



St. Colman's Parish
2nd Sunday of Christmas
4th /5th January 2025

Because you never know what's going to happen next.

A survey was made among school children asking them why they enjoyed reading Harry Potter novels and watching Harry Potter movies. The most common answer was, "Because you never know what's going to happen next!" This same sense of suspense and surprise prompted us to watch the seven episodes of the Star War movies. The same curiosity encouraged the great explorers like Marco Polo and Christopher Columbus to make risky and adventurous journeys, and today prompts adults to watch the James Bond films. — It is this same curiosity which led the Magi to follow the star of Bethlehem, a suspenseful journey because the Magi never knew what road the Spirit of God was going to take them down next. This week's Scripture readings invite us to have the same curiosity explorers and movie fans have, so that we may discover the "epiphany," (manifestation; Self-revelation), of our God in every person and every event, everywhere.

Like the Magi, let us offer to Jesus God's Own gifts to us on this feast of Epiphany. (a) The first gift might be friendship with God. After all, the whole point of Christmas is that God's Son became one of us to redeem us and call us friends. God desires our friendship in the form of wholehearted love and devotion. (b) A second gift might be altruistic, genuine friendship with others. This kind of friendship can be costly, for the price it exacts is vulnerability and openness to others. The Good News, however, is that, in offering friendship to others, we will receive back many blessings. (c) A third gift might be the gift of reconciliation. This gift repairs damaged relationships. It requires honesty, humility, recognition of our own part in the damage done by our sins to those around, understanding of others, forgiveness, and patience. (d) The fourth gift of this season is the gift of peace:

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Recent Deaths: Please pray for
James John (J.J.) O' Connor, Killaclohane
Kathryn (Ina) Moore née Tangney, Ennis/Listry
Breda Healy, Headford

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Jan. 6 th	Milltown Listry	11:15a.m. 6:00 p.m.	<i>Holy Day</i> <i>Feast of The Epiphany</i>
Tues. Jan. 7 th			<i>No evening Mass in Listry</i>
Wed. Jan. 8 th			<i>No morning Mass in Milltown</i>
Thurs. Jan. 9 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday Jan. 10 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Eileen Horgan – 2nd Anniversary & Martin Horgan 1st Anniversary Dalkey/Kerry</i>
Sat. Jan. 11 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>All deceased members of the O' Connor Family, Kilclogherane</i>
Sun. Jan. 12 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Noreen Quirke, 1st Anniversary Farran</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Jan. 11th Marie Donnelly
 Milltown Sunday Jan. 12th Sheila O' Sullivan & Eileen Roche

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Jan. 11th Anthony Clifford
 Milltown Sunday Jan. 12th Family Readers

- 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.

Dear Parishioners,

I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for joining us this Christmas. It was truly wonderful to see the largest turnout for Christmas Masses in our parish in recent years. I also extend my sincere thanks to everyone who sent in their Christmas Dues envelopes.

Wishing you all a Happy and Blessed New Year.

Fr. Danny Broderick

The Jubilee Year 2025: on the theme *Pilgrims of Hope*, officially commenced on Christmas Eve with the rite of Opening of the Holy Door of the Papal Basilica of Saint Peter by Pope Francis, who then presided over the celebration of the Night Mass of the Lord's Birth inside the Basilica. A Jubilee Year is celebrated every twenty-five years by the worldwide Church during which Catholics come together to rejoice in the faith. Over the Jubilee Year, we are encouraged to show mercy, forgive past wrongs, relieve debt, to spiritually rejuvenate, and be offered an opportunity to receive a plenary indulgence.

We may ask what is the 'hope' that Pope Francis calls us to, in other words what might it look like in the concrete circumstances of our own lives:

- Hope looks like forgiving when you want to stay angry. It looks like being kind to someone who doesn't deserve it, because you believe they can change.
- Hope looks like standing up for what is right, even when it costs you, because you believe justice matters.
- Hope is getting out of bed in the morning when you're struggling and depressed and uncertain – believing – just maybe – that today might bring something new.
- Hope looks like parents raising children in a digital world, helping them to understand that their value goes beyond screens, and teaching them to find their identity in something deeper than "likes" and "comments" on social media.
- Hope looks like peacemakers who refuse to give up on reconciliation ... and so much more."

Flower Arranger: Doris Mangan 11th January – 24th January 2025

Second Collection: will be taken up at Masses next weekend 11th /12th Jan
- Needs of the Holy Land

This collection aids Christian communities in the Holy Land to help them to continue to live there. It helps fund Dispensaries, Charitable Institutes, Education Centres and housing projects for the deprived.

Monthly Prayer Meeting: takes place in the Nagle Rice community Hall on Sunday January 5th from 8:00 p.m. to 9.30p.m. Guest speaker, Rose Blackwell. All most welcome.

The only way we can receive this offered gift is by seeking God's Peace in our own lives through prayer, the Sacramental life, and daily meditation on the Word of God. It is out of humble gratitude that we give Him from our deepest heart our gifts of worship, prayer, song, possessions, talents, patience, and time through our humble, loving service of those we encounter. As we give our small, seemingly insignificant gifts to God, the Good News is that God accepts them! Like the Magi offering their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh, we offer what we have, from our deepest heart as we respond to the Divine Gift that Child offers us – Himself.

Prayer for the New Year

*Lord in this New Year
which we have begun
may we have*

Enough happiness to keep us agreeable

Enough trials to keep us strong

Enough freedom to keep us happy

Enough failure to keep us humble

Enough success to keep us eager

Enough wealth to meet our needs

Enough faith to banish depression

Enough hope to look forward

Enough love to give us comfort

and

Enough determination to keep going

Amen

Collection w/e 22/12/2024 €1,191.00

Christmas collection

including 28th /29th Dec - €2,180.00

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 Sunday:

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