



St. Colman's Parish
Fourth Sunday of Advent
20th/21st December 2025

"You don't know what love can do!"

There is a story about a small boy who went to a pet shop. "Mister," he said to the owner, "I want to buy that puppy." The owner's eyes followed the boy's finger to a little crippled puppy all by himself. "Son," replied, "that pup is worthless. We're going to have him put to sleep in the next few days." But the boy protested, "I've saved my money just to buy that one puppy. I have been looking at him in the window every day. He's the only one I want." Once again, the owner explained the problem—the dog was crippled—the dog was worthless—the dog would be put to sleep. The small boy then reached down with two little hands and pulled up his trousers. The man observed two little legs enclosed in braces. "Mister," he said, "You don't know what love can do!" — Jesus, Emmanuel, has worn our braces and died for our sins. Now with grateful hearts let us enthrone him as Saviour and Lord.

We need to experience Emmanuel in our lives — and so change the world: The Good News and consoling message of Christmas is that the Child Jesus still waits today to step into our hearts—your heart and mine—and to change us and the world around us by the beauty of God's love, kindness, mercy and compassion. Let us take some time to welcome the Christ Child into our hearts and lives this week, so that God may change our world of miseries with the beauty of that love.

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Recent Death: Please pray for the soul of
Josephine (Josie) Philpott, Kilcolman
John Bell, Kilderry South

Baptisms: We welcome into our Christian community
Caden Curran, Clash, Listry
Bobby O' Brien & Lorissa Sweeney, Elm Drive

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Dec. 22 nd			
Tues. Dec. 23 rd	Listry	7:00 pm.	
Wed. Dec. 24 th	Listry Milltown	5.30 p.m. 10:00p.m.	<i>Christmas Eve</i>
Thurs. Dec. 25 th	Listry Milltown	8:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.	<i>Christmas Day</i>
Friday Dec. 26 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Turlough O' Brien The Moy Tyrone/late of Dundalk</i>
Sat. Dec. 27 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Michael & Catherine Spillane Culleeney More</i>
Sun. Dec. 28 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Mary Esther Daly & her son Ciarán Daly, Kilderry South</i>

Offertory Collector

December John Moriarty

Eucharistic Ministers

Milltown Dec. 24 th	Tim Fleming & Anna Clifford
Milltown Dec. 25 th	Betty Moriarty
Milltown Dec. 28 th	Dorothy Casey & Fionnuala O' Leary
Listry Dec. 24 th	Margaret Lehane & Eileen Fitzgerald
Listry Dec. 25 th	Carmel Kennedy
Listry Dec. 27 th	Terry Murphy

Minister of the Word

Milltown Dec. 24 th	Liam Hurley
Milltown Dec. 25 th	Ann Jennings
Milltown Dec. 28 th	Turlough O' Brien
Listry Dec. 24	Nonie O' Shea
Listry Dec. 25 th	Patrick Sugrue
Listry Dec. 27 th	Marion Gallagher

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.

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.

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

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

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 Credit Union: Christmas opening Times:

Tuesday 23rd Dec. 10am-4pm. Tuesday 30th Dec. 10am-4pm and Friday 2nd Jan. 1pm-6pm.

Parish Draw

Our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the Parish Draw held last Monday night. The organising committee do outstanding work in distributing draw cards, liaising with local Sponsors, and organising the prizes. Once again, we extend our heartfelt appreciation to them — the draw simply could not take place without their tremendous efforts. A full list of prize winners, Sponsors, and the total amount raised will be published in the parish newsletter early in the New Year.

Christmas Day Collection

The Christmas Dues Collection will be taken up at all Masses in the parish on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. This collection goes toward the salary of the Priest. Please return your Christmas Dues envelope in this collection. Many thanks for your generous support during the year.

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 5:00 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 €1,320.00

Thank you for your generous support.

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this weekend

Fr. Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155

A Christmas Prayer

Loving God, during this Holy Season of Christmas,
we ask for Your blessing on all families.

Let Mary's openness to Your wondrous ways
be an inspiration to place all trust in You.

Let Joseph's courage provide hope during times of anxiety
and uncertainty.

Let Jesus' life ignite all families with a spirit
of light and love.

May the grace that encircled the Holy Family
widen to embrace all families

Amen