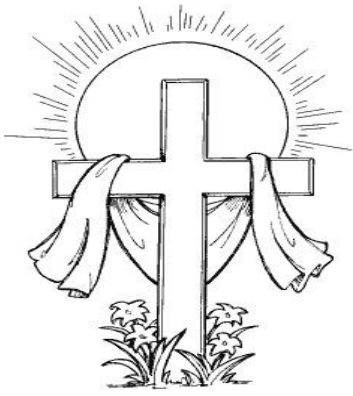




St. Colman's Parish

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3rd/4th October 2026

A stonemason once set out to build a church. As the stones arrived from the quarry, the builders carefully selected the smoothest and strongest ones for the walls. One stone, however, seemed awkward and misshapen.

"That stone is no use," one worker said.

"It will never fit," said another.

So, they rolled it aside and forgot about it.

Weeks later, when the church was almost complete, the builders discovered a problem. A crucial place in the structure remained empty, and none of the stones they had chosen would fit. Without the right stone, the building would be weak. The master builder searched the site and spotted the rejected stone lying in the grass. "Bring me that one," he said.

The workers laughed, but when they placed it into position, it fitted perfectly. In fact, it became the cornerstone, holding the building together. Years later, visitors admired the church, never realizing that its most important stone was once the one everyone had rejected.

Jesus uses a similar image in today's Gospel when He says, ***"The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone."*** People rejected Him because He did not match their expectations. Yet God made Him the foundation of our faith and the source of salvation for the world.

The lesson is timeless. We often value people by appearance, success, or status. Yet God sees what others overlook. The quiet person, the struggling neighbour, the child with little confidence, or the elderly person who feels forgotten may have gifts that can strengthen a family, a parish, or a community. Sometimes we may even feel like that rejected stone ourselves. We may feel overlooked or unimportant. But God never sees us that way. He knows our value and our potential.

This week, let us look at others and ourselves through God's eyes, remembering that the stone we are tempted to reject may become the cornerstone of something extraordinary.

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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. Oct 5 th			No Mass.
Tues. Oct 6 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	Joe Breen (14th Anniversary) Orchard View. Luke Breen (14th Anniversary) Laharan.
Wed. Oct 7 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	Sheela Albert Albert Devasy & Vilmala Varghese Kerala, India.
Thur. Oct 8 th			No Mass.
Fri. Oct 9 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Private Intension.
Sat. Oct 10 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Pat Healy Rockfield.
Sun. Oct 11 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Tim and Mary Moriarty, their children Don, Eileen and Margaret, and their sons-in-law Pat & Christy, Rockfield. And Mortimer Buckley, Rockfield.

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday October 10th

Eileen Fitzgerald

Milltown Sunday October 11th

Denis O' Mahony & Mary O' Shea

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday October 10th

Marion Gallagher

Milltown Sunday October 11th

Ann Jennings

Seniors Day Cancelled: Due to a bereavement, **Seniors Day**, scheduled for **Tuesday, 6th October**, has been **cancelled**. It will be rescheduled for a later date in **November**. Thank you for your understanding. Further details will be announced in due course.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: Takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall this 📅 **Sunday, October 4th | 8:00 p.m.-9.30pm**. Guest Speaker is Mary O' Sullivan. All are most welcome.

Milltown Youth Club Registration Night: Milltown Youth Club will hold its **Registration Night** on **Friday, 9th October 2026 at 8.00pm** in the **Nagle Rice Community Centre, Milltown**.

The club is open to young people of **secondary school age (12+) living in The Parish**. Come along, meet new friends, and get involved in the activities and opportunities Milltown Youth Club has to offer! All new and returning members are welcome. Please note that a **parent/guardian must attend registration**.

For further information, please contact **Trudy McQuaid (Foróige Club Support)** on **086 834 4978** or email trudy.mcquaid@foroige.ie

Blessing of Pets and Animals | 📅 Sunday October 4th, 2026, | Glenbeigh Parish: To mark the feast of St Francis, there will be a ceremony for the blessing of pets and animals in the grounds of **Glenbeigh Church** starting at **1.30pm until 3pm**. Individual blessings for pets, animals, and their owners will be available throughout the afternoon until 3.00pm. Whether you attend Glenbeigh Parish or not, you are most very welcome

Baby Loss Remembrance Service: An open invitation is extended to parents and families who have experienced the loss of a baby through miscarriage, ectopic pregnancy, fetal anomaly, stillbirth, or neonatal death.

The Annual Remembrance Service will take place on 📅 **Sunday, 11th October 2026 at 2.30pm** in the **Hospital Chapel of Christ the Healer, University Hospital Kerry**.

Light refreshments will be served afterwards. All are welcome!

Mission Month online talk: The Diocese of Kerry invites you to an online talk, *One in Christ, United in Mission*, with **Fr Michael Kelly**, Director of Mission Ireland, and **Miriam Hanlon** from Asdee, who volunteered in East Africa.

They will share their mission experiences and reflect on why it matters today.

📅 **Thursday 15 October at 7.30 pm**. To register, visit dioceseofkerry.ie

Sunday Refreshments: please join us for refreshments after Sunday Mass in Milltown on 📅 **October 11th**. This is a good opportunity to meet with fellow parishioners and strengthen our parish community

Irish Cancer Society Volunteer Drivers Needed: The **Irish Cancer Society** is seeking compassionate **volunteer drivers** to join its **Transport Service** in Kerry, particularly drivers who can travel to hospitals in **Limerick**.

Volunteer drivers provide a vital service by bringing cancer patients to their chemotherapy appointments and safely home again afterwards. This practical support can make a real difference to patients and their families during a challenging time.

If you can spare **two days per month**, hold a **full driving licence**, and have access to a **safe and reliable vehicle**, you could help support people affected by cancer in your local community. Full training and ongoing support are provided by the Irish Cancer Society.

Your time can make a meaningful difference by offering both practical assistance and reassurance to those undergoing treatment.

For more information or to register your interest, please contact **Monica or Emily** at volunteer@irishcancer.ie.

Prayer for Those Living with Cancer

Loving God,

We pray for all those who are living with cancer at this time. In moments of fear, uncertainty and pain, may they know Your comforting presence beside them.

Grant them strength for each day, courage for every treatment, and hope when the road ahead seems difficult. Bless their families, friends and carers who walk this journey with them, supporting them with love and kindness.

Guide the hands and minds of doctors, nurses and all healthcare professionals who care for the sick. May their work bring healing, comfort and peace.

Lord, surround those who are suffering with Your love, sustain them with Your grace, and remind them that they are never alone.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Last Weekend's Offertory Collection: **€1045.00**

Septembers Second Collection: Diocesan Needs: **€446.00**

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Weekend

Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638