



*St. Colman's Parish*  
*Good Shepherd Sunday*  
*20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup> April 2024*

**THE 61st WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS**

[21 April 2024] Message by Pope Francis

**Called to sow seeds of hope and to build peace.**

Dear brothers and sisters!

Each year, the World Day of Prayer for Vocations invites us to reflect on the precious gift of the Lord's call to each of us, as members of his faithful pilgrim people, to participate in his loving plan and to embody the beauty of the Gospel in different states of life. Hearing that divine call, which is far from being an imposed duty – even in the name of a religious ideal – is the surest way for us to fulfil our deepest desire for happiness. Our life finds fulfilment when we discover who we are, what our gifts are, where we can make them bear fruit, and what path we can follow in order to become signs and instruments of love, generous acceptance, beauty and peace, wherever we find ourselves....

To young people, and especially those who feel distant or uncertain about the Church, I want to say this: Let Jesus draw you to himself; bring him your important questions by reading the Gospels; let him challenge you by his presence, which always provokes in us a healthy crisis. More than anyone else, Jesus respects our freedom. He does not impose but proposes. Make room for him and you will find the way to happiness by following him. And, should he ask it of you, by giving yourself completely to him....

The World Day of Prayer for Vocations has a synodal character: amid the variety of our charisms, we are called to listen to one another and to journey together in order to acknowledge them and to discern where the Spirit is leading us for the benefit of all....

This Day is dedicated in a particular way to imploring from the Father the gift of holy vocations for the building up of his Kingdom: "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest" (Lk 10:2). Prayer – as we all know – is more about listening to God than about talking to him. The Lord speaks to our heart, and he wants to find it open, sincere, and generous. His Word became flesh in Jesus Christ, who reveals to us the entire will of the Father. In this present year, devoted to prayer and preparation for the Jubilee, all of us are called to rediscover the inestimable blessing of our ability to enter into heartfelt dialogue with the Lord and thus become pilgrims of hope.

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**Recent Death:** Please pray for the soul of  
**Rosie Giles née Hill, Faha**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament takes place every Friday evening in Milltown church from 6:00p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

### ***Masses & Intentions***

Mon. April 22 <sup>nd</sup>			<i>No Mass</i>
Tues. April 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Listry	7:00 p.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Wed. April 24 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown		<i>No Mass</i>
Fri. April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Eilis &amp; William Daly Woodville</i>
	Milltown	7:45 p.m.	<i>Denis Murphy (Months Mind) Kilderry</i>
Sat. April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Patrick O' Sullivan, 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Rockfield West</i>
Sun. April 28 <sup>th</sup>	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Brendan Quirke Farran</i>

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Listry Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> Eamon Donnelly  
 Milltown Sunday April 28<sup>th</sup> Denis O' Mahony

### **Minister of the Word**

Listry Saturday April 27<sup>th</sup> Anthony Clifford  
 Milltown Sunday April 28<sup>th</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.

**Flower Arranger:** Mary Aspell 27<sup>th</sup> April – 10<sup>th</sup> May

**Second Collection:** will be taken up at Masses w/e 20<sup>th</sup> /21<sup>st</sup> April.  
- Peters Pence

**Poor Clares:** in Carlow invite women from age 22 to 40 years for a cuppa and a chat to find out more about our life. If interested, please contact us before the event. [poorclaresvoc@gmail.com](mailto:poorclaresvoc@gmail.com) Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May from 2.30pm to 4.30pm.

**Fatima Pilgrimage:** Kerry Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima takes place 5 nights from 10<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> May 2024. Led by Fr. Noel Spring. Return flights from Dublin. 20kg Bag. Half Board €979pp. Further details contact Maureen Harty (066) 7131328

**Postgraduate and Mission & Ministries Programmes at St Patrick's Pontifical University, Maynooth.** Programme applications close from 30<sup>th</sup> June to 30<sup>th</sup> August for different programmes. Visit [sppu.ie/courses](http://sppu.ie/courses) for more information.

**Presentation Secondary School, Milltown Parents' Association** is holding a fundraising Bingo Night in aid of school funds on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the school All most welcome.

### **First Holy Communion Ceremony**

Milltown Church - Nagle Rice P.S. on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.  
Listry Church -Faha P.S. on Saturday May 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

**Last Weekend's collection**  
**14<sup>th</sup> April 2024 - €950.00**  
**Thank you for your generous support.**

### **Killorglin Pastoral Area**

#### **Priest on Duty this Sunday:**

**Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638**

*In an emergency always ring your own Priest first*

*If he is unavailable, please ring the following:*

**Monday:** Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638

**Tuesday:** Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155

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For prayer is the first strength of hope. You pray and hope grows, it moves forward. I would say that prayer opens the door to hope. Hope is there, but by my prayer I open the door” ([Catechesis](#), 20 May 2020).

## **Pilgrims of hope and builders of peace**

Yet what does it mean to be pilgrims? Those who go on pilgrimage seek above all to keep their eyes fixed on the goal, to keep it always in their mind and heart. To achieve that goal, however, they need to concentrate on every step, which means travelling light, getting rid of what weighs them down, carrying only the essentials and striving daily to set aside all weariness, fear, uncertainty and hesitation. Being a pilgrim means setting out each day, beginning ever anew, rediscovering the enthusiasm and strength needed to pursue the various stages of a journey that, however tiring and difficult, always opens before our eyes new horizons and previously unknown vistas....

This is, in the end, the goal of every vocation: to become men and women of hope. As individuals and as communities, amid the variety of charisms and ministries, all of us are called to embody and communicate the Gospel message of hope in a world marked by epochal challenges. These include the baneful spectre of a third world war fought piecemeal; the flood of migrants fleeing their homelands in search of a better future; the burgeoning numbers of the poor; the threat of irreversibly compromising the health of our planet. To say nothing of all the difficulties we encounter each day, which at times risk plunging us into resignation or defeatism.

## **The courage to commit**

In this light, I would say once more, as I did at World Youth Day in Lisbon: “Rise up!” Let us awaken from sleep, let us leave indifference behind, let us open the doors of the prison in which we so often enclose ourselves, so that each of us can discover his or her proper vocation in the Church and in the world, and become a pilgrim of hope and a builder of peace! Let us be passionate about life and commit ourselves to caring lovingly for those around us, in every place where we live. Let me say it again: “Have the courage to commit!” Father Oreste Benzi, a tireless apostle of charity, ever on the side of the poor and the defenseless, used to say that no one is so poor as to have nothing to give, and no one is so rich as not to need something to receive.

Let us rise up, then, and set out as pilgrims of hope, so that, as Mary was for Elizabeth, we too can be messengers of joy, sources of new life and artisans of fraternity and peace.

**Rome, Saint John Lateran, 21 April 2024, Fourth Sunday of Easter. POPE FRANCIS**