the future he could no longer see clearly. That Sunday, the Gospel reading echoed in his mind: ***“Do not be afraid... you are worth more than many sparrows.”*** He had heard it countless times before, but this morning, it felt different. The words seemed to lean in close, as if spoken directly to him.

Tomas remembered his father, who had faced storms far worse than this one. His father never claimed to be fearless he simply trusted that God's hand was steady, even when the boat was not. “Fear is like the wind,” his father once said. “You can't stop it from blowing, but you can choose how to set your sails.” That afternoon, Tomas walked to the pier. The storm had not yet passed, but the clouds were breaking in places, letting through thin shafts of light. He untied his small boat, his hands steady now. The sea still roared, but he felt a strange calm. He knew the risks, but he also knew that fear would not be the captain of his life. As he pushed off from the dock, the words returned, not as a command, but as a promise: *Do not be afraid*. And in that moment, Tomas understood faith was not the absence of storms, but the courage to sail through them, trusting that the One who called him would see him safely to shore.

In our world today, there is much that can cause fear and uncertainty. At times, these fears can weigh heavily on us and hold us back. Yet, again, we hear the reassuring words of Jesus: ***“Do not be afraid.”*** The readings today remind us that we are never alone. Like Jeremiah, we may face struggles and difficulties, but God is always our strength. Like the psalmist, we can turn to Him in times of trouble, trusting that He hears our prayers. St. Paul reminds us that God's grace is greater than anything we face. Through Jesus, we are given new life and courage. And in the Gospel, we are reminded how deeply God cares for each one of us.

So today, let us place our trust in God. Whatever fears we carry, let us remember that He walks with us always. Once again, we hear those comforting words: ***“Do not be afraid.”***

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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.

Confessions – Saturday – Listry: 5:10pm – 5.40pm

Masses & Intentions

Mon. June 22 nd			No Mass.
Tues. June 23 rd	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. June 24 th	Milltown	10:00a.m.	Minnie McCarthy - 20th Anniversary. <i>Corpus Christi Tec.</i>
Thurs. June 25 th			No Mass.
Fri. June 26 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Margaret Condon (née Counihan) recently deceased (March 2026) & her husband Bill Condon 1st Anniversary (deceased over one year) <i>Birmingham, U.K. & formerly of Brackhill, Castlemaine.</i>
Sat. June 27 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Noree Horgan - 3rd Anniversary and the deceased members of the Horgan & O’Leary Families, Lisheen.
Sun. June 28 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday June 27th Elizabeth Griffin
 Milltown Sunday June 28th Denis O’ Mahony & Mary O’ Shea

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday June 27th Family Readers
 Milltown Sunday June 28th Geraldine Galvin

Offertory Collector

June Sheila Hurley

Flower Arranger: Doris Mangan | 14^h June – 27th June

Congratulations: We warmly congratulate the 6th Class students of Nagle Rice National School who celebrated their Graduation Mass on Wednesday. We wish them every blessing and success as they move on to the next chapter of their lives.

The Legion of Mary: will be visiting our parish Masses this weekend to say a few words about their work and mission.

Save the Date | Parish Barbecue | Sunday, 23rd August: Join us for our Parish Barbecue on Sunday 23rd August, taking place immediately after the 11:15am Mass at Sacred Heart Church, on the lawn near the parish office. We hope as many of you can come along to enjoy good food, great company, and a relaxed afternoon together. We are also looking for volunteers to help on the day. We would appreciate assistance with:

- Transporting chairs to and from the Muintir na Tíre Hall
- Loan of a marquee
- Organising simple games for children
- Setting up food and seating

If you can help in any way, please email the parish office at milltown@dioceseofkerry.ie, and we will get back to you.

Thank you for your support | **The Sunday Refreshments Group.**

Wine for Palestine Charity Evening: Sunday, July 5th at 7pm at Ancient Rituals Studio, Chapel Lane, Killarney. Enjoy an evening of wine tasting, nibbles, a photography exhibition, poetry readings, and great raffle prizes – all in aid of displaced families in Gaza. See Killarney for Palestine on social media for booking link or scan QR code.



Day for Life 2026: Today, Sunday 21 June, the Church across Ireland celebrates “A Day for Life” on the theme *The humanity of the unborn child*. The message invites us to reflect on the wonder of human life from the moment of conception. To read the 2026 Day for Life message: visit www.councilforlife.ie.

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

Offertory Collections:

Last weekend's collection **€980.00** | Thank you for your generous support.

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Weekend

Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638

2025 Parish Income and Expenditure

Income	2025	2024
	€	€
Offertory/Door Collections	53,729	50,447
Shrines, Cribs and Graves	10,002	8,402
Special Collections	11,387	2,966
Parish Draw	9,015	7,695
Other Income	4,450	2,155
Tax rebates	12,067	12,048
Interest Received	2,092	2,092
Donations	30,962	1,000
Covid Insurance Re-fund	7,327	
Interest Received	2,276	2,092
	141,215	86,805
 Expenditure		
Wages & Salaries	12,432	15,785
Rates	336	743
V.H.I.	1,940	3,301
Insurance	6,087	5,911
Light and Heat	13,341	9,972
Rathmore Fund	2,000	2,000
Maintenance/Repairs	31,944	15,407
Admin / Diocesan Levies	8,027	7,649
Altar Requisites	3,866	5,265
Special Collections	11,387	2,966
Printing, Postage, Stationery	2,339	3,247
Webcam Costs	1,538	2,322
Telephone and Internet	1,517	1,487
Mass Missalettes/Books	812	829
Travel Expenses	3,052	2,717
Courses and Hospitality	1,506	1,900
Legal and Accountancy Fees	1,538	1,538
Bank Charges	379	336
General Expenses	4,500	3,829
	(108,541)	(87,214)
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Net Surplus	32,674	-409