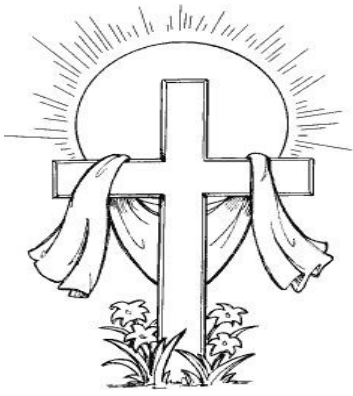




St. Colman's Parish

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

17th/18th October 2026

There are some weeks when the Gospel seems to meet us exactly where we are. This is one of those weeks.

Over recent days, many of us have been shocked and deeply disturbed by the loss of live of four members of a family in Waterford. In times like these, people can find themselves searching for answers and struggling to understand why suffering occurs.

In the face of such evil and suffering, many people ask difficult questions. ***Where was God?*** How can something so terrible happen? How are we meant to make sense of such cruelty? These are not new questions. They are questions that faithful people have asked for centuries. Even Jesus, hanging on the cross, cried out in anguish. Faith does not remove pain, nor does it provide simple answers to life's darkest moments.

The Gospel today reminds us that we live in this world, but we belong ultimately to God. Yet our world often feels overwhelmed by fear, violence, anger, and division. Many people are carrying anxieties about their families, their future, and the safety of their communities. We are more connected than ever through television, smartphones, and social media, yet many people feel more worried, isolated, and burdened than ever before.

Part of the challenge is what many call "information overload." Within minutes of a tragedy occurring, we are inundated with images, commentary, speculation, and endless updates. While it is important to stay informed, there comes a point when constant exposure to distressing news begins to weigh heavily on our minds and spirits. We find ourselves absorbing fear that we can do little about.

As Christians, we are not called to ignore the suffering of the world. We are called to pray, to care, and to act where we can. But neither are we called to carry the weight of every tragedy alone. Sometimes caring for our spiritual wellbeing means stepping away from the endless news cycle, turning off our phones for a while, spending time with family, taking a walk, praying quietly, or simply sitting in God's presence.

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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.

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Oct 19 th			No Mass.
Tues. Oct 20 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>Nora-Ann O' Regan London & Kilmoyley, and all the deceased member of the O'Regan Family.</i>
Wed. Oct 21 st	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>The people of the Parish.</i>
Thur. Oct 22 nd			No Mass.
Fri. Oct 23 rd	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Billy Kerins Castlemaine Road.</i>
Sat. Oct 24 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>John Murphy - 4th Anniversary Lissivane West.</i>
Sun. Oct 25 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Liam O'Shea Farran</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday October 24 th	Carmel Kennedy
Milltown Sunday October 25 th	Dorothy Casey & Fionnuala O' Leary

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday October 24 th	Family Readers
Milltown Sunday October 25 th	Family Readers

October Offertory Collector: Tim Fleming

Flower Arranger Dorris Mangan **17th October – 30th October**

Remembering Teresa

Chebii: Teresa Jemaiyo Chebii, beloved mother of Fr. Timothy. Teresa was laid to rest on Thursday in Eldoret, Kenya. Fr. Timothy wishes to express his sincere thanks to all parishioners who have remembered his mother and his family in prayer over the past month. We continue to keep Fr. Timothy and his family in our prayers at this difficult time.



"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith." (2 Timothy 4:7)

Parish Newsletter:

From next weekend, we will introduce a new combined Parish Newsletter and Mass Leaflet. The parish news and notices will be on the inside pages, with the Sunday readings and Mass texts on the outside.

As part of this change, we will no longer be using 'The Eucharistic' booklet during Mass. The new leaflet 'The People's Mass' booklet will contain all that is needed for the weekend masses and will also help keep everyone up to date with parish news and events.

Annual Mass of Remembrance 2026: Our Annual Mass of Remembrance for all parishioners who have died during the past year will take place on the following dates:

- Milltown | Friday, 6th November at 7:00 p.m.
- Listry | Saturday, 7th November at 6:00 p.m.

The Killarney Alzheimer Café: Provides a warm and welcoming place for people living with dementia or cognitive impairment, their families, carers, friends, and healthcare professionals to meet, chat, and access information and support. The café is open to everyone and offers an informal and supportive environment. The Next Meeting is **Wednesday, 21 October 2026** from **11:00am - 1:00pm** at the Coill na Darrach Community Room, Killarney (Eircode V93 VXY8). For further information, contact Lynda Phillips on 087 355 6508 or email lynda.phillips@alzheimer.ie

Communal First Saturday Coach to Knock | Saturday, 28th November:

Join us for the First Saturdays Conference in Knock and share in Our Lady's message of Fatima. A coach will depart from Caherciveen, with stops in Glenbeigh, Milltown, Castlemaine, Farranfore, Abbeyfeale and Newcastlewest.

The programme includes guest speakers, Holy Mass at 3pm, Confession and Adoration. The estimated cost is €40 per seat. Lift-sharing to coach pick-up points may be available locally. *For further information, contact Eilis (087 634 1538).*

The evil we witness can tempt us to despair, but despair is never the Christian response. Our response is hope. Not a naïve hope that ignores reality, but a hope rooted in the belief that goodness is stronger than hatred, light is stronger than darkness, and love is stronger than death.

Perhaps this week's tragedy reminds us of what truly matters. Life is precious and fragile. The arguments, jealousies, resentments, and worries that consume so much of our energy suddenly seem less important. What remains important are the relationships we nurture, the kindness we show, and the love we share with those closest to us.

As we gather for Mass this weekend, let us pray for all affected by the tragedy in Waterford, for those who live in fear, for emergency responders, and for all who struggle to find hope in difficult times. May God help us to be people of peace in an anxious world, people of compassion in a hurting world, and people of hope in a world that desperately needs it.

Lord of all compassion,
We pray for all of those caught up
in the midst of tragedy.
For those who have lost life
and those working to save life.
For those who are worried for people they love.
For those who will see their loved ones no longer.
For those in need of the peace
that passes all understanding.
For all who turn to you in the midst of turmoil.
For those who cry out to you in fear and in love.
For those in confusion and those in despair.
For those whose tears are yet to dry.
For those in need of your unending love.

Amen.

Last Weekend's Offertory Collection:

€990.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Weekend

Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277 638
