

**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 Easter Year C 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2022**

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**In Miltown Malbay Church**

**Readers for Next Sunday:** 6 p.m. Martina Rynne  
12.15 p.m. John G. Devitt

**Next Sunday is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Day of Prayer for Vocations) Year C Friday is First Friday**

**LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Miltown:** ( [www.miltownmalbayparish.ie](http://www.miltownmalbayparish.ie) webcam)

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

**MASS: 10 a.m.** Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday  
& Friday

**MASS: 6p.m. Saturday – Grouped Anniversary**  
**Masses**

John Griffin, Clohanbeg  
Pat Curtin & Deceased Members of the  
Curtin Family, Dunsallagh  
Gerry Crowley, Dunsallagh  
Tim & Bridget Crowe, Leeds  
Nancy Crowe Fitzgerald, Dungarvan

**MASS: 12.15p.m. Sunday – Grouped Anniversary**  
**Masses**

John Hanrahan, Sr. Colette Hanrahan &  
Bridget Hanrahan, Poulawillin

**Moy:**

**MASS: 9.15 a.m. Sunday**

**REMEMBRANCE:** Our prayers are asked for the  
Repose of the Soul of John O'Dwyer, Ballard Road and  
formerly of Ballymackea More, Quilty who died last  
week-end. Rest in Peace John

**TRÓCAIRE:** Please Drop back your Trócaire box or you  
can put your Trócaire contribution into the envelope from  
your box and put it into the basket over the week-end.

**A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE:**

God of peace and justice,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children,  
at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Amen

**REFLECTION:**

The story of Peter shows how easy it is to fall,  
But it also shows us that it is possible to get up again  
after a fall and to put it behind us.  
Merciful God, fill our hearts with your love,  
Give us the grace to rise above our human weakness,  
and keep us faithful in loving you and one another.

One of my favourite Gospel stories is the account of how a  
few of the friends of Jesus, utterly devastated by his death,  
go back to what they know best: fishing. There follows a  
whole night of futile effort on the Sea of Galilee. They catch  
absolutely nothing. The experience must have emphasised  
for them the apparent futility of their situation. Everything  
they had staked their lives on had been destroyed on  
Calvary. What was the point?

And then the bolt of lightning penetrates the situation. Jesus  
himself is standing on the lake-shore, although they don't  
recognise him straight away.

The dialogue that follows could so easily reflect something  
of our own situations:

"How's the fishing?" he calls out. "Hopeless", they call  
back. "There's nothing here." "Might as well give up and go  
home." "Try letting down the nets on the other side of the  
boat."

No doubt they muttered comments to each other, but even  
so, they do as the stranger suggests and amaze themselves  
by hauling in a stupendous catch that almost sinks the boat.  
"Now come ashore and have breakfast", the stranger invites  
them. "Let's start the day with new possibilities."

The unexpected stranger on the shore, with his unlikely  
advice to take a fresh approach and try fishing from the other  
side of the boat, becomes a catalyst for a huge change in the  
way his friends will see things and the way they will act  
from then on.

This story speaks to me because the pattern of new  
possibilities beginning to reveal themselves at the heart of  
confusion and chaos is at the heart of the Gospel. The Holy  
Spirit, which is the energy released into the world after the  
resurrection of Jesus, sometimes brings about radical and  
unpredictable change.

Can we learn to discern and to respond to the nudging of the  
Holy Spirit which invites us to move beyond where we are,  
to become what we can't yet imagine?

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

First Communion – Moy Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> May at 11 a.m.

First Communion – Rockmount & Rineen Saturday

14<sup>th</sup> May at 2 p.m.

First Communion-Miltown N.S. Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> May at 11am

**PARISH SURVEY:** We ask you to fill in your Parish Survey in hard copy or on line. We need to hear your opinion so that we can plan for the future.

**CHURCH MUSIC:** The Advisory Committee on Church Music are hosting an hour long live webcam gathering on Friday, 13 May, 7.30 p.m. – *Breathing New Life Into The Parish Music Programme* for choirs, cantors and all involved in the music ministry in your diocese. The Advisory Committee are committed to supporting and nurturing the music ministry as we emerge from Covid-19 and move into a ‘new normal’. The gathering will be live from the oratory of the Redemptoristine Sisters, St Alphonsus Road, Drumcondra. It will be recorded and placed on their website: [www.rednuns.com](http://www.rednuns.com)

**APOSTOLIC WORK DISPLAY:**

Mullagh Branch of the Apostolic Work Display are holding their first display in 3 years in Mullagh Hall on Sunday 1st May 2022 from 11am to 4pm. Any donations are more than welcome ie home baking, plants, rhubarb, knitwear etc, no second hand clothing accepted. All are welcome.

**FCJ Spirituality House, Teach Spiorodálta, Spanish Point.**

As we enter into summer with Bealtaine and the Easter season, we are offering a number of gentle events for those who might like a relaxing or inspiring time away from busy lives. Many are free to all  
Tues and Thurs mornings: Morning Meditation at 11am (in person and online)  
Saturday reflections days: Come to the Water. (May 7<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>)  
Monthly singing circle. May 12<sup>th</sup> and June 9<sup>th</sup>. 7-9pm.  
Two retreat weekends in May and June by the sea. Limited accommodation available, but all welcome to attend without staying too.  
I go down to the edge of the Sea. A 3 day summer retreat weekend with Carol Barry  
An Ashram Experience. Summer weekend retreat with Jane Mellett and Saule Cameron  
More details on all these events at:  
<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/fcj-spirituality-house-spanish-point-35764429733>. Call or text 087 447 9115 or email [info@fcjspiritualityhouse.ie](mailto:info@fcjspiritualityhouse.ie) for more information. Thank you.

**ALZHEIMERS TEA DAY** Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May

**VENUE:** Mullagh Sportsfield  
From 10a.m. to 3 p.m.

**HOST FAMILIES** required for short & long term school stays with local families in Inagh, Kilnamona, Ennistymon, Lahinch, Milltown & Spanish Point areas. €200 weekly hosting rate. Please contact Geraldine, Cursanglia Clare 087 7776913 for more information

**HUGE THANK YOU** to Joe Garrihy, Liam Grant, Joe Killeen & Shane Talty for their generous contribution toward the new Community Garden located in Milltown Malbay Church Car Park. This allotment is open to anyone in the locality who wishes to plant vegetables etc... Contact Frank on 087 4819956 if you are interested in taking a plot.

**CHURCH OF INISDIA:** Diagonally across the road from Moy Hall is a significant ruin of a Church which excites little interest of enthusiasm in the local community. There is some possibility that it was built after the Reformation as a protestant Church but best authority tends to conclude that it was built, some time before the Reformation took root, as a Chapel of ease by one of the O'Briens, Earls of Thomand. It was built to facilitate those of his troops or the troops of the MacGillapatricks, who were the Earls chief stewards. The troops would have been billeted in the area when the Earl or the MacGillapatricks were in residence in Moy Castle. It would also have facilitated some of the local inhabitants. It seems that through and after the Reformation the Church fell into disuse. In its latter years of service it served a protestant congregation at least up to the rebellion of 1641-1643.

If anybody in the parish-community has any further information on Inisdia we would appreciate their sending it into the parish Priest or parish office.

**OIDHREACHT AN CHLÁIR:** The videos of our 2021 events, *Decade of Centenaries Project* and *Éigse Thomáis Uí Aodha* can now be viewed online on our website [www.oac.ie](http://www.oac.ie) under the heading ‘Archive’. The *Decade of Centenaries Project* three-part video comprises (1) A lecture, *The War of Independence: Events in Milltown Malbay and district, 1920-21* by Dr Pádraig Óg Ó Ruairc, (2) A video tour of the eight premises in Milltown destroyed by Crown Forces by way of reprisal in 1920 and 1921 (including background notes on the occupants and history of those premises, and recollections of the reprisals by witnesses and others, including those collected by schoolchildren under the National Folklore Collection of 1937-39), and (3) A video of the memories of those events collected by schoolchildren in Rockmount and Rineen National Schools from their elders, and a comparison of that material with the material collected locally by schoolchildren in relation to those events in the National Folklore Collection of 1937-39. The purpose of this latter is both to spur interest among the younger generation in the local events of the War of Independence and to establish the degree of continuity of community historical memory. This project was supported, through Clare Co. Council, by the Department of Tourism, Culture, Arts, Gaeltacht, Sport and Media under the Community Strand of the Decade of Centenaries programme.

The video of *Éigse Thomáis Uí Aodha*, 2021 comprises (1) A lecture, *Oidhreacht na Scríobhaithe in Uí Bhreacáin* (The Heritage of the Scribes in Ibrickane), by An Dr Eilís Ní Dheá, (2) A Ceardlann Amhránaíochta (Singing Workshop) with Nollaig Ní Laoire, winner of Corn Uí Riada in 2010, and (3) A Seisiún Ceoil agus Amhránaíochta with Martha and Geraldine Clancy, Nollaig Ní Laoire, Dónal Ó Laoire and Tim Dennehy. This project was supported by Foras na Gaeilge and by Clare Co. Council.

**KEY** found in Church car park after 12.15 p.m. Mass last Sunday. Owner can contact the parish office

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 065 7050199**  
**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749**  
**BASKET COLLECTION** – 24/4/2022 - €1,715  
**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday