

St. Colman's Parish

13th Sunday in

Ordinary Time

27th/28th June 2026

Long ago, in a quiet countryside, there lived two brothers who shared everything. They worked side by side on the same land, tending their crops from morning until evening. At the end of each day, whatever they had grown or earned was divided equally between them.

One of the brothers had a wife and children. His home was full of noise, laughter, and the everyday responsibilities of family life. The other brother lived alone. His days were quieter, and his needs were simple.

As time went on, each brother began to reflect on their arrangement. The brother who lived alone grew uneasy. Looking at his share one evening, he thought it did not seem right to divide everything equally when his own needs were so small. Quietly and without telling anyone, he filled a sack with grain that night, carried it across the field, and left it in his brother's barn.

At the same time, the brother with the family had begun to think differently as well. Watching over his children, he considered his future and realised that he would always have someone to care for him. His brother, however, had no such security. So, that very night, he too carried a sack of grain across the field and placed it in his brother's store, unnoticed and in silence.

Night after night, each brother continued this quiet act of generosity. Each believed he was correcting an unfairness. Yet something curious began to happen. No matter how much each gave away, neither seemed to have any less. Their supplies remained full, and neither could explain why.

Then, one night, beneath the stillness of the sky, they met in the middle of the field. Each was carrying a sack of grain. In that moment, the truth became clear. Without needing words, they understood what had been happening all along. They dropped their sacks and embraced, recognising in each other the same love and selflessness.

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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

Recent Death: *Please pray for the soul of **Kathleen Heffernan**, New York, USA & Formerly of Callinafercy West.*

Masses & Intentions

Mon. June 29 th			No Mass.
Tues. June 30 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	Thomas & Joan Foley –Months Mind (deceased April & May 2026) Corroballa, Killorglin.
Wed. July 1 st	Milltown	10:00a.m.	Kathleen Heffernan, New York, USA, & Formerly of Callinafercy West.
Thurs. July 2 nd			No Mass.
Fri. July 3 rd	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Timothy, Nora & Michael O’Sullivan & all the deceased members of the O’ Sullivan Family The Cliff, Callinafercy.
Sat. July 4 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Treasa Healy – 1st Anniversary Rockfield, Faha.
Sun. July 5 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Mary Hanafin – 5th Anniversary Kilcolman.

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday July 4th Ann O’ Brien
 Milltown Sunday July 5th Josephine Twiss & Deirdre Corkery

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday July 4th Family Readers
 Milltown Sunday July 5th Rosemarie Healy

Offertory Collector

June Sheila Hurley

Flower Arranger: Doris Mangan | 27th June to 10th July

First Friday Communion Calls: Will take place on **Friday, July 3rd**. 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.

Parish Office: The Parish Office will be **Closed on Saturday, July 4th**.

Milltown Credit Union Open Day: Milltown Credit union are please to advise that they are having an Open Day in the Milltown Credit Union office on **Saturday 4th of July from 11am to 1pm**. They will be joined by our local All-Ireland under 20 football champions, Michael Lynch, Dara Hogan, and Gearoid Evans, who will have the All-Ireland under 20 Cup with them. All are welcome to come along and meet the players and get photographs and autographs. **Wear your Green & Gold colours! They will raffle 2 All-Ireland semi-final tickets** for anyone who opens a new account or does a transaction in Milltown office from the 27th of June to the 4th of July.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: Takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on **Sunday July 5th, 8:00 p.m.-9.30pm**. All are most welcome.

Second Collection: w.e. July 4th /5th (Sick & Retired Priests): With over twenty priests retired, this fund provides for their ongoing support and care. It also helps ensure provision is in place to cover any unforeseen medical expenses for those who have given their lives in priestly ministry.

ATU ST ANGELAS COLLEGE, SLIGO: Is inviting applications for a Part-Time Certificate in Religious Education for Primary School with Online Delivery beginning **Autum 2026**. The programme is open to: Qualified primary school teachers; Qualified post-primary school teachers who wish to transfer to primary school teaching. Parents, sacramental preparation teams, and parish catechists with a specific interest in the area may also apply.

Closing date for Applications is Friday, 14th August 2026

For further information contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator,
Education Department, ATU St Angelas, Louth Gill, Sligo

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Or visit it

Website: www.atu.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

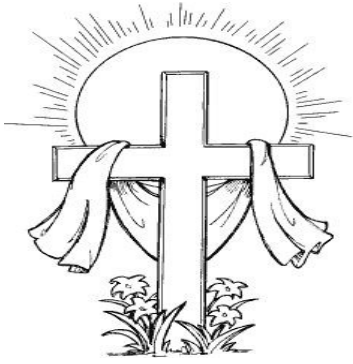
Offertory Collections:

Last weekend's collection **€695.00**
Thank you for your generous support.

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Weekend

Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155



In that simple embrace, something deeper was revealed. What had been given had not been lost. Instead, it had created a blessing far greater than either of them had expected.

This story gently reveals a truth at the heart of life: when giving is done freely and lovingly, something is always received in return. Not always in material ways, but in joy, connection, and a deeper awareness of what truly matters.

Today's readings echo this theme in many ways. Simple acts of welcome and hospitality bring unexpected blessings. The call to follow Christ is a call to let go of self-interest and to discover new life through generosity. Even the smallest act of kindness—a simple gesture, a thoughtful word—holds great value.

These truths are most often lived out not in grand or dramatic ways, but in the quiet, ordinary moments of everyday life. A small kindness, a shared burden, a simple act of care—these are the places where something holy is revealed. As the poet Patrick Kavanagh reminds us, God is found not just in one place, but in the “bits and pieces of everyday”, in laughter, in sorrow, and in the small details of daily living.

The story of the brothers invites a way of living shaped not by strict fairness, but by love. It calls for attentiveness to others and a willingness to give without expecting anything in return. In doing so, a deeper truth becomes clear - ***it is in giving that one truly receives.***

As we reflect on this, we turn to God and ask for the grace to live with generous hearts:

*Lord,
make us generous in heart,
ready to give without counting the cost.
Teach us to love in quiet ways,
seeing You in those we serve.
May we trust that in giving,
we receive far more than we give.
Amen.*