

# St. Colman's Parish 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent 7<sup>th</sup> /8<sup>th</sup> December 2024

## <u>Dam up the Detroit River and baptise the entire</u> <u>city!</u>

William P. Barker tells about a machinist with the Ford motor company in Detroit who had, over a period of years, "borrowed" various parts and tools from the company which he had not bothered to return. While this practice was not condoned, it was more or less accepted by management, and nothing was done about it. The machinist, however, experienced a Christian conversion. He was baptised and became a devout believer. More important, he took his Baptism seriously. The very next morning, he arrived at work loaded down with tools and all the parts he had "borrowed" from the company during the years. He explained the situation to his foreman, added that he'd never really meant to steal them and hoped he'd be forgiven. The foreman was so astonished and impressed by his action, that he cabled Mr. Ford himself, who was visiting a European plant, and explained the entire event in detail. Immediately Ford cabled back: "Dam up the Detroit River," he said, "and baptise the entire city!" [Tarbell's Teacher's Guide, Vol. 82, (Old Tappan, N.J.: Fleming H. Revell, 1986).]

We can only hope and pray that every Christian takes his or her Baptism that seriously. Fr. Danny Broderick (087) 9061255

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

#### **Masses & Intentions**

Mon. Dec.9 <sup>th</sup>			No Mass
Tues. Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	7:00 pm.	
Wed. Dec. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	10:00a.m.	Sheila, Mary, Joseph & Radhakrishnan India
Thurs. Dec. 12 <sup>th</sup>			No Mass
			Tom Joe & Bridie May Hefferan
Friday Dec. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	5:30 p.m.	Knockavota
			Stephanie O' Sullivan, Ardmelode &
Sat. Dec. 14 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Paddy Courtney, Lissivane West
Sun. Dec. 15 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Timothy, Nora & Michael O' Sullivan & all deceased members of The O' Sullivan family, The Cliff, Callinafercy

#### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Listry Saturday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Marie Donnelly

Milltown Sunday Dec.15<sup>th</sup> Sheila O' Sullivan & Eileen Roche

#### **Minister of the Word**

Listry Saturday Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Jim O' Shea Milltown Sunday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Chris Horan

• All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via <a href="https://www.milltownlistryparish.com">www.milltownlistryparish.com</a> 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.

Please note that Mass on Friday December 13<sup>th</sup> is at the earlier time of 5:30 p.m.

<u>The Irish catholic Bishops' Conference:</u> are delighted to be bringing you our digital Advent Calendar again this year. Advent marks the beginning of the new calendar year for Christians. The digital Advent calendar offers a distinctive and spiritually enriching way to journey through this holy season. To access the calendar please visit: <a href="https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/">https://www.catholicbishops.ie/adventcalendar/</a>

<u>Christmas Dues</u> Please return your Christmas envelopes in the collection box. Your support is deeply appreciated throughout the entire year.

<u>Parish Draw Announcement:</u> The draw will be held on Monday night, December 9th, during Bingo. If you haven't had the chance to participate yet, tickets are still available at Murphy's Foodstore, and the Sacristy. Fantastic prizes to be won on the night. This is the parish's sole fundraiser, with proceeds vital for covering essential expenses such as heating, lighting, and insurance. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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. Through their music, the story of His arrival comes alive, reminding us of the love, hope, and peace He brings to the world. There's something uniquely uplifting about children's carols—they capture the innocence and wonder of the season and unite us in a shared spirit of faith and celebration. 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!

T<u>rocaire Gift Cards:</u> If you want to give a gift that will transform lives this Christmas, buy a Trocaire Gift of Change. Trocaire Gift cards will be on sale in Milltown Church, before and after Mass, Sunday 8th December and in Listry Church Saturday 14th Dec. Thank you for your support.

<u>Milltown Christmas Market:</u> Takes place on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> & December 15<sup>th</sup> from 11.00am—5.30pm in the Old Community Hall, Milltown. All most Welcome.

**Refreshments after Sunday Mass in Milltown:** Please join us for refreshments after Mass on Sunday December 8<sup>th</sup> in Milltown church This will be a monthly gathering, offering a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our parish community.

#### **Penitential Services**

#### Monday December 16th

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

#### Wednesday December 18th

St. Carthage's Church, Kiltallagh 7:00 p.m. St. Gobnaits 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 - €645 Special collection – Youth Service - €230 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 Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638

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