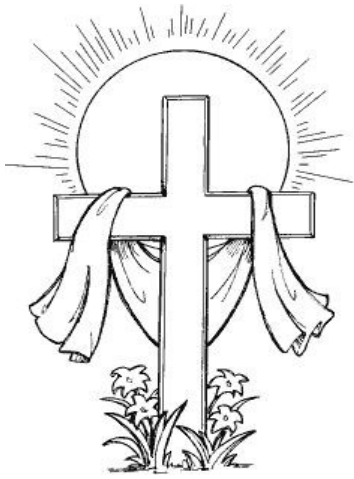




St. Colman's Parish

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

22nd / 23rd August 2026

Every day Tim goes to the nursing home to visit his wife, Margaret. Each time he arrives, she asks him who he is and why he is there. Patiently and lovingly, he tells her the story once again. He speaks of their family, their children and grandchildren, and all that is happening in their lives. As he helps her with her lunch, he gently reminds her that they have been married for 52 years and that she is the woman he has loved all those years.

Margaret suffers from Alzheimer's disease. She drifts in and out of reality and cannot remember the man who stands faithfully by her side. Yet every day Tim returns. Before leaving, he kisses her, tells her he loves her, and knows that tomorrow he will begin the same conversation all over again.

People often ask him, "Why do you keep doing this? She doesn't even know who you are anymore."

Tim's answer is always simple and profound: **"But I know who she is, and I know who I am."**

Today's Gospel centres on a similar question of identity. Jesus asks His disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" The answers vary, but then Jesus asks the more important question: **"But who do you say that I am?"** Peter responds with one of the greatest professions of faith in Scripture: **"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."**

Peter recognizes Jesus for who He truly is. That recognition becomes the foundation of his discipleship and the foundation upon which Christ builds His Church.

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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.

Recent Death: *Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of **Joan Hayes (née Donnelly), Brackhill, Castlemaine.** May she rest in peace.*

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Aug 24 th			No Mass.
Tues. Aug 25 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	Shane Courtney Faha East.
Wed. Aug 26 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	Madge & Pat McGreal Mayo.
Thurs. Aug 27 th			No Mass.
Fri. Aug 28 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Jenny & Bob Kenny Kilcolman. Margaret Spillane Knockavota.
Sat. Aug 29 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Keith O' Donnell Faha Glen.
Sun. Aug 30 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Sheila Shaughnessy (1st Anniversary) Hannah Counihan (4th Anniversary) Abbie Gallagher (4th Anniversary) Sr. Augustine Counihan (14th Anniversary) Keel & Faha.

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday August 29th Terry Murphy
 Milltown Sunday August 30th Betty Moriarty & Sheila O' Sullivan

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday August 29th Sinead O' Donnell
 Milltown Sunday August 23rd Fionnuala O' Leary

September Offertory Collector: Liam Ryan.

Flower Arranger: Dorris Mangan | **22nd August – 4th September.**

Parish BBQ - This Sunday - 23rd August: We hope you can join us **directly after 11:15 a.m. Sunday Mass** for our Parish BBQ. All are welcome.

Kerry Education and Training Board: Are offering free classes in Tralee in computer skills, word processing and literacy through driver theory, starting in mid-September. *To apply, please contact Ed on 086 074 9786.*

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential Weekend from 📅 **Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October 2026** at the “Focolare Centre” “Curryhills”, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. For more information visit; www.marriageencounter.ie

Fr. Svet from Medjugorje to Visit Killarney: Will visit Killarney, in conjunction with Arthur Mc Cluskey Foundation helping the poor in Bosnia. The meeting will take place at 📍 The Church of Resurrection, park rd., Killarney on 📅 **Wednesday, 26 August at 7 p.m.** starting with Rosary, Holy Mass, Adoration. All welcome. Contact Tom 086 8380406.

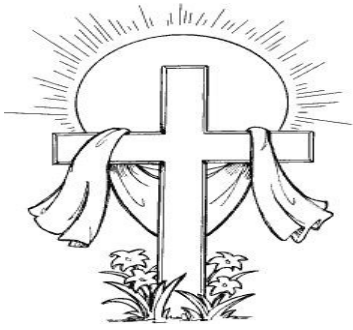
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Legion of Mary Annual Pilgrimage to Knock. This takes place on 📅 **Sunday, 27th September.** The bus leaves at **6.30 a.m.** from 📍 The Church of the Resurrection Park Road, Killarney. Stops in Farranfore and Castleisland. price 30.00 euro. Ring Pat at 086 8510423 for booking.

Last Weekend's Offertory Collection
€845.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Killorglin Pastoral Area
Priest on Duty this Weekend
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Like Tim, our faith is not based simply on feelings, memories, or circumstances. There are times in life when God's presence may seem distant, when prayer feels difficult, when suffering clouds our vision. Yet the challenge remains: Do I know who Jesus is? And because I know Him, do I know who I am?

Our identity as Christians comes from our relationship with Christ. We are His disciples, His beloved sons and daughters. When we truly recognize who Jesus is, it shapes the way we live, the way we love, the way we forgive, and the way we serve others.

Tim's daily devotion reveals a love that remains faithful even when it is not fully returned or recognized. In a similar way, Christ remains faithful to us. He never forgets us. He never stops loving us. Even when we fail to recognize Him, He continues to call us by name.

Today, Jesus asks each of us the same personal question He asked Peter: **"Who do you say that I am?"** Our answer is not found only in words but in the way we live. Like Tim, may we be able to say with conviction: **I know who Christ is, and because of Him, I know who I am.**

Inspired by the message of today's Gospel, here is a prayer for the 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Lord Jesus,
*Strengthen our faith and help us,
like Peter, to proclaim you as the Son of the living God.
Guide your Church, bless our parish community, and help us to follow
you each day with courage and love.
Amen.*

**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.
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