



St. Colman's Parish
Third Sunday of Advent
13th /14th December 2025

Gaudete Sunday smile:

A number of years ago, a young college student was working as an intern at his college's Museum of Natural History. One day while working at the cash register in the gift shop, he saw an elderly couple come in with a little girl in a wheelchair. As he looked more closely at this girl, he saw that she was kind of perched on her chair. The student realised that she had no arms or legs, just a head, neck and torso. She was wearing a little white dress with red polka dots. As the couple wheeled her up to the checkout counter, he turned his head toward the girl and gave her a wink. Meanwhile, he took the money from her grandparents and looked back at the girl, who was giving him the cutest and the largest smile he had ever seen. All of a sudden, her handicap was gone, and all that the college student saw was this beautiful girl, whose smile just melted him and almost instantly gave him a completely new sense of what life is all about. She took him from being an unhappy college student and brought him into her world, a world of smiles, love and warmth. — With the lighting of the rose candle, the third on the Advent Wreath, among the purple candles, and the priest's wearing the rose vestments, we are reminded that we are called to live with joy in our world of sorrows and pain.

This Sunday's readings invite us to rejoice at the rebirth of Jesus in our lives as we are preparing for our annual Christmas celebration. This Sunday is called Gaudete Sunday because our Mass begins with the opening antiphon: "Gaudete in Domino semper," i.e., "Rejoice in the Lord always." So, to express our joy in the coming of Jesus as our Saviour into our hearts and lives, we light the rose candle in the Advent wreath, and the priest may wear rose-colored vestments.

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Masses & Intentions

Mon. Dec.15 th			
Tues. Dec. 16 th	Listry	7:00 pm.	<i>Bridie Breen (Months Mind) Orchard View, Milltown</i>
Wed. Dec. 17 th	Milltown	10:00a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs. Dec. 18 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday Dec. 19 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Jerry Clifford (Months Mind) The Store, Callinafercy</i>
Sat. Dec. 20 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	
Sun. Dec. 21 st	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Timothy Galvin Cloonmore</i>

Offertory Collector

December John Moriarty

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Dec. 20th Margaret O' Sullivan
 Milltown Sunday Dec. 21st Dorothy Casey & Fionnuala O' Leary

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Dec. 20th Rosemary O' Callaghan
 Milltown Sunday Dec. 21st Chris Horan

All Weekend Masses will be streamed online via
www.milltownlistryparish.com or hurchmediatv.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.

Confessions take place in the parish as follows:

Milltown: Fridays, 5:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

Listry: Saturdays, 5:10 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.

Flower Arranger: Mary Aspell Christmas Eve – 9th January 2026

Christmas Communion Calls: will take place on Christmas Eve, Wednesday 24th December. If you have a family member or neighbour who wishes to receive Holy Communion in their home, please contact Fr. Timothy (087)0009181 Rev. Conor (087) 3664057 or the parish office (066) 97 67312.

Christmas Dues Please return your Christmas envelopes in the collection box. Your support is deeply appreciated throughout the year.

Carol Service: The Children's Choir are busy preparing for their Carol Service on Thursday, December 18th at 7:00 pm in Milltown Church. This is always a very special celebration, and we hope to see as many families as possible from the community joining us.

St. Vincent de Paul's Annual Church gate collection: will take place next weekend in both Listry and Milltown churches – 13th/14th December. Your support would be greatly appreciated

Refreshments after Sunday Mass in Milltown: Please join us for refreshments after Mass on Sunday December 14th in Milltown church All most welcome.

Our annual 31 Card Drive Charity Fundraiser: will take place on Sunday 21st December commencing at 5pm in Faha Court Bar. Entry fee is €10 for card players. Great prizes and also a raffle will take place on the day. Donations of prizes would be appreciated. All proceeds to The Palliative Care Team in UHK Tralee. Any queries, please call Anthony Clifford (087) 2215059.

Milltown Christmas Markets: take place in the Old Community Hall, behind the chemist, on Sunday 14th December from 11am to 5pm. Raffle tickets on sale in aid of Recovery Haven Cancer Support House on both dates. The prizes are two hampers and two handmade crochet blankets. Draw to take place on Sunday 14th at the end of that day.

Credit Union Milltown are collecting for this year's SVP Annual Appeal. Donations of non-perishable foods and toiletries welcome until the 18th of December. Open hours: Tues & Thurs 10:00-16:00, Friday 13:00-18:00 and Sat. 10:00-13:00. Credit Union Milltown is also running an in-house colouring competition for under12s. Entries due 16th December. All entrants will receive a selection box.

Samaritans Annual Church Gate collection: will be taken up on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day across all Kerry parishes.

Parish Draw Announcement

The draw will be held on Monday night, December 15th, 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.

Penitential Services

Sunday 21st December

St. Carthage's Church, Kiltallagh	7:00 p.m.
St. Gobnait's Church, Keel	7:00 p.m.

Monday 22nd December

Immaculate Conception Church, Listry	5:000 p.m.
St. James Church, Killorglin	7:00 p.m.
Sacred Heart Church, Milltown	7:00 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.

Offertory Collections

Last weekend's collection €1,265.00
Thank you for your generous support.

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this weekend

Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638

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