

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

CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA

CHURCH OF IRELAND – CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT

First Sunday of Advent Year A 27th November, 2022

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In Miltown Malbay Church

Readers for Next Sunday:

6 p.m. Caroline O'Rourke

12.15 p.m. Flann O'Keeffe

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent Year A

Friday is First Friday

LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Miltown: (www.miltownmalbayparish.ie webcam)

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

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

MASS: 11 a.m. Saturday for John & Ann Lahiff Bayview Guest House, Spanish Point (1st Anniversary for John & Months Mind for Ann

MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday – Grouped Anniversary

Masses

Margaret, P.J. & Agnes Mee & Deceased Members of the Mee Family, Carhuduff
Deceased Members of the Foudy Family, Dunsallagh

Pat Murrhly, London & Knockbrack
Michael & Annie Hurley & Jim Hamilton & Deceased Members of the Hurley & Murray Families, Dromin

Mary & Patrick Magure, Ballard Road
Bridget & Daniel Howard and their Son Michael

Owen Maguire & Deceased Members of The Maguire Family, Faha

Deceased Members of the Kennelly Family

MASS: 12.15 Sunday for Kathleen McMahon, Ballinoe (Months Mind)

MOY:

MASS: 9.15 a.m. Sunday – Grouped Anniversary

Masses

P.J. Madigan, Moy & Athlone

Mike & Nan Hayes, Moybeg

BLESSING OF GRAVES

Sunday 27th of November

Quilty at 1.30 p.m.

Kilmurry 2.30 p.m.

Knocknahilla 3.30 p.m.

REFLECTION:

The weeks of Advent prepare for Christmas all we associate with Christmas prepares us for Jesus, for his birth in the love of Mary and Joseph. All of us can be like John the Baptist, preparing a room for Jesus Christ in our families, among friends, in schools and workplaces, preparing a room in our hearts for love. Or Christmas weeks can be like empty tinsel, singing the songs of Christmas and forgetting the birth or playing Santa and pretending love, or being so busy that you wish it was already over.

But it need not be like this.

Allow times these days for prayer, for moments taken in a busy day, like stopping in the heavy traffic and just remembering that Jesus is near. Take time for friendship, for love, for care, for those activities that grow our friendship and love with the people who mean a lot. Then the songs will be full and gifts will be a reminder of love, and Santa, the friend of children, will be like the Christ-child

Donal Neary SJ

ADVENT TALK: "Criocho Callan Cluster" & FCJ Spirituality House, Spanish Point "Advent talk" by Fr. Michael Conway (Professor of Faith and Culture Maynooth College) "Passing on the Life of Faith; understanding the challenge" in the FCJ Spirituality House, Spanish Point V95EOW7 on Wednesday 30th of November at 8pm. All are welcome. Enquiries to Donagh 087 2322140 or Noirín 087 4479115

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING on Tuesday 29th of November at 8 p.m. in the Parish office

FIRST FRIDAY: Friday is First Friday. Mass at 10a.m., Calls to the Sick on First Friday.

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

MINISTRY OF THE EUCHARIST: This is a request for more volunteers to participate in this very important Ministry for the weekend Masses.

COVID issues and retirements have taken their toll, resulting in a reduction in team numbers. If you

would like to join the team, please contact

Anne on 086 3430578 or give your name and phone number to Fr. Donagh or to Teresa in the Parish office.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who have ministered so faithfully to date – in some cases for more than twenty years! Your dedication is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

HOUSE FIRE FUND: The Crowe Family Home was extensively damaged by fire recently along with the contents of the House. The Pastoral Council invites people to make a donation towards rebuilding the house and its contents.

Envelopes are available in the porches of both churches and you may drop your envelope in the basket at Mass or you may do it on our Stripe Facility -

<https://www.killaloe-diocese.ie/parish/miltown-malbay-kilfarboy/donate/miltown-malbay-kilfarboy-parish-special-collections/> Mark it House Fire. Thank You

WEDNESDAYS ON THE WEB:

Starting on Wednesday 7th December, Appeal for Groups/volunteers. Contact Sue at 087 6575575.

BOOK LAUNCH

On the Four Great Poets of West & North Clare (1650-1760)

"Guth Ceathrar Mhorfhili As Contae an Chlair" Bilingual Anthology, Edited and Introduction by Flann O'Keeffe

Venue: Westbridge, Sunday Dec.4th, Time, 4pm.

Published by Cat Beag Books, All are welcome.

GETTING MARRIED IN 2023! Accord Pre Marriage Courses available face to face in Ennis. Courses on 20th January 2023 and 17th February 2023. Bookings on www.courses.accord.ie

ROCKMOUNT NATIONAL SCHOOL is holding a clothes collection on Monday the 28th of November. We can accept all clean clothing bags and curtains sheets blankets etc. We cannot accept pillows, duvets or cushions. Please drop your donations in sealed black bags to Rockmount National School on or before Monday the 28th of November.

CELEBRATING LOCAL FAMILY AND PROFESSIONAL CARERS:

An ecumenical Service incorporating of the Blessing of the Hands at St. Joseph's Church, Miltown Malbay on Tuesday December 6th at 7.30pm. All are welcome. Inquiries to Donagh 087 2322140

SVP: Please find SVP DONATION ENVELOPE available in all church porches. Donations can be put in envelope and left in the KIB Parish Office, Miltown Malbay Parish Office or the Church baskets at mass times. All money collected goes to the local KIB & Miltown Malbay SVP Conference. Thanking you for your generosity.

OIDHREACTH AN CHLÁIR is now undertaking, with support from Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy, the third series of its video interview project, *Community Memories as a Community Cohesion resource for young and old*. The first two interviews will be shown as follows: (1) **Jim Carroll** (interviewed by singer and songwriter John Tunney) shares his memories of his illustrious lifelong career as a folksong collector with Pat Mackenzie on **Monday, December 5 at 7.30pm** in The Malbay. (2) **Michael (Sylvie) O'Brien** of Knockbrack (interviewed by Seán Malone) shares his memories of working and social life in his rural community and of the changes therein since the 1940s on **Friday, December 9 at 8.00pm** in The Malbay. Fáilte roimh chách. Admission free.

WHY NOT SHOP LOCAL THIS YEAR!

The Staff and Students of St Joseph's Secondary School Spanish Point would like to invite the members of the community to our Annual Christmas Enterprise School Market. This will take place on Friday the 2nd of December at 9am to 12.30pm in Áras Cairtriona. We look Forward to seeing you all there.

PLAY RETURNS TO MILTOWN MALBAY COMMUNITY CENTRE – 26th November

The play is titled '2 Days in September' and tells the story of the Rineen Ambush. It is returning after much demand, and tickets are selling fast. Book tickets now as they are limited to 100 only. Contact miltowncommunitycentre@gmail.com.

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FAIR 2022

The Miltown Malbay Community Centre annual Christmas Fair 2022 returns this year after much success last year. The arts, crafts and food fair is happening on December 3rd from 4.30pm to 7.30pm in the hall, and all are welcome.

MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 065 7050199
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749
BASKET COLLECTION – 20/11/2022 – €1,800