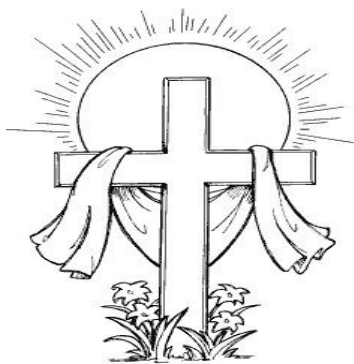




St. Colman's Parish

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

25th / 26th July 2026

"I will never forget you"

World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly.

This weekend, as we celebrate the **17th Sunday in Ordinary Time**, the Church also marks the **World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly**. This special day was established by **Pope Francis in 2021** and is celebrated each year on the **fourth Sunday of July**, close to the Feast of Saints Joachim and Anne, the grandparents of Jesus. The day was created to honour older people, to thank grandparents for passing on faith and values, and to remind the Church that the elderly remain a vital part of every community. For 2026, the theme chosen is **"I will never forget you"** (Isaiah 49), a reminder that God never abandons his people, especially the elderly who may sometimes experience loneliness, illness, or isolation. In the readings for this Sunday, Solomon asks God not for wealth or power, but for **wisdom and understanding**. God is pleased with this request and grants him a wise and discerning heart. What a beautiful connection this has with **Grandparents' Day**.

When we think of our grandparents and older parishioners, we often think not of their possessions or achievements, but of the wisdom they have gathered through years of faith, struggle, joy, and perseverance. They have learned lessons that cannot be found in books. They have witnessed changes in Church and society, raised families, survived hardships, and remained faithful through life's many seasons.

The Gospel speaks of the treasure hidden in the field and the pearl of great price. Jesus reminds us that some things are so precious that they are worth giving everything else for. Perhaps today we can see our elderly as one of those hidden treasures. In a world that often values youth, speed, and productivity, the wisdom and experience of older people can easily be overlooked. Yet they are treasures of faith, memory, and love. Their stories teach us who we are. Their prayers sustain families and parishes. Their witness reminds us that God's faithfulness lasts a lifetime.

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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 – 5.40 p.m.

Recent Baptism: *We warmly welcome **Casper Timothy Muir** into our Christian Community. We congratulate his parents, godparents, and family on this special occasion.*

Masses & Intentions

Sat. July 25 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Daniel Flaherty (34 th Anniversary), & Eileen Flaherty (7 th Anniversary) Keel/Monastery Garden and Eileen's niece, Margaret (Peggy) O'Leary, who passed away in May.
Sun. July 26 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>World Grandparents Day & The Elderly.</i>
Mon. July 27 th			No Mass.
Tues. July 28 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	Joe Clifford (33 rd Anniversary) Betty Clifford (19 th Anniversary) Lahard, Beaufort.
Wed. July 29 th	Milltown	10:00a.m.	
Thurs. July 30 th			No Mass.
Fri. July 31 st	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. Aug 1 st	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Timothy Quirke (3 rd Anniversary) & all the deceased members of the Quirke Family.
Sun. Aug 2 nd	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	The people of the Parish.

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday August 1st Margaret Lehane
Milltown Sunday August 2nd Denis O' Mahony & Mary O' Shea

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday August 1st Nonie O' Shea
Milltown Sunday August 2nd Ann Jennings

August Offertory Collector: Tony O' Leary

Flower Arranger: Mary Aspell – 8th August – 21st August

Thank you: A sincere word of thanks to all the volunteers whose dedication, hard work, and commitment contributed so much to the preparation and smooth celebration of our Graveyard Masses. The large gatherings were wonderful, and we were truly blessed with weather for all four Masses. We are also deeply grateful for the contributions received at the Cemetery Masses.

The amounts collected are listed below. Thank you to everyone for your continued support and kindness.

Listry: €570.00

Milltown: €2297.00

Kilbonane: €100.00

The Abbey: €135.00

Total: €3,102.00

Second Collection: w.e. August 1st / 2nd (Pastoral Centre Killarney): The John II Pastoral Centre in Killarney acts as a focal point for the catechetical and adult faith education programmes of the diocese and supports Primary and Post Primary Religious Education.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: Takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on **Sunday, August 2nd | 8:00 p.m.-9.30pm.** Guest Speaker is Rose Blackwell. All are most welcome.

First Friday Communion Calls: First Friday Communion Calls take place on **Friday, August 7th.** 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.

Blood Donation Clinic: The Irish Blood Transfusion Service will hold a Blood Donation Clinic in the Nagle-Rice Community Centre, Milltown, on **Monday, 27th July** between the times of **3:50pm – 8:00pm.**

Legion Of Mary: 'Embrace the Grace' is the title of the Young Adult Catholic Conference (18-40) being held on **Saturday 29th August 2026** from **9.30am to 6.00 p.m.** at the Legion of Mary, De Montfort House, Morning Star Avenue, Dublin 7 DO7 VAO3. Tickets are on Eventbrite.ie. **The Legion of Mary in Kerry want to sponsor 2 young unwaged adults to attend. Please contact Patricia 0879048659 for more information.**

Offertory Collections:

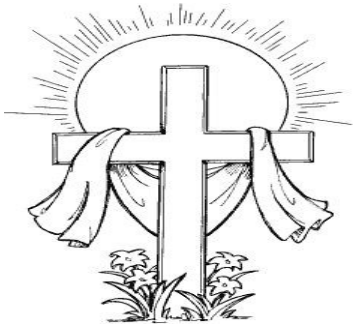
Last weekend's collection - €770.00

Thank you for your generous support.

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Weekend

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This day is also a gentle challenge for us. Pope Francis often spoke about the importance of building bridges between the generations. Young people need the wisdom of the old, and older people need the energy, companionship, and hope of the young. The Church is strongest when generations walk together.

As we reflect today, let us give thanks for grandparents, parents, and all elderly members of our parish community. Let us remember those who may be living alone, in nursing homes, or carrying the burden of illness. A visit, a phone call, or a simple conversation can become a powerful expression of God's love.

May we learn from Solomon to ask for wisdom. May we treasure the gift of our older generations. And may all our grandparents and elderly know that they are loved, valued, remembered, and deeply cherished by God and by the Church.

Prayer

*Holy Father Who watches over every person Watch over me too when
I am elderly.*

*You have revealed your name to me in Christ,
And You were not discouraged by my frailties.*

*You hold me tenderly in your hands,
And You caress my lines.*

You will never forget me.

Grant that I may not fear my weakness;

Help me learn to love it Just as You love it.

Help me learn to listen to it Just as You listen to it.

*Help me embrace it Just as You have chosen it – You who, though all-
powerful, clothed yourself in humility.*

*May growing old strip away all our pride and all division So that we
may live these years united in You.*

You will never forget us

Amen.