

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH MILTOWN MALBAY ST. MARY'S CHURCH MOY

CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA

CHURCH OF IRELAND – CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT

Third Sunday of Lent Year A 8th March, 2026

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In Miltown Malbay Church

Readers for Next Sunday: 6 p.m. Gerard Lenihan
12.15 p.m. Anne Downes

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Lent Year A

LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Miltown: (www.miltownmalbayparish.ie webcam)

Monday: 10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

MASS: 9.30 a.m. Tuesday in Mullagh

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MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday for Seán Torpey,
Fintramore (1st Anniversary)

12.15 Sunday – Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

Moy:

MASS: 9.15 a.m. Sunday – **Grouped Anniversary**
Masses

Dessie Fitzgerald, Tullygarvan
Michael & Peggy Smyth, Faha & Ballard Rd
Michael & Paddy White & Deceased
Members of the White Family, Islandbawn
Michael & Catherine O'Connor, late of
Moybeg & Ennistymon & their Son Seán,
Moybeg & New York
Deceased Members of The Hanrahan
Family, Moybeg

LEGION OF MARY: The Legion of Mary will visit houses
in the Parish to speak about the Journey of Faith each
Saturday 2.30pm-5pm. Please make them welcome

CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME: The Confirmation
Programme for our Students receiving Confirmation this year
will continue for the next three Thursday nights (12th, 19th,
26th) 7 – 7.45p.m. in Miltown Church. The programme is
co-ordinated by Ms. Murray and Students from St. Joseph's
Secondary School, Spanish Point.

POST-COMMUNION REFLECTION:

Anyone who drinks the water that I will give will
never be thirsty again.

Human wants and desires are confused;
we want happiness and look in the wrong places;
we're like the woman at the well,
looking for happiness in a place we can't find it
and open to the love Jesus offers:
Anyone who drinks the water that I will give will
never be thirsty again.

I thank you Lord, for faith,
for the roots of my life which nobody else can give;
I thank you for a meaning in life
which makes me strong from birth to death;
I thank you for the Eucharist
which nourishes all life's moments;
I thank you for forgiveness
which means I need never stay stuck in faults.

Thank you for this living water:
Anyone who drinks the water that I will give will
never be thirsty again. Donal Neary SJ

DATE FOR DIARY

We, Anne Healy, Noirin Lynch and Rita O'Dwyer,
would like to extend an invitation to the women of the
parish to join us on Monday 30th March from 7 pm to
9pm in the FCJ House Spanish Point, to reflect on the
breaking of bread, and the love of God during Holy
Week. Donation €10.00.
To book please ring 087 4479115.

FIRST CONFESSION: Warm Congratulations to all
our Children who received First Confession on
Thursday night last. Sincere thanks to Ms. O'Neill,
Ms. Lynch and Mr. Garrahy for their wonderful
preparation of the Children. Our thanks also the Claire
Watts for the wonderful music on the night.

FCJ Spirituality House – An Teach Spioradálta. Spanish Point. V95E0W7.

Weekdays: Midday Meditation: Thurs March 12th, 19th and 26th. 12 – 12:30 / Movie nights: Thurs 19th and 26th March (up to Holy Week) 7pm / Singing session: March 12th 7-9pm. Small donation for tea/coffee/heat appreciated, but all welcome as you are.

Saturday, March 28th: Oasis Day to prepare for Holy week. 10 – 4:30pm. €20

Weekends: Poetry reflections with Jane Hirschfield March 6th - 8th / This Sacred Time – Easter Triduum, April 2-5th / Scripture and Leonard Cohen, April 16-19th / Burren Outdoor Retreat, April 24th – 26th. All residential or non res. More details at <https://fcjspiritualityhouse.ie/event/> or info@fcjspiritualityhouse.ie or 087 447 9115.

CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT:

We will be opening the church again this Easter for the community to visit and see the beautiful Empty Tomb that our Caroline builds every year. We are especially happy for the people of Miltown to be able to see the renovation work done on the building and the stained glass windows.

Christ Church in Spanish Point

OPEN 10:30-4:00

Easter Sunday, Monday and Tuesday

TRÓCAIRE FAST FOR LENT: We hope to have a Parish Fast from Technology on Thursday 12th March 6-9p.m. We invite everybody to make a donation to Trócaire via the Trócaire box on the night.

PASTORAL COUNCIL Meeting on Tuesday 10th of March at 8p.m. in the parish office.

LOURDES PILGRIMAGE:

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart Shannon Airport on Wednesday 24th June for 5 days. €990pps includes full board. Our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage is from Monday 28th September to Saturday 3rd October. €960pp includes full board. To reserve a seat please call Joe Walsh Tours, 89 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 D02UY88; Tel (01) 2410800 or joewalstours.ie for more details. A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated on the June Pilgrimage. €890 is the cost for this section. A Medical Declaration form must be completed and those interested in this section are asked to apply to Ms Mary Freeman, Pilgrimage Secretary (087) 9777896 or marybfreeman@gmail.com

Sponsor a Sick Person

Each year some people sponsor a sick or assisted pilgrim to make their wish of travelling to Lourdes become a reality. The cost €890 per pilgrim. To sponsor or part sponsor a pilgrim, please contact Fr. Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director (087) 2349816

ENROLLING AT MILTOWN NS: St. Joseph's National School Miltown Malbay are now accepting enrolments for the 2026/7 school year. Applying for a place in our school couldn't be easier, simply visit www.stjosephsimm.ie, click on the enrolments tab and enter your details. We warmly invite all prospective parents to our open evening on 12th March between 6PM and 7:30PM.

MULLAGH ENTIRE DRAMA GROUP Presents the hilarious comedy Widows Paradise 3 Act Comedy by Sam Cree in Mullagh Community Hall on Friday 6th and Saturday 7th March... Doors open at 7pm, Curtains at 8pm. Admission Adults €10 Children €5. Come along for a night of laughs.

CLONBONY Underage Hurling Training –

Venue – Mullagh Sportsfield V95V32V

Sunday mornings at 10am. Contact Declan 083 3112763

ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARADE:

The St. Patrick's Day parade in Miltown Malbay will take place in Miltown at 2pm on Tuesday March 17th. The theme for this year's parade is "Our Talents". Participants are asked to gather at the primary school from 1:20.

OIDHREACHT AN CHLÁIR: Join us for *A Night of Songs and Tunes* on Friday next, March 13, 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. in Áras OaC, Flag Road, with Jack Talty (concertina), Áine Bird (fiddle) and Geraldine Carrigg (harp and songs), and Tim Dennehy as Fear an Tí. Fáilte roimh chách. Admission free. Ár mbuíochoas le Comhairle Contae an Chláir as a dtacaíocht.

IRISH GUIDE DOGS for the Blind are holding a Volunteer Recruitment session on Saturday 21st March in the Community Hall at 1 pm. Why not come along and meet some of our volunteers (and dogs) and have a chat about what we do. The fundraising is fun and interesting with no big commitment. Tea and refreshments provided.

PAINTING & DRAWING COURSE commencing on Friday 20th March 12.30-2.30pm at Further Education & Training Campus, Miltown Malbay. Course is designed to meet the needs of both beginners and improvers. To apply, go to: www.collegeoffet.ie. For further information, email antoinette.houlihan@lcteb.ie or phone 086 185 3953.

ATLANTIC WAVE HOLISTIC & INTEGRATED COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY

As a Parish Community we are hoping to offer Counselling to people around:

- (1) Anxiety Stress, Depression Support
- (2) Personal Relationship Challenges
- (3) Grief and Loss Therapy
- (4) Mindfulness Practices
- (5) Life Transition Counselling
- (6) Cultivating Compassion and Self Care

The Counselling Service is Free and open to all.

Please contact Anne at 0872180037 or email

Atlanticwavepsychotherapy@gmail.com

IRISH GUIDE DOGS will be holding a churchgate collection over the weekend of 14/15 March. They would like to say a big thank you to everyone for their very generous support over the last year.

ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL SPANISH PT:

Best of Luck to the Senior Girls in the All Ireland Senior A Semi-Final against Moate on next Thursday 12th March at 2p.m. in Tuam Stadium. Best wishes to the Mentors Mr. Reidy, Ms. Lafferty, Ms. Harvey and Ms. Considine.

TABLE QUIZ to celebrate Seachtain na Gaeilge, Spanish Point Golf Club are organizing Charity Quiz with proceeds to local West Clare Cancer. €40 per team of 4. Thursday 12th March at 7.30 p.m. Venue: Spanish Point Golf Club Please support a Night of Fun and refreshments Agus Beagánín Gaeilge..

BEST OF LUCK to the Clare Hurlers this week-end.

MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION 1/3/2026 - €1,385