

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

CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA

CHURCH OF IRELAND – CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT

The Nativity of the Lord Christmas Day Year A 25th December, 2022

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In Miltown Malbay Church

Readers for Next Sunday:

6 p.m. Bernie Mee

12.15 p.m. Flann O'Keeffe

Next Sunday is the Feast of Mary, The Holy Mother of God (World Day of Peace) 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 & Friday

MASS: **6 p.m. Saturday**

MASS: **12.15 Sunday**

MOY:

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

SYMPATHY:

Sympathy to the McMahon Family on the Death of Mary, May She Rest in Peace.

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

OIDHREACTH AN CHLÁIR: Join us for a *Night of Songs and Tunes* on Wednesday, December 28, 8pm-10pm in Áras OaC, Flag Road, with Joe Skelton (flute), Anne Skelton (songs), Tommy Keane (pipes) and Tim Dennehy (fear an tí). Join us beforehand for a glass, 7.15pm-8pm. Fáilte roimh chách. Admission free. Sponsored by Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy.

PRIESTS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION will be taken up on Christmas Day. Envelopes are in our boxes.

REFLECTION

May you always have an angel by your side

May you always have an angel by your side.
Watching out for you in all the things you do.
Reminding you to keep believing in brighter days.
Finding ways for your wishes and dreams to take you to beautiful places.

Giving you hope that is as certain as the sun.
Giving you the strength of serenity as your guide.
May you always have love and comfort and courage.
And may you always have an angel by your side
May you always have an angel by your side.
Someone there to catch you if you fall.

Encouraging your dreams.
Inspiring your happiness.
Holding your hand and helping you through it all
In all of our days, our lives are always changing.
Tears come along as well as smiles.
Along the roads you travel, may the miles be a thousand times more lovely than lonely.
May they give you the kind of gifts that never, ever end.
Someone wonderful to love and a dear friend in whom you can confide.
May you have rainbows after every storm.
May you have hopes to keep you warm.
And may you always have an angel by your side.

ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, SPANISH POINT:

Warm Congratulations to the young people from St. Joseph's Secondary School for the wonderful Carol Service on Tuesday night last. Special congratulations to Mr. Maura Whelan the musical director. €58.12 was raised for the local St. Vincent de Paul. If you want to view the carol service, it is up on the Miltown Malbay Parish Website.

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

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

CLONBONY GAA CLUB CHRISTMAS QUIZ

On Friday 30th December at 9 p.m. in McCarthy's Pub, Clounlaheen. Teams of 4. Spot prizes and raffle on the night. All welcome.

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FUNRUN/WALK

Our annual fundraising Fun Run/Walk will take place on SATURDAY 31st December. The 10k run will start at 10.30am and our 5k will start at 11am. Registration at the school from 9.30am. Enquires: 0876575575 or email scoiliosef@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.killaloediocese.ie/parish/miltown-malbay-kilfarboy/donate/miltown-malbay-kilfarboy-parish-special-collections/> Mark it House Fire. Thank You

SIMON COMMUNITY:

Well done to June Burke on raising €100,000 for Simon Community. A wonderful achievement that no doubt will help so many.

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

MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 065 7050199
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749
BASKET COLLECTION – 18/12/2022 - €1,165
PARISH OFFICE will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday this week

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 vita@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

A CHRISTMAS MESSAGE

We the Pastoral Council of Miltown Malbay join together in wishing you a happy and holy Christmas. We rejoice with you if your Christmas is that happy time when one is surrounded by family and friends in a spirit of love.

We sympathise with you if your Christmas is a sad time.

It can indeed be sad if you have lost a loved one during the year, if you are burdened by unemployment or by financial pressures, if you are hurt because of family tension, abuse of alcohol or simple loneliness.

We worry that the aggressive consumerism of today's world can add to the existing pressures on families and dim the real meaning of Christmas.

The year just ending had its highs and lows. The war in Ukraine continues to hurt us all, the financial situation of so many in our country, the loneliness situation is deeply disturbing. Your extraordinary response to the SVP Appeal is a high point and your continued support of community are also high points.

Joy and sorrow but always hope that the coming of Christ at Christmas maybe a source of life and renewal for all of us. May Christ the Child be with us all this Christmas.

Fr. Donagh, Parish Finance Committee, Parish office and our Church Sacristans would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and New Year and to thank everyone for their kindness and support during the year.

A HAPPY AND PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS
EVERYONE