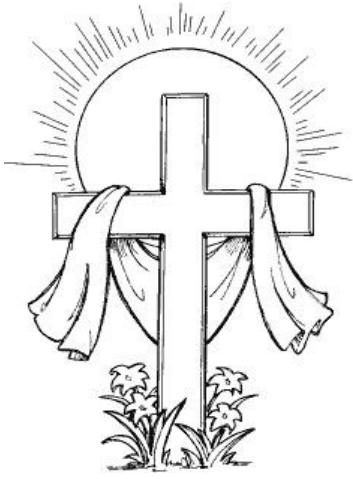




St. Colman's Parish

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

16th August 2026

A woman approaches Jesus carrying a heavy burden, pleading for help for her daughter. At first, she seems to be ignored. Many of us can relate to that experience. There are times when our prayers appear unanswered, when God seems silent, and when we wonder if anyone is listening.

Yet the Canaanite woman refuses to give up. She trusts that Jesus is compassionate and merciful. Her persistence is not demanding but deeply faithful. In the end, Jesus praises her faith and grants her request.

This Gospel reminds us that God's love is for everyone. No one is outside the reach of His mercy. The woman was considered an outsider, yet her faith became an example for all who followed.

In our Irish communities, we know the value of perseverance. Families facing illness, loneliness, financial pressures, or personal struggles often continue to pray and hope, even when answers do not come quickly. The Canaanite woman teaches us to bring our needs to the Lord with confidence and trust.

Today, we are invited to have faith that does not give up, hope that endures through difficulties, and hearts that welcome others just as Christ welcomes us.

May we hear Jesus' words spoken to us:

"Woman, you have great faith."

May we trust in God's goodness, persevere in prayer, and recognise that His love and mercy are open to all. **Amen.**

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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.

Recent Baptism: *We warmly welcome **Réiltín Áine Kennedy Lundon (Listry)** & **Lidia Eillen Roche (Milltown)**, who were baptised last weekend, into our Christian community.*

Masses & Intentions

Mon. Aug 17 th			No Mass.
Tues. Aug 18 th	Listry	7:00 p.m.	Susan Griffin (26 th Anniversary) Michael Paul Griffin (11 th Anniversary) Killorglin, Milltown & Lissivane West.
Wed. Aug 19 th	Milltown	10:00 a.m.	Sheela Kuruppasseril (23 rd Anniversary) & her husband Albert Kuruppasseril (recently deceased) Kerala, India.
Thurs. Aug 20 th			No Mass.
Fri. Aug 21 st	Milltown	7:00 p.m.	Patrick O' Sullivan (4 th Anniversary) Knockavota & Corpus Christi Tec.
Sat. Aug 22 nd	Listry	6:00 p.m.	Sheila O' Sullivan (3 rd Anniversary) Lissivane East.
Sun. Aug 23 rd	Milltown	11:15 a.m.	Catherine McCarthy (60 th Anniversary) Dan McCarthy (31 st Anniversary) Bridge St.

Eucharistic Ministers

Listry Saturday August 22nd Tina O' Donoghue
Milltown Sunday August 23rd Tony O' Leary & Tim Flemming

Minister of the Word

Listry Saturday August 22nd Elizabeth Griffin
Milltown Sunday August 23rd Elaine O' Sullivan

August Offertory Collector: **Tony O' Leary**

Flower Arranger: Dorris Mangan | **22nd August – 4th September**

Parish BBQ - Next Sunday - 23rd August: We hope you can join us for what promises to be a relaxed and enjoyable occasion. The BBQ will be immediately after mass, all are welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there!

Marriage Enrichment Weekend: Marriage Encounter Ireland invites married couples to a residential Weekend from 📅 **Friday 2nd to Sunday 4th October 2026** at the “Focolare Centre” “Curryhills”, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Step away from daily distractions to deepen your communication, renew your love, and rediscover the joy of your marriage. For more information visit; www.marriageencounter.ie

The Killarney St. Pio Prayer Group: are organizing a pilgrimage to Italy visiting places associated with St. Pio. The group will also be going to Assisi where they will be able to venerate the mortal remains of St. Carlo Acutis. Contact **Michael Clifford** at **095 1309835** if you would like more information.

Special Travel Pass Offer: Killarney Executive Tour Co. and RedBus are offering Free Travel Pass holders €5 off at J.M. Reidy's when you use your pass on the Hop-On Hop-Off Red Bus Tour.

📅 Offer valid: 14th to 16th August inclusive 📍 Discount redeemable at J.M. Reidy's, Killarney. contact Killarney Executive Tour Co. at 064 663 1095 or visit killarneytour.com.

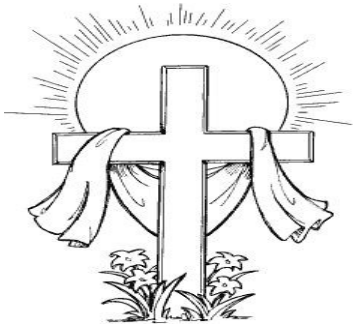
Killarney Alzheimer Café: The **Killarney Alzheimer Café** offers a warm, welcoming, and supportive environment for people living with dementia or cognitive impairment, their families, carers, friends, and healthcare professionals. The next meeting is 📅 **Wednesday, 19th August 2026 | 11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m.** 📍 *Kilcoolaght, Killarney, County Kerry V93TW1A.*

Volunteers Needed for Annual Parish Draw: Our **Annual Parish Draw** will take place on 📅 **Monday 14th December**, and we are looking for additional volunteers to join our existing team in helping with the distribution of draw tickets throughout the parish.

This fundraiser is an important source of support for parish activities, and your help would be greatly appreciated. Even a small amount of your time can make a big difference.

If you are willing to help with ticket distribution, please contact the Parish Office on **Tel: 066 9767312** or **Text 0871772019** or

Email: milltown@dioceseofkerry.ie



As we reflect on the faith and persistence of the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel, let us turn to God with confidence, trusting in His mercy, His love, and His care for all His people.

Loving and merciful God,

we thank You for the example of the Canaanite woman,
whose faith and perseverance touched the heart of Your Son.

Help us to trust in You when life is difficult, to pray with confidence,
and never to lose hope in Your loving care.

Open our hearts to welcome others with kindness and compassion.
May our homes, our parish, and our community reflect Your inclusive love,
where no one feels forgotten or excluded.

Bless all who are struggling at this time, especially the sick, the lonely,
and those burdened by worry. Grant them strength, comfort, and peace.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Confessions - Friday – Milltown: 5:10 p.m. – 5:40 p.m.

Confessions – Saturday – Listry: 5:10pm – 5.40 p.m.

Last Weekend's Offertory Collection

€938.00

Thank you for your generosity and continued support!

Killorglin Pastoral Area

Priest on Duty this Weekend

Kieran O' Sullivan (087) 2432155