



St. Colman's Parish
25th Sunday
in Ordinary Time
17th /18th September 2022

Man's Inhumanity to Man

A missionary some weeks ago on EWTN, titled his documentary on one remote area of Philippines: *"Life and Survival in the in the Refuse Dump."* Why should human beings live in the refuse dump? Injustice and man's inhumanity to man, greed, selfishness, and oppression are the obvious and handy answers!

This week's Scripture readings urge each one of us to reflect on our attitude towards money, material things and our relationship with the poor and marginalised. If there is anything that has perpetuated poverty all over the world, it is injustice and inequality in the social class.

As we try to understand these readings and allow them to form us as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we can sense very strongly that our Lord wants us to be honest both in great things and in small things. In particular our Lord does not want us to be oppressors off the poor and the needy. This has all kinds of implications for us who live in developed countries and who often do not think of our actions as oppressing anyone. We forget that the things that we purchase have effects on others. Jesus certainly was not preaching about this kind of indirect and unthinking oppression in which we can be involved without thinking, but about a very direct and clear oppression of others.

It is probably difficult for us to imagine ourselves being directly involved in oppressing the poor and the needy and probably we are not. The attitudes that lead to such oppression, however, can easily become part of our lives.

In the first reading, it is clear that the oppressors are those who want to have money.....

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Baptism: We welcome into our Christian community:
Brooke Kate Keane, Kilburn

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

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Sept. 19 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Sept. 20 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Sept. 21 st	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	
Thurs Sept. 22 nd			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Sept. 23 rd	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Liturgy of the Word</i>
Sat. Sept. 24 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>David (Crocker) Bradley, 1st Anniversary, Faha East</i>
Sun. Sept. 25 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Brendan Casey – 1st Anniversary Bridge Street</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Sept 24th Margaret Gallagher
Milltown Sunday Sept. 25th Mary O' Shea

Readers

Listry Saturday Sept. 24th Family Readers
Milltown Sunday Sept. 25th Geraldine Galvin

Readings can be collected in advance from the Sacristy after any Mass.

Mass is broadcast on 106fm, and 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: Joan Allman - Sept 17th – Sept 30th

Autumn Dues: Please return your Autumn dues envelopes. You can do so by dropping them into the Parish Office or the Collection Box in the church. Your continuing support is deeply appreciated.

Listen to the Voice of Creation Webinar: On Thursday 22nd of Sept, the Diocese of Kerry Justice, Peace, and Integrity of Creation Committee invite you to ‘*Listen to the Voice of Creation Webinar*’ as part of Season of Creation 2022. To register for this free hour-long webinar please log on to www.dioceseofkerry.ie

Kingdom Gospel Choir (ages 18+), Kingdom Youth Gospel Choir (ages 9-12) & Kiddies Kingdom Gospel Choir (ages 4-8) recommencing. Adults choir taking place in the Friary church at 8pm on Friday 23rd Sept, Kids choirs will take place on Saturdays in the John Paul II pastoral centre, rock road. Everyone welcome. For more information contact Caoimhe on (087) 0669858.

Discerning a Religious Vocation? Poor Clare's Cork are hosting a zoom meeting on Saturday October 1st at 3pm. Please email vocationspoorclarescork@gmail.com to receive the link for the meeting.

Recovery Haven Kerry - Cancer support group have a new course commencing "Seasons for Growth" on Thursday the 22nd of September from 7-9.30pm. It will provide the opportunity to explore the effects of grief and change in your life in a safe and respectful environment. Although we usually link grief with death, it is in reality the process by which we make a healthy adjustment to any significant loss in our lives. Many different losses occur in one's lifetime and Seasons for Growth are based on the belief that grief and loss are a normal and valuable part of life. You will have the opportunity to gain understanding, knowledge, and skills to help you to cope with your grief experiences. This free course, which is funded by the Kerry ETB, runs for eight weeks. If you are interested, please ring reception on 066 7192122

Samaritans: Freephone 116 123 The Samaritans are available 24/7 to offer non-judgemental emotional support to people experiencing difficulties or times of crisis in their lives.

Weekend's collection - €870.00
Thank you for your generous support

Priest on Duty Sunday 18th September
Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638

Our whole culture seems to tell us that we should have money and power. We can begin to think in this way and slowly begin to put that value of money as more important than the value of sharing what we have with others.

Today's Gospel speaks about learning how to use well whatever we have. There is an admiration for the dishonest steward—not for his dishonesty but for his ability to figure his way out of a mess that he had created. What about us? How able are we to figure out the spiritual life and to work towards its goals? Perhaps at times we seem able to figure out the spiritual life because it is not all that complicated. Do we begin to live spiritually then? Today's readings seem to invite us to know the spiritual life, to know what it means to follow the Lord, and also to live that knowledge in our lives.

So many people say: "I believe in God" and that is all the further their belief goes. We are invited to reflect on God's work and to allow that word to transform us entirely. The second reading assures us that God is there, willing for us to be saved, eager for us to respond to His love.

Let us ask today for a deeper knowledge and understanding of our faith and for the gifts of the Holy Spirit to give us strength to live that knowledge and understanding.

*Every day is a reason for giving
And giving is the key to living
So let us give ourselves away,
Not just today but every day.
And remember,
A kind and thoughtful deed
Or a hand outstretched
In a time of need
Is the rarest of gifts, for it is a part
Not of the purse but a loving heart,
And they that gives of themselves will find
True joy of heart and peace of mind.*