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St. Colman's Parish

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th /17th September 2023

“I spoke to a brother whom I have pardoned.”

Forty years ago (1981) there was an attempt on the life of Pope St. John Paul II. Fortunately, the Pope lived. After he recovered, he shocked the world when he made a visit to Rome's Rabbibia Prison on Christmas Day to see the man who had attempted to assassinate him. Millions watched on television as the Pope, on Christmas Day, visited with Mehmet Ali Agca, who only two years before had tried to assassinate him. The white-robed Pope and jean-clad terrorist huddled in the dark prison cell for 20 minutes, talking in low voices that could not be heard. When he emerged John Paul explained, “I spoke to a brother whom I have pardoned.” We will never forget the headline the next week in Time Magazine, “Why forgive?” – That is a good question, one that has been asked for centuries. Our Scripture readings this weekend give the reasons. Three months after the terrible attack of September 11, 2001, Pope St. John Paul II, in his message for the annual World Day for Peace, taught clearly that there can be no peace without justice, and there can be no justice without forgiveness. That's a message that has gone largely unheard and unheeded on all sides of today's conflicts. It's kind of like what Chesterton said about Christianity itself – it hasn't been tried and found wanting; it's been found difficult and left untried.

We need to forgive, forget, and be reconciled: In the light of eternity and considering the shortness of our span of life, harbouring old grudges is pointless. The forgiveness that we offer others is the indispensable condition which opens our hearts to love and makes it possible for us to receive God's forgiveness and to pray meaningfully: “Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.”

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Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian community
Finan Curran, Clash, Listry
Evan Muir, Lissivane East
Nicolas Martinez, Castlemaine

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday in Milltown Church from 6:00p.m. -7:00p.m.

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Sept. 18 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. Sept. 19 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	
Wed. Sept. 20 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	
Thurs Sept. 21 st			<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. Sept. 22 nd	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	
Sat. Sept. 23 rd	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>David (Crocker) Bradley Faha</i>
Sun. Sept. 24 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Brendan Casey 2nd Anniversary Bridge Street, Milltown</i>

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Sept. 23rd Margaret Gallagher
Milltown Sunday Sept. 24th Mary O' Shea

Readers

Listry Saturday Sept. 23rd Family Readers
Milltown Sunday Sept. 24th Joe Tyther

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.

Funeral Masses: If you wish to have a family funeral mass recorded, please contact the parish office or Fr. Danny Broderick on (087)9061255/ Rev. Conor Bradley (087) 3664057. All funeral masses will be livestreamed.

Flower Arranger: Mary Aspell 23rd September – 6th October

House Mass/Blessings: If any family wish to have a house Blessing or a house Mass, please contact Fr. Danny Broderick directly on (087) 9061255 or the Parish Office (066) 9767312.

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.

Poll an Aifrinn annual Mass (Keelacloghane Wood) will be held on Sunday October 15th at 3p.m. In the event of poor weather on the day, this Mass will take place in the Milltown Church. All are welcome.

The Annual Pilgrimage of the Legion of Mary to Knock Shrine: will be held on Sunday 24th Sept 2023. Bus leaves Killarney from the Church of the Resurrection at 6.30 a.m. Price for the bus is €30. More details from Pat (086)8510423.

The Scartaglen day of Prayer: will resume on this Sunday Sep 17th at 2.30 pm, in Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Reflection and teachings will be given by Pat and Nora Buckley along with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. All most welcome.

Workshop for those post cancer treatment: Recovery Haven Kerry is delighted to facilitate a wonderful patient education workshop - **LACES** – on September 25th from 11am to 1.30pm for adults who are post cancer treatment. The workshop will focus on Food and Drink; Finance, Work and Family Life; Confidence Body Image & Intimacy; Self-Management and Supports Near You. To register call (066)7192122 or email patienteducation@irishcancer.ie

Rainbows Ireland: A 9-week Bereavement Support group for children aged 7 & 8 years will take place at Maine Valley Family Resource Centre Castlemaine in Wednesday 4th Oct 2023. Ring/Text 087 3694169 to book a place. For further details see www.rainbowsireland.ie

Last weekend's collection - €750.00

Thank you for your generous and continuing 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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What God expects from us, He offers us grace to accomplish in us: His Own limitless forgiving and a willingness to overlook faults and to keep on loving even in the face of insults.

We may never forget the hurt we have experienced, but we can, with His ongoing grace, choose to forgive and pray for our offenders. As life goes on and we remember an incident that was hurtful and roused great anger in us, we need to remind ourselves that, with God's grace, we have already forgiven the one that hurt us. Time does heal memories. Forgiveness finally changes us from being prisoners of our past to being liberated and at peace with our memories. Forgiveness allows us to move beyond the pain, the resentment, and the anger. When we forgive, we make the choice that heals. We can forgive the offender by wishing him God's blessings and by offering that individual to God by simply saying, "Help so-and-so and me to mend our relationship." When we withhold forgiveness, we remain the victim. When we offer forgiveness, we are doing it also for our own well-being.

Season of Creation 2023
"Let Justice and Peace Flow".

"All powerful God, bring healing to our lives, that we may protect the world and not prey on it, that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction." (Pope Francis)

The Season of Creation is marked throughout the Christian world from 1st September to 4th October (Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi). The season celebrates the joy of creation and encourages awareness-raising initiatives to protect the natural environment. The Prophet Amos declares: "Let justice roll on like a river, righteousness like a never-failing stream!" (Amos 5: 24), this is the inspiration for our 2023 theme. We are called to join "the river of justice and peace", to take up climate and ecological justice, and to speak out with and for communities most impacted by climate injustice and the loss of biodiversity. In many parts of the world, it is the poorest of peoples who suffer most because of disastrous effects of climate change. Many migrants coming to Europe do so because climate change has destroyed their livelihoods at home, some through successive seasons with no rain, some through excessive rainfall and floods that has washed away their homes and possessions. Climate change, biodiversity and poverty challenge every part of Ireland too.