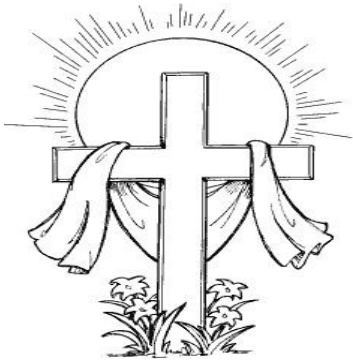




St. Colman's Parish

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

18th / 19th July 2026

'A Seed That Keeps Growing'

A woman once spoke about her son who had left home to work in Australia." When he was young," she said, "I never seemed to get a moment's peace. There was always something going on school, football, lifts here and there, friends calling to the house, and plenty of worries as he grew up." Then she smiled and added, "Now I'd give anything to hear him coming through the front door looking for something to eat!"

Like many parents, she missed having her children around. The house seemed quieter. Life had changed. A friend asked her if she found it difficult. "Of course," she said. "But when I see the kind of man he has become, I realise something. The years spent raising him weren't lost. The values, the faith, the respect for others, the importance of family they all went with him. The child may have left home, but what was planted here is still growing." There is a beautiful message in this story that is spoken in this Sunday's readings. Jesus speaks about a tiny mustard seed that grows into a great tree and about a little yeast that transforms the whole batch of dough. They remind us that God's work often begins in small and ordinary ways.

For parents and grandparents, this can be a comforting thought. So much of what we do throughout life seems unnoticed at the time. The countless meals prepared, the prayers said, the encouragement given, the example of faith lived day after day—these are all seeds that are planted quietly.

Often, we do not see the results straight away.

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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. July 20 th			<i>No Mass.</i>
Tues. July 21 st	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. July 22 nd	Milltown	10:00a.m.	
Wed. July 22 nd	Milltown	8:00 p.m.	<i>Abbey Graveyard.</i>
Thurs. July 23 rd			<i>No Mass.</i>
Fri. July 24 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Bridget Herlihy (2nd Anniversary) & Jimmy Herlihy (3rd Anniversary) Monastery Gardens.</i>
Sat. July 25 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>The people of the Parish</i>
Sun. July 26 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday July 25th Margaret Gallagher
 Milltown Sunday July 26th Betty Moriarty & Sheila O' Sullivan

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday July 25th Marian Gallagher
 Milltown Sunday July 26th Liam Hurley

Offertory Collector

July Tim Fleming

Flower Arranger: Joan Allman – 25th July to 7th August.

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.

Kerry's 4th Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock 2026: The Diocese of Kerry invites parishioners to join the Kerry's 4th Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine on ***Saturday, 22nd August 2026.***

The pilgrimage programme includes:

- 2.00pm: Stations of the Cross followed by the Rosary Procession
- 3.00pm: Pilgrimage Mass in the Basilica, including the Anointing of the Sick during Mass

There will also be an opportunity to explore Knock Shrine and its many spiritual attractions. All are welcome to join this special day of prayer, reflection, and pilgrimage at Ireland's International Eucharistic and Marian Shrine. For further information visit www.knockshrine.ie or telephone **094 938 8100.**

Save the Date: The annual Summer BBQ has been scheduled for **Sunday, August 23rd**, immediately after Mass. All parishioners are warmly invited to come along for an afternoon of food, community, and good company. It is a wonderful opportunity to relax and enjoy time together as a parish.

First Friday Communion Calls: First Friday Communion Calls take place on the **first Friday of every month**. If you have a family member or neighbour who wishes to receive **Holy Communion in their home each month**, please contact Fr. Timothy **(087) 0009181** or the Parish office **(066) 97 67312.**

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 or follow @Youth2000Ireland."

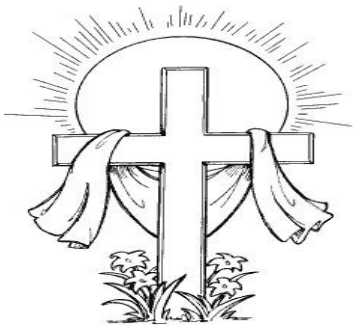
Offertory Collections:

Last weekend's collection - **€930.00**
Thank you for your generous support.

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Weekend

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Children grow up. They become busy with work and family life. We may see less of them than we once did. Yet that does not mean the seeds have stopped growing. Today's readings remind us that God is patient. He understands that growth takes time. He continues working in people's hearts long after we have done our part.

Perhaps many parents and grandparents need to hear this message: you have done better than you realise. The love, faith, kindness, and values you passed on are still bearing fruit, even if you cannot always see it. As we place our trust in God this week, let us remember that the seeds sown over a lifetime do not disappear. With God's grace, they continue to grow and flourish, often in ways we never expected. "The child may leave the nest, but the seeds of love and faith planted along the way continue to grow" As we reflect on the seeds of love, faith, and goodness planted in our families over the years, let us now bring our prayers before the Lord, trusting that He continues to nurture and guide those we love.

Prayer

Heavenly Father,

We thank You for the gift of family and for the many blessings You have given us through those we love.

As our children and grandchildren grow, follow their own paths, and build lives of their own, help us to trust that the seeds of love, faith, and goodness planted over the years continue to grow.

When we miss their presence, remind us that they are always close in our hearts and in Your care.

Bless all parents and grandparents.

Reward their sacrifices, their prayers, and their quiet acts of love which have helped shape future generations.

Give us patience to trust in Your timing, hope when life feels uncertain, and peace in knowing that You continue to guide those we love, wherever they may be.

Like the mustard seed in today's Gospel, may the small seeds of faith planted in our families continue to flourish and bear fruit for many years to come.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.