

St. Colman's Parish 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time 17th /18th August 2024

Touching the body of Christ

Mother Teresa of Calcutta had a rule that when a newcomer arrived to join her Order, the Missionaries of Charity, the very next day the newcomer had to go to the Home of the Dying. One day a girl came from outside India to join the Order. Mother Teresa said to her: "You saw with what love and care the priest touched Jesus in the Host during Mass. Now go to the Home for the Dying and do the same, because it is the same Jesus you will find there in the broken bodies of our poor." Three hours later the newcomer came back and, with a big smile, said to her, "Mother, I have been touching the body of Christ for three hours." "How? What did you do?" Mother Teresa asked her. "When I arrived there," she replied, "they brought in a man who had fallen into a drain, and been there for some time. He was covered with dirt and had several wounds. I washed him and cleaned his wounds. As I did so I knew I was touching the body of Christ." — To be able to make this kind of connection we need the help of the Lord himself. It is above all in the Eucharist that he gives us this help.

We need to keep the hunger and thirst for God alive in our hearts: Every human being is blessed at creation with an insatiable longing for God. We want God as our Father to hold us gently in His arms, keeping us safe throughout the dangers we face. But often we use substitutes as an escape from that need: fast living, fast-food, fast cars and needless luxuries. We demand the right to do whatever we want to do whenever we want. But let us remember the truth that unless we keep the hunger for God strong in our hearts, we will eventually realise the emptiness of our lives without Him.

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Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday evening in Milltown church from 6:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Aug. 19 th			No Mass
Tues. Aug. 20 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	Shane Courtney Faha East
Wed. Aug. 21st	Milltown	10:00a.m.	People of the Parish
Thurs Aug. 22 nd	Milltown		No Mass
	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Patrick O' Sullivan – 2 nd Anniversary Knockavota
Fri. Aug. 23 rd	Milltown	8:00 p.m.	Bridget Herlihy (Months Mind) Monastery Gardens
Sat. Aug. 24 th	Listry	6:00p.m.	Tony O' Shea – 1 st Anniversary Lahard Upper
Sun. Aug. 25 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Breda, Mary & Donie Bowler Rockfield and all deceased family members

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Aug. 24th Marie Donnelly Milltown Sunday Aug. 25th Dorothy Casey

Minister of the Word

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Milltown Sunday Aug. 25th

Anthony Clifford

Geraldine Galvin

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.

Flower Arranger: Margot Lawlor 17th August – 30th August.

Diocese of Kerry Annual Pilgrimage to Knock: is on Saturday 24th August. The bus to Knock will leave the Fairfield, Killorglin that morning at 7.00am. The fare is €30. Please contact Killorglin Parish Office (087) 6584479, (066) 9761172, to book your seat. **Our Lady of Knock, pray for us.**

CHY3 Tax Forms for Charitable Donations: (CHY3 enduring certificate simply enables the charity to claim tax relief if you donate €250+ in any of the five years covered by the form) Any parishioners that received a CHY3 form, can you please complete and return in the stamped addressed envelope provided. Thank you to all who have already returned this form. Your financial support is greatly appreciated.

South Kerry Partnership CLG: is currently seeking participants to join the Empower Programme. This programme is aimed at unemployed individuals who wish to build confidence, skills and purpose to find a way to employment/self-employment and/or training and education. This free training programme will be held in Killorglin in September (3rd, 4th, 5th,9th, 10th and 11th) from 9.30am to 12.30pm. at South Kerry Development Library Place, Killorglin. To register please call Joanne Griffin, Enterprise Officer, Tel: (087)6152660 /jgriffin@skdp.net

<u>Seniorline</u>: Freephone 1800 80 45 91 Seniorline is a confidential listening service for older people. Trained older volunteers offer a friendly, listening, and non-judgmental ear to all callers, 10am -10pm

Refreshments after Sunday Mass in Milltown: Please join us for refreshments after Mass today in Milltown parish office. This will be a monthly gathering, offering a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our parish community. We encourage you to connect with someone new. A good chat over a cuppa does wonders.

Booking an Anniversary Mass for 2025

If you would like to book an Anniversary Mass for a loved one in the upcoming year, the 2025 booking diary will open on Thursday, September 5th. Please be aware that during the first week, only First Anniversary Masses can be booked. The diary will be open for all other Anniversary Masses starting from Thursday, September 12th.

Killorglin Pastoral Area Priest on Duty this weekend Fr. Danny Broderick (087) 9061255 Ordination to the Priesthood: Rev. Sean Murphy from Glencar will be ordained to the priesthood this Sunday, August 18th in St. James' Church, Glenbeigh at 3:00pm. This is a special day for Sean, his family, the parish community of Glenbeigh/Glencar, and our entire diocese. Remember Sean in our prayers this week, asking God to bless him with a long and fruitful ministry.

Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

Blessed Trinity, Father, Son and Spirit, we worship and praise You. Father, through the Holy Spirit you give to every Christian a unique calling as you provide and care for the needs of your people. Hear our prayers for our needs as parish communities. Bless our efforts to strengthen lay ministry. In our diocese and in all our parishes give to each person the grace to discern, follow and live their calling. Call forth from among us vocations to the diocesan

priesthood.

Fill the hearts of our priests and deacons with renewed peace and joy. Father, in all things 'thy will be done'. We entrust our prayers to you, through Christ our Lord.

Amen

Parish weekend collections

Last Weekend - €620.00 Thank you for your generous and continuous support.

The offertory collection is not being taken up during Mass at this time. However, there are boxes available for your contributions at the front and side entrances of Milltown church, as well as at the front entrance of Listry church. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.