

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

**CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA**

**CHURCH OF IRELAND – CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2022**

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**In Miltown Malbay Church**

**Readers for Next Sunday:**

6 p.m. Martina Rynne

12.15 p.m. Mary Jo Fennell Clarke

**Next Sunday is Christmas Day Year A**

**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**

**7 p.m. Wednesday** for Mary Skerritt,  
Church Street (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

Please note no 10 a.m. Mass on Wednesday

**10 a.m. Thursday** for Thomas O'Connell  
Freagh

**10 a.m. Friday**

**MASS: 7 p.m. Saturday – Christmas Eve**  
(Children's Mass)

**MASS: 12.15 Sunday – Christmas Day**

**MOY:**

**MASS: 9.15 Sunday – Christmas Day**

**SYMPATHY:**

We extend our Sympathy to

Fr. Kevin O'Boyle on the death of his Sister

Nancy O'Sullivan, Lahinch. Rest in Peace Nancy

**RECONCILIATION FOR CHRISTMAS:**

Reconciliation Service for Christmas at all the Masses  
this week-end.

**CHRISTMAS MASSES**

**Christmas Eve:**

Coore 5 p.m. (Children's Mass)

Miltown Malbay 7 p.m. (Children's Mass)

Quilty 9.15 p.m.

**Christmas Day:**

Moy 9.15 p.m.

Mullagh 11 a.m.

Miltown Malbay 12.15 p.m.

**REFLECTION:**

As Christmas approaches, people's hopes soar.

However, the substance of these hopes  
is often dictated by commercial interests.

Little wonder, then, that when  
the sun goes down on Christmas Day,  
many feel disappointed.

Those who pin their hopes on what the merchants  
promise will always be disappointed,

Not because they promise too little,  
but too much – of the wrong thing.

What our hearts long for is a taste of what  
the angels announced to the shepherds:

'Behold, I bring news of a great joy;

Today a saviour has been born to you.'

This joy is the real hope of Christmas.

Let us open our hearts to receive it.

**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

**WEDNESDAYS ON THE WEB:**

This week we have Seán Malone and Friends at

6.30 p.m. (Tune into our webcam)

Recent nights are recorded and up on our website

**CAROL SERVICE:**

St. Joseph's Secondary School will do their Carol  
Service with Reflections for Christmas on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup>  
of December at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome to join us  
for this wonderful night of music. Refreshments will  
be served on the night. Donations are invited to the  
St. Vincent de Paul on the night.

### **SERENITY PRAYER:**

Lord, grant me the serenity  
to accept the things that I cannot change;  
courage to change the things that I can;  
and the wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.  
Taking, as Christ did, this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His will;  
That I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with him forever in the next.  
Amen

### **THIS SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> of December**

**CAROL SERVICE** after 12.15 Mass  
With Bríd O'Donoghue School of Music

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our Faith Family  
Croíadh Róisín O'Gorman who was baptised in  
St. Mary's Church, Moy last week-end

**SVDP Collection:** The local St. Vincent De Paul  
collection, covering Miltown Malbay and  
Kilmurry Ibrickane area, is being taken up at all  
Masses in Miltown & Moy this weekend 17th &  
18th December. St. Vincent de Paul has huge  
demands on its resources this year. Please be as  
generous as you can.

### **The FCJ Spirituality House (Teach Spioradálta, Spanish Point)**

As we enter the final days of Advent, a heartfelt  
thanks to all who have visited, supported or  
encouraged us this year. Every good wish is much  
appreciated - in person, in prayer or in your heart.  
We have lots of events coming up in the new Year, but  
for now we pause and give thanks. The words of Fr  
Richard Rohr from a Christmas Eve homily remind us  
of how simple Christmas really is, if only we believe:  
*"There's really only one message, and we just have to  
keep saying it until finally we're undefended enough to  
hear it and to believe it: there is no separation between  
God and creation. That's the message..."* May you  
find yourself refreshed by the simple love of Christmas  
this year, and recognise God-with-us in all of creation,  
in every moment of life.  
Noirin <https://fcjspiritualityhouse.ie/> 087 447 9115.

### **ROCKMOUNT NATIONAL SCHOOL'S**

**CHRISTMAS PLAY** will take place on Monday the  
19th of December at 11am in the school hall. Bake sale  
and raffle will follow. Fantastic prizes to be won. All  
are welcome.

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 065 7050199**  
**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749**  
**BASKET COLLECTION** – 11/12/2022 - €1,521

### **CAROLS ON THE STREET**

Come one come all!

Carols on the Street is being revived this year after an  
absence of three years due to Covid.  
This year it will resume on Wednesday next  
21<sup>st</sup> December. You are asked to assemble in Church  
Grounds at 7.15 p.m. Wrap up well and bring a torch.  
Carol Sheets will be provided. All are welcome

**MISSIONVALE:** Signed Christmas Mass Bouquets  
€5 each are available from Miltown Parish Office. All  
money in aid of Missionvale.

### **KILMURRY IBRICKANE/NORTH CLARE**

and Kilmurry Ibrickane GAA Club are holding a 5k  
Santa Run and Walk on Wednesday 28th December  
starting at 11.00am. Registration at Kilmurry  
Ibrickane GAA Clubhouse and some light  
refreshments. Entry FEE €10.00 per Individual and a  
Family Entry €25.00. Contact James Sexton  
087-2472623 or Michael Considine 086-8450848

### **TIDY TOWNS:**

Tidy Towns Sráid na Cathrach (TTSnaC) require  
volunteers particularly for the positions of  
Secretary and Treasurer for the coming year. If you  
have some time on your hands and would like to be  
involved please contact 0894202894 or  
[mmtidytownsgroup@gmail.com](mailto:mmtidytownsgroup@gmail.com)

### **CLARE COUNTY FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE**

(CCFRS), the fire authority for Clare County Council,  
are currently running an initiative to install free smoke  
alarms in houses that currently do not have smoke  
detection systems in place with particular emphasis  
focused on vulnerable or elderly members of the  
community. The alarms are fitted with a 10-year  
battery life and are installed by professional  
firefighters from your local fire station. The entire  
process is free of charge. If you would like to avail of  
this service or have a friend / relative that would  
benefit from this initiative, please contact Andrew for  
further info. at Kilrush Fire Station on 087 9659001.

### **Mary's Meals – Big Family Christmas**

International school feeding charity, Mary's Meals, are  
inviting you to join their Big Family Christmas  
celebrations. A range of gifts are available, which will  
not only provide you with a wonderful Christmas gift  
for a loved one, but will also provide life changing  
school meals for a child living in poverty.  
For just €18.30 a place can be set at their virtual Big  
Family Christmas dinner table, which will feed a child  
for an entire school year! This place setting can then be  
printed or emailed to someone as a special gift. A  
range of other gift cards are also available; from  
providing 100 meals for €, to funding a cooking pot  
and stove for €250, and everything in between! Gift  
cards are available to download at [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie)  
or can be sent via post by calling 01 853 5163.