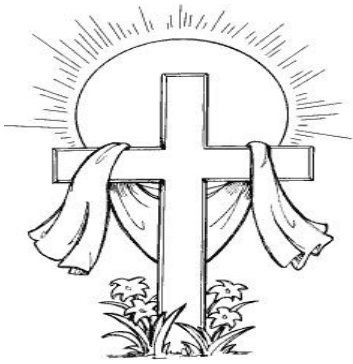




St. Colman's Parish

18th Sunday in

Ordinary Time

1st / 2nd August 2026

When Grace Wins More Than the Cup.

There was a sense of disappointment across Kerry this week. For many, the All-Ireland Final had been eagerly anticipated for the last two weeks. Families gathered around the television and thousands made the long journey to support the team. For a few hours, daily routines were set aside as we shared in the excitement and hope that Sam Maguire might once again be returning to the Kingdom.

While the result was not the one Kerry supporters had hoped for, the championship gave something that is often in short supply these days: a sense of connection. It gave people something to talk about. Conversations at the church gate, in the local shop and over a cup of tea. Young and old shared the same hopes, the same nerves and, ultimately, the same disappointment. Yet perhaps there was something important to be learned in the days that followed.

Many Kerry supporters, despite their disappointment, were generous in acknowledging Mayo's achievement. There was little talk about blame or excuses. Instead, there was a recognition that Mayo had earned their victory and deserved their moment of celebration. In many ways, that graciousness says a great deal about the values that still run deep within our communities. Winning is always enjoyable, but character is often revealed most clearly when things do not go our way.

That spirit of graciousness echoes something of the message found in today's readings.

In the Gospel, the crowds continue to follow Jesus after He has fed them with the loaves and fishes. They are searching for more. Jesus gently reminds them that there is a kind of nourishment that lasts longer than bread and deeper than any temporary satisfaction. He invites them to look beyond immediate desires and focus on what truly sustains the human heart.

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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.

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Aug 3 rd			<i>No Mass.</i>
Tues. Aug 4 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Dermot Finn (Months Mind) Knocknagowna.</i>
Wed. Aug 5 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>The people of the Parish.</i>
Thurs. Aug 6 th			<i>No Mass.</i>
Fri. Aug 7 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>John Hickey (1st Anniversary) Rathpook.</i>
Sat. Aug 8 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Dan Buckley (23rd Anniversary) & Kathleen Buckley (6th Anniversary) Knocknagowna.</i>
Sun. Aug 9 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Tom, Julieann & Thomas G Doyle Corbally. & Oliver Heelin & Daire Hanlon Leitrim.</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday August 8th Eileen Fitzgerald
 Milltown Sunday August 9th Josephine Twiss & Deirdre Corkery

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday August 8th Marian Gallagher
 Milltown Sunday August 9th Turlough O' Brien

August Offertory Collector: Tony O' Leary

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

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

Sunday Refreshments: please join us for refreshments after Sunday Mass in Milltown on August 9th. This is a good opportunity to meet with fellow parishioners and strengthen our parish community

Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock: Coach leaving St. Mary's Cathedral at **7.00am on Saturday August 22nd,** cost is €25 pp, Places are limited. Please Contact Sheila at the Killarney Parish Office to register with payment in person to secure the booking.

The Parish Summer BBQ: is fast approaching and promises to be another lovely occasion for our parish community. **Save the Date: Sunday, 23rd August, immediately after Mass.**

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.**

Abide in His Love Women's Conference: Takes place in the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, **20–22 November 2026.** Join women from across Ireland for a faith-filled weekend with inspiring speakers including Sarah Swafford, Danielle Noonan, Fr Mark Wharton, Fr Barry Braum, Fr Oisín Martin, the Dominican Sisters of Nashville, Bishop Fintan Gavin, and more.
A conference not to be missed! Register now:
<https://abideinhislove.eventbrite.com>

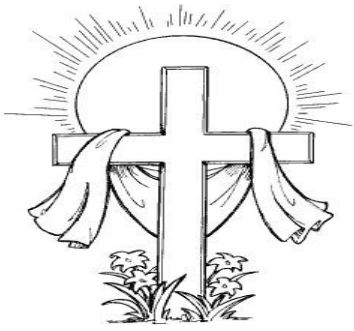
Legion Of Mary: '*Embrace the Grace*' is the title of the Young Adult Catholic Conference (18-40) being held on **Saturday 29th August 2026** from **9.30am to 6.00 p.m.** at the Legion of Mary, De Montfort House, Morning Star Avenue, Dublin 7 DO7 VAO3. Tickets are on Eventbrite.ie. **The Legion of Mary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

Offertory Collections:

Last weekend's collection - **€765.00**
Thank you for your generous support.

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Weekend
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That message remains as relevant today as ever. So much of life is spent looking ahead to the next thing: the next success, the next achievement, the next event that promises happiness. We often convince ourselves that if only this one thing happens, then we will finally be content. Yet life teaches us otherwise. Even the greatest moments pass. The excitement of a final, the joy of a victory, the disappointment of a defeat, all eventually become memories. ***What lasts are the things that truly sustain us.***

Long after the scoreline is forgotten, people will remember where they watched the match. They will remember the family members seated beside them, the neighbours who dropped in, the conversations before throw-in and the stories shared afterwards. Children will remember the excitement. Older generations will remember comparing this year's team with great Kerry teams of the past.

Those moments may seem ordinary, but they are part of what Isaiah is speaking about in today's first reading when he asks: ***"Why spend your money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy?"***

Isaiah reminds us that the deepest things in life cannot be bought, won or achieved. Faith, family, friendship, kindness and community are among God's greatest gifts. They are the treasures that remain with us when the cheering stops and the crowds go home. Perhaps that is one of the hidden blessings of sport. While the attention is focused on the result, it also reminds us of the importance of belonging. It reminds us that we are part of something bigger than ourselves. It brings generations together and creates bonds that no final score can measure.

St Paul offers great reassurance in the Second Reading. He reminds us that nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. Not success and not failure. Not our best days nor our worst. God's love remains constant when everything else changes. That is an important reminder for all of us. Life brings victories and disappointments to every person. There are days when things go exactly as planned and days when they do not. There are times of celebration and times of loss. Through it all, God's presence remains.

As another week begins, there is much to be grateful for. Grateful for the excitement and enjoyment the championship brought, grateful for the moments shared with family and friends, grateful for those who travelled great distances in support of their county, and grateful for the spirit of respect and sportsmanship shown in defeat.

The final score may be remembered for a time, but the kindness, friendship, faith and community that sustain us are treasures that last much longer.