



# St. Colman's Parish

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent

### 14<sup>th</sup> /15<sup>th</sup> December 2024

#### John was no “gander preacher”

Soren Kierkegaard the well-known philosopher of Denmark has a famous fable about geese. The geese in a certain farmyard decided to gather together every seventh day. At that time, one of the ganders would mount the fence and preach to his fellow geese about their lofty destiny. The pulpit gander would recall the exploits of their forefathers and praise God for the gift of flight bestowed upon them. The congregation of fowl would flap their wings in hearty agreement. This routine happened every week. After each assembly the geese would break up and waddle to their respective places in the farmyard and eat the grain the kind farmer had scattered on the ground for them. On Monday morning the geese would chat about Sunday's sermon and discuss what might happen if they took to the skies once again. They might get lost or even worse, they might get shot. There was little doubt among them that the best thing was to linger in the farmyard with its security. The sermons would stir them and that was sufficient. It was good to hear what they could be and do, as long as they need not do it or be it! All the while they didn't realise they were being fattened for the holiday tables of the farmer and his friends! —That happened in a fable on fowl but it can, and all too frequently does, happen in a Church service on Sunday. The people are told simply what they must not do. When John was through preaching, the people asked questions about deeds ... what they should do. And then, having been so guided in their thoughts, they received and acted upon the Holy Spirit's prompting, immediately doing that which they had learned was pleasing to the Lord.

John the Baptist, the stern and uncompromising preacher, challenges our superficial attempts at change, demanding that we take a deeper look at ourselves. Obeying the commandments is a good start, but we must then examine our relationships with others. We must mend ruptures, ease or eliminate frictions, face family responsibilities, work honestly, and treat employees and employers justly.

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**Recent Deaths:** Please pray for  
**Thomas Noonan**, Listowel/Milltown  
**Jerry Clifford**, Brackhill, Castlemaine

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday in Milltown Church from 5:00p.m. -7:00p.m.**

***Masses & Intentions***

Mon. Dec. 16 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Sacrament of Reconciliation</i>
Tues. Dec. 17 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	7:00 pm.	
Wed. Dec. 18 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	10:00a.m.	<i>Judy O' Conor née Kearin Callinafercy</i>
	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Carol Service</i>
Thurs. Dec. 19 <sup>th</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday Dec. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>
Sat. Dec. 21 <sup>st</sup>	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Christy Scully Nauntinane</i>
Sun. Dec. 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>David Sheehy Rockfield</i>

**Eucharistic Ministers**

Listry Saturday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> Marie Donnelly  
 Milltown Sunday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Dorothy Casey & Eamon Donnelly

**Minister of the Word**

Listry Saturday Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> Anthony Clifford  
 Milltown Sunday Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> Family Readers

- All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via [www.milltownlistryparish.com](http://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.

**Christmas Dues** Please return your Christmas envelopes in the collection box. Your support is deeply appreciated throughout the year.

**2025, A Jubilee Year in the Church:** A Jubilee Year is held every twenty-five years. Pope Francis will officially open the year by opening a Holy Door in St Peter's Basilica, Rome on Christmas Eve. The beginning will be celebrated worldwide on the following Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> December Feast Day of the Holy Family in every diocese worldwide, and thus at all our Masses that weekend. Pope Francis has chosen the Jubilee theme "Pilgrims of Hope". We are asked to treat the year ahead as a year-long pilgrimage seeking together to become more aware that truly Jesus Christ Our Saviour is with us each day, - as our help, strength and guide.

When we speak of 'Hope' we mean 'Hope in Jesus Christ', Hope in our God, Father, Son and Spirit.

**Carol Service:** We warmly invite you and your loved ones to join us for a very special Children's Carol Service on Wednesday, December 18th, in Milltown Church, commencing promptly at 7.00pm. This magical evening will feature the joyful voices of The Children's Choir singing beloved carols that celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ and the true meaning of Christmas. Let their songs fill your hearts with joy and renew the beauty of Christmas in your lives. We would love for your family to be part of this meaningful and festive occasion. Come and experience the wonder of the season with us!

**Samaritans Annual Church Gate collection:** will be taken up on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day across all Kerry parishes.

**Kerry Hospice:** are again giving you the opportunity to remember your loved ones by sponsoring a light on the online Memorial tree. To shine a light for your loved one, go to <http://www.lighttoremember.com> and add your own personal tribute. Thank you for your support.

**Annual 31 Card drive:** takes place in Faha Court Bar on Sunday December 22<sup>nd</sup> commencing at 5pm. This year all proceeds will go to The Palliative Care Team in UHK Tralee. 5 single hands with hampers etc, as prizes, which are all sponsored. Entry fee to the cards €10. Raffle also on the day and Spot prizes would be very much appreciated. Any queries, please contact Anthony Clifford, John Wrenn, or Noel O' Sullivan

**Milltown Christmas Market:** Takes place on Sunday December 15<sup>th</sup> from 11.00am—5.30pm in the Old Community Hall, Milltown. All most Welcome.

**Mass Cards and Christmas Cards are available from the Parish Office.**

Start where you are, John says. Our domestic and social lives must be put in order. John's voice is sober. It runs counter to the intoxicating voices around us. John calls for rectitude and social consciousness. We must abandon our selfish thirst for consumption, and instead, be filled with the expectation of Jesus' coming. Therefore, let us celebrate the memory of Jesus' first advent at Bethlehem, prepare for Jesus' daily advent into our lives, welcoming, loving and serving Jesus, present in other people, delighting in Jesus' presence in our own souls and lives, and waiting for Jesus' third advent or "second coming" ("Parousia") at the end of the world, with joyful expectation.

### Penitential Services

#### **Monday December 16<sup>th</sup>**

St. James Church, Killorglin	6:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church, Milltown	7:00 p.m.

#### **Wednesday December 18<sup>th</sup>**

St. Carthage's Church, Kiltallagh	7:00 p.m.
St. Gobnait's Church, Keel	8:00 p.m.

### Christmas Masses

#### **Christmas Eve**

The Immaculate Conception Church, Listry	5:30 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church Milltown	10:00 p.m.

#### **Christmas Day:**

The Immaculate Conception Church, Listry	8:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart Church Milltown	11:15 a.m.

***Weekend's collection - €805.00***

***Thank you for your generous support***

The offertory collection is currently not being taken up during Mass. There are boxes at the front and side entrance of the Milltown church and front entrance in Listry church for your contributions which are greatly appreciated.

**Killorglin Pastoral Area**

**Priest on Duty this weekend**

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