

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

CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA

CHURCH OF IRELAND – CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT

Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (World Day of Peace) Year A 1st January, 2023

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In Miltown Malbay Church

Readers for Next Sunday: 6 p.m. Edel Lynch
12.15 p.m. John G. Devitt

Next Sunday is the Feast of The Baptism of the Lord Year A

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

MASS: 6.30 p.m. Friday – Feast of the Epiphany

MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday - Grouped Anniversary
Masses

Richard & Sarah griffin, Clohanbeg

Peter & Eoin Haugh, Spanish Point

Joe & Mary Teresa Murrihy, Main Street

Maureen Shannon née Keavey, Clonbony

John Boyle, Mullagh Road

Pat McMahon, Knockliscrane

MASS: 12.15 Sunday for Patrick Burke, Breaffa
& U.K. (1st Anniversary)

MOY:

MASS: 9.15 a.m. Sunday

SYMPATHY:

Sympathy to Tilly Burke on the death of her Brother
Brendan Frawley, Florida, U.S.A.

Rest in Peace Brendan

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

SEEKERS OF HOPE

It's the whole world that comes with
the wise men to the crib,
Drawing close to the infant God,
That they might find in him meaning in life
and light for living.

We draw close, Lord,
with all those who have lost hope,
All those for whom faith is nothing more
than a long night to be got through,
All those who have lost the taste
for seeking and struggling...

We draw close, Lord,
With all those who are handicapped in body or mind,
With those who are paralysed in their suffering,
With those left to their loneliness,
Whom nobody ever comes to console...

We draw close, Lord,
With all those who've had their place taken,
With those living in poverty and hunger,
With those whose dignity has been trodden on,
With those who have forgotten the colours of peace...

We draw close with confidence
To you, child of the crib.
Look: we come seeking hope!

FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY:

Friday is the Feast of the Epiphany (Nollaig na mBan)

Mass at 6.30 p.m. in Miltown

Mass at 7.30 p.m. in Mullagh

Please note no 10 a.m. Mass on Friday morning

PRIESTS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:

Sincere Thanks to everyone who contributed to the
Priests Christmas Collection on Christmas Day.

As we begin a New Year I love Brendan Kennelly's wonderful poem "Begin"

Begin again to the summoning birds,
to the sight of light at the window,
begin to the roar of morning traffic
all along Pembroke Road.
Every beginning is a promise
born in light and dying in dark
determination and exaltation of Springtime
Flowing the way to work.
Begin to the pageant of queuing girls
the arrogant loneliness of swans in the canal,
bridges linking the past and future,
old friends passing though with us still.
Begin to the loneliness that cannot end
since it perhaps is what makes us begin,
begin to wonder at unknown faces,
at crying birds in the sudden rain
at branches stark in the willing sunlight
at seagulls foraging for bread
at couples sharing a sunny secret
alone together while making good.
Though we live in a world that dreams of ending
that always seems about to give in
something that will not acknowledge conclusion
insists that we forever begin.

RECENTLY MARRIED:

Congratulations to Teresa Sexton and Alan Carolan who were married recently in St. Mary's Church, Moy

BAPTISM: We welcome into our Faith Family Oisín Joseph Breen who was baptised in St. Joseph's Church during the week.

SVP: SVP reaches out to all who might be struggling with these difficult economic times. They may be contacted on 086 2168749 – email mwsvp2021@gmail.com

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

MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 065 7050199
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749
BASKET COLLECTION – 25/12/2022 - €3,860
PRIESTS COLLECTION - €6,615
PARISH OFFICE will be closed Monday this week

ARE YOU, OR IS SOMEONE YOU KNOW, LIVING WITH A LONG TERM HEALTH CONDITION?

If so, then you may be interested in the 'Living Well Programme'. Living Well is a *Free ONLINE*, 6 week group self-management programme for adults living with long term health conditions, such as asthma, COPD, diabetes, heart conditions, stroke and others to name but a few.

The Living Well Programme supports people to develop the skills and confidence to live with their health condition.

There are spaces available on our January Programmes. To book your place please contact Aine (041) 6850676 / (087) 1140371 or Joanne (041) 6860710 / (087) 4308735 or www.hse.ie/livingwell

The Matt Talbot Prayer Society – Praying for those suffering from Addiction: This Prayer Society has been created to pray for people who are suffering from any form of addiction, to pray for those recovering from addiction, and to pray for all those affected by addiction, especially family members. As we know addiction takes many forms from alcohol, drugs, gambling, pornography, to other less acknowledged addictions.

To join the Matt Talbot Prayer Society, you are invited to enrol the name of the person to be prayed for and the addiction we are praying that they will be freed from. Those enrolled will be prayed for specifically every day by members of the Matt Talbot Prayer Society.

Mass will be offered for those enrolled on the first Monday of every month here in Ennis Cathedral at 7.30 pm. You will also receive an enrolment card to enable you to join in the prayer. To enrol someone in the Matt Talbot Prayer Society please email yita@matttalbotprayersociety.com or private message St Eugene's Cathedral Facebook page or phone St Eugene's Cathedral at 028 71262894/71365712.

The Matt Talbot Mass will be celebrated here in Ennis Cathedral on Monday, 2nd January at 7.30 pm.

This monthly Mass is an opportunity to pray for all suffering from addiction through the intercession of Venerable Matt Talbot.

BEREAVED BY SUICIDE:

The Christmas Season can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support volunteers are available to help you. Support and help is only a phone call away. You could phone us at one of our numbers given below and we will take it from there. We promise complete confidentiality.

086 0565373. 087 3698315.

www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

SR. ETHEL NORMOYLES MISSION

in South Africa is suffering badly because of Covid 19, poverty and hunger are making things more difficult.

If you would like to help, you may make a donation to AIB, Bank Place, Ennis Bank Account No. 15431041 Or visit www.missionvailleireland.org

A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL OUR PARISHIONERS