



St. Colman's Parish
2nd Sunday of Christmas
3rd /4th January 2026

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

As we step into this New Year with hearts full of hope and gratitude, I once again give thanks to Almighty God for the gift of life and for the privilege of journeying with you as your pastor. Five months have now passed since I reported to this noble parish, and just as I shared with you during the Christmas celebrations, my heart remains deeply delighted and profoundly grateful for the wonderful reception, love, and support you have continued to show me since the very first day.

At Christmas, I expressed my appreciation for your warmth and generosity, and as this New Year begins, I wish to reaffirm those sentiments. Your kindness and love have been very visible and continue to grow stronger. I truly feel welcomed, accepted, and supported as a member of this parish family, and for that, I thank you sincerely.

I would like to remind you of the message I shared with you on my first day when I officially reported to the parish. I said then, and I repeat it again today: *"I thank God for giving me the opportunity to serve in this parish, and Bishop Ray for appointing and entrusting me with the responsibility of being the Pastor of this our noble parish. My dear friends, my main business of being here is to take you to heaven—that you may also make me a candidate of heaven—and that together we walk this journey of faith."* This remains my deepest desire and my guiding mission. I cannot accomplish this alone, and that is why I continue to humbly ask for your prayers. Your prayers sustain me, strengthen me, and enable me to serve you better.

When I came to this parish, I was new. There were many things I did not know, and I openly acknowledged that I needed direction, guidance, support, and even enlightenment. I am happy to say that you did not disappoint. You guided me patiently, supported me generously, and enlightened me lovingly. Through your openness and cooperation, you made the transition smooth and enriching, and for this, I am truly grateful.

In my desire to know you better and to build a strong foundation for the future of our parish, I organized an initial meeting with all leaders and volunteers in the Church. That encounter remains very dear to my heart. It was enriching, enlightening, and deeply inspiring. It gave us an opportunity to share, to listen, to understand one another, and to bond as co-workers in the vineyard of the Lord. I also shared with you my vision for the parish and where I hope, by God's grace and with your cooperation, we shall be in the years to come. That meeting affirmed to me that this parish is blessed with dedicated, capable, and faith-filled people.

Once again, as I did during Christmas, I wish to praise and commend you for your high level of commitment to the Church. Your willingness to offer free services, your readiness to sacrifice time and resources, and your generosity—especially during the recent and very successful Parish Draw—are clear signs of a living faith. You did not give out of abundance alone, but out of love for God and His Church. May the Lord reward you abundantly for every sacrifice made.

I also wish to sincerely appreciate the sacrifices you make through your weekly offerings and collections. Through these, you support the parish and her ministers, contribute to diocesan departments, reach out to those in need within society, and participate in supporting the universal Church. These acts of giving, though sometimes quiet and unnoticed, are powerful expressions of faith and solidarity. They enable the Church to continue her mission of evangelization, charity, and service.

Dear brothers and sisters, we are reminded that no one can be saved alone. While each of us is personally responsible for nurturing our relationship with God, we need one another for our faith to grow and flourish. Salvation has a communal dimension, even though it requires individual effort and cooperation. As St. Augustine wisely said, *"God who created you without you cannot save you without you."* Let us therefore continue to support one another in prayer, encouragement, correction, and love as we journey together toward heaven.

As a parish, we are steadily strengthening our structures of service and participation. I am pleased to inform you that we recently constituted the Parish Pastoral Council and the Parish Finance Council. These are important milestones in our parish life. We shall continue with the formation of the Safeguarding Committee, Children's Liturgy Committee, and the Parish Liturgy Committee in the next few months.

We also hope to increase the membership of the Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word, as well as our teams of florists, collectors, cleaners, parish draw committee, and hospitality team. I strongly

encourage as many parishioners as possible to volunteer, so that we may all be actively involved in the work of evangelization and mission. The Church grows stronger when everyone plays a part.

I sincerely appreciate everyone for making the year 2025 a very successful one for our parish. My heartfelt thanks also go to all who contributed to the success of the parish draw. I thank our sponsors for the prizes, our partners and friends, members of the public, and the Community Hall Committee for their unwavering support over the years. Thanks a million, to each and every one of you.

As we begin this New Year, let us allow it to open a new chapter in our lives. Let it be a year of renewal—a newness of faith, hope, and love. May it be an opportunity to know God more deeply, to love Him more dearly, and to serve Him wholeheartedly. May the Lord bless our parish, our families, and all our endeavors in this New Year.

Happy and blessed New Year to you all.

Fr. Timothy

Refreshments after Sunday Mass in Milltown: Please join us for refreshments after Mass this Sunday Jan. 11th in Milltown church. This will be a monthly gathering, offering a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our parish community.

ALONE the organisation that enables older people age at home are looking for Telephone and Visitation Volunteers to support older people in the community. 1hr a week can make all the difference! Call 0801 222 024 please or see ALONE.ie/Volunteer for more info.

Samaritans: Freephone 116 123 Samaritans Ireland offers free 24/7 emotional support 365 days a year for anyone who needs someone. Samaritans are there, day or night, for anyone who's struggling to cope. who needs someone to listen without judgement or pressure.

***Christmas collection €2,190.00
w/e 29th/30th Dec - €670.00
Thank you for your generous support***

**Killorglin Pastoral Area
Priest on Duty this Sunday:
Fr. Kevin Sullivan (087) 6277638**

Fr. Timothy Kiplagat Chebii (087) 0009181
Parish Residence: 18 Ballyoughtragh Heights, Milltown
Rev. Conor Bradley (087) 3664057
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Website: www.milltownlistryparish.com
Safeguarding Children: Contact No (087) 6362780

Recent Death: Please pray for the soul of
Thomas Spillane, Knockavota

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Jan. 5 th			
Tues. Jan. 6 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Feast of the Epiphany</i>
	Listry	7:00 pm.	<i>Mary B. Walsh, Flintfield, Faha</i>
Wed. Jan. 7 th	Milltown	10:00a.m.	<i>People of the Parish</i>
Thurs. Jan. 8 th			<i>No Mass</i>
Friday Jan. 9 th	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	<i>Noreen Quirke – 2nd Anniversary and her husband Brendan, Farran</i>
	Milltown	7:30 p.m.	<i>Josie Philpott – Months Mind Kilcolman</i>
Sat. Jan. 10 th	Listry	6:00 p.m.	<i>Kevin O’ Shea – 1st Anniversary Lissivane East</i>
Sun. Jan. 11 th	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	<i>Sr. Canisus - 1st Anniversary Presentation Sisters Milltown/Abbeyfeale</i>

Offertory Collector

January Liam Hurley

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday Jan. 10th Tina O’ Donoghue
Milltown Sunday Jan. 11th Sheila O’ Sullivan & Eileen Roche

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday Jan. 10th Family Readers
Milltown Sunday Jan. 11th Elaine O’ Sullivan

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: Friday – 5.30om

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