

# **St. Colman's Parish**

## **15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in**

### **Ordinary Time**

#### **11<sup>th</sup> / 12<sup>th</sup> July 2026**

An elderly farmer was sitting at his gate one evening after a long day's work. His grandson came along carrying a newspaper. "Grandad," he said, "why is there so much bad news in the world? Every page seems to have stories about wars, crime, people arguing and communities struggling." The old man took the paper, glanced through it, and smiled gently. "Do you know what I saw today?" he asked. The grandson shook his head. "I saw a neighbour stop to help an elderly woman carry her shopping. I saw a young lad cut the grass for someone who wasn't able to do it themselves. I saw a family visit a grave and place fresh flowers there. None of that will ever make the newspaper."

The boy thought for a moment. "So why don't they print those stories?" "Because goodness is often quiet," the farmer replied. "But don't ever think it isn't there." The farmer then picked up a handful of seed from his pocket. "Every spring I scatter thousands of these seeds. Some fall where they can grow, and some don't. But I keep sowing because I know that, given time, many will take root and produce a harvest. "As they looked across the fields, the farmer continued, "That's how God works. He keeps planting seeds of faith, hope and love in our hearts."

In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus tells the Parable of the Sower. Some seed falls on rocky ground, some among thorns, and some on rich soil where it bears a plentiful harvest. God never stops scattering His grace. He continues to sow kindness, generosity and compassion into our lives. The question is whether we allow those seeds to grow.

The First Reading from Isaiah reminds us that God's Word is like the rain that falls from the heavens onto the earth. Slowly and quietly, it nourishes the ground, bringing growth and new life. The rain does not return without producing fruit, and neither does God's Word. Even when we cannot see it, God is working beneath the surface. The farmer stood up and looked across his land. "Farming teaches patience," he said. "You can't rush a harvest. The seed needs time."

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

**Credit Union Competition for Youth Members:** Win a new Kerry Jersey by opening a new youth account (under 18) or completing a transaction on an existing youth account, in Milltown CU office between the 7th of July and the 21st of July.

**Second Collections Update:** Thank You for Your Generosity and continued support of our Second Collections throughout the first half of the year. To date, the following amounts have been raised through our Second Collections:

- January: Needs of the Holy Land €645.00
- February: Lourdes Helpers €687.00
- March: Emigrant Services €600.00
- March/April: Trocaire €2,889.00
- April: Family Services & Accord €455.00
- May: Education of the Clergy €560.00
- June: Peters Pence €447.00

**Communal First Saturday prayer group:** As an outcome of our meeting that took place on June 15<sup>th</sup>, a Communal First Saturday prayer group is being formed. The group will meet on a regular basis in the Milltown parish room in praise and worship and in prayerful preparation for the launch of the Communal First Saturday in October, the month of Our Lady. Our Lady's requested in Fatima that *the laity complete the First Saturdays to bring peace to the world. July 13, 1917. Our lady also promised that she would accompany those at the time of their death if they completed the first Saturdays Dec.10. 1925.* **Please watch out for the first meeting date which will be posted in the parish newsletter.**

**Youth 2000 Summer Festival | 13th–16th August:** Calling all young people aged 16–35! Join us at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival in Newbridge College, Co. Kildare. This is a donation-only event, with free buses available across the country and all meals included. Expect inspiring talks and workshops, Youth Mass, music, prayer, and plenty of opportunities to chill out and meet other young Catholics. Whether you are new to the faith or looking to be refreshed, all are welcome.

To register or find out more, visit [youth2000.ie](http://youth2000.ie) or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

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

Milltown Graveyard

Wednesday July 15<sup>th</sup>

Abbey Graveyard

Wednesday July 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Offertory Collections:**

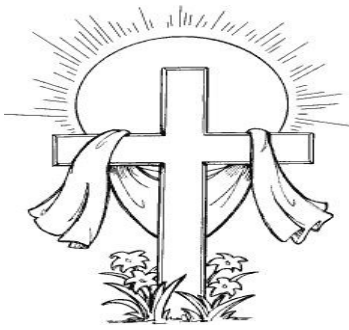
Last weekend's collection - **€1300.00**

Thank you for your generous support.

**Killorglin Pastoral Area**

Priest on Duty this Weekend

**Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638**



Our faith is much the same. We often wish we were more patient, more forgiving, more generous. Yet God works gradually. Every prayer we say, every act of kindness we offer, every effort we make to forgive or help another person is helping the seed grow.

Like the farmer, God sees not only what we are but what we can become. He never gives up on us. He continues to sow His seeds of love, trusting that one day they will bear fruit. This week, let us look beyond the gloomy headlines and notice the quiet goodness all around us. It is there in our families, in our neighbours, and in our parish community. These are signs that God is still at work among us, bringing forth a harvest of hope.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus,

Thank You for sowing the seeds of faith, hope and love in our hearts.  
Help us to be good soil, open to Your Word and willing to let it grow within us.

Give us patient hearts when we cannot see the results of our efforts.  
Help us to recognise the quiet acts of kindness around us and to become signs of Your love for others.

May the seeds You plant in our lives bear fruit in our homes, our parish and our community.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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**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, 14<sup>th</sup> August 2026**

For further information contact Mary Kearns, Senior Administrator,  
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