

**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 Lent Year A 26<sup>th</sup> February, 2023**

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**In Miltown Malbay Church**

**Readers for Next Sunday:**

6 p.m. Edel Lynch

12.15 p.m. Flann O'Keeffe

**Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent 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, Wednesday & Thursday

**MASS:** **7 p.m. Friday** for Deirdre Bradshaw,  
Ballyvaskin (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary).

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

**Masses**

Michael & Kathleen Walsh, Caherogan

Jack & Mary Murrhiy, Knockbrack

David Hogan, Ballard Road

Mick, Kitty & Michael Cleary, Ballard

Kevin Barry, Illane

J.C. & Mary Ann Malone, Glendine

Tom & Baby Queally, Ennis Road

**MASS:** **12.15 Sunday** for Noreen Coughlan,  
Main Street, Miltown (Months Mind)

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

**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

**FIRST CONFESSION** for the Children of Miltown, Rineen and Moy Schools on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> of March at 7p.m. in Miltown Church.

**FRIDAY IS FIRST FRIDAY** Mass at 7p.m. on Friday evening. No 10am Mass on Friday morning

**CONFIRMATION** will take place in Miltown Church on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> of March at 11 a.m.

**REFLECTION: LENT**

Lent can be more than a time of fasting;

It can be a season of feasting.

We can use Lent to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we can:

Fast from judging others;

feast on the Christ dwelling in them

- Fast from emphasis on differences; feast on the unity of life
- Fast from apparent darkness; feast on the reality of light
- Fast from thoughts of illness; feast on the healing power of God
- Fast from words that pollute; feast on phrases that purify
- Fast from discontent; feast on gratitude
- Fast from pessimism; feast on optimism
- Fast from worry; feast on divine order
- Fast from complaining; feast on appreciation
- Fast from negatives; feast on affirmatives
- Fast from unrelenting pressures; feast on unceasing prayer
- Fast from hostility; feast on non-resistance
- Fast from bitterness; feast on forgiveness
- Fast from self-concern; feast on compassion for others
- Fast from personal anxiety; feast on eternal truth
- Fast from discouragements; feast on hope
- Fast from facts that depress; feast on verities that uplift
- Fast from lethargy; feast on enthusiasm
- Fast from thoughts that weaken; feast on promises that inspire
- Fast from shadows of sorrow; feast on the sunlight of serenity
- Fast from idle gossip; feast on purposeful silence

**TURKEY AND SYRIA EARTHQUAKE FUND**

2<sup>nd</sup> Basket Collection for Turkey and Syria on this weekend. The People of this Area of the World are experiencing huge challenges. Please be as generous as you can.

**MATT TALBOT TRIDIUM**- Matt Talbot Tridium praying for all who live with addictions and any other difficulties in life, for their families & loved ones will take place in St. Senan's Church, Kilrush starting on Monday night 27<sup>th</sup> February at 7p.m. Fr. Des Hillery Co-P.P. will lead us in reflection and prayer on this night. Petitions can be dropped in at the shrine in Kilrush Church or emailed to [larkpj2019@gmail.com](mailto:larkpj2019@gmail.com) We look forward to welcoming you on the night.

**ST. SENAN** Wednesday 8th March is the Feast of St. Senan. Senan offered the light of hope to the people of West Clare in difficult times. To help rekindle the light of hope in our times we invite you to light a candle of hope and place it on the window. We extend a warm welcome to join with us in St. Senan's Church, Kilrush for a liturgy of prayer & reflection on 8<sup>th</sup> March at 7 p.m.

**FCJ Spirituality Houses**, Spanish Point. V95E0W7. Weeknight events: open to all, no charge, no experience needed.

- Guided prayer and Meditation, Wednesday 7-8pm.
- Movie Nights for Lent. From Wednesday March 1<sup>st</sup>. 'Exploring with the heart of a child'. 8pm
- Lenten Talks Series. From Feb 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thursday nights 7-9pm.

Weekend retreats, see [www.fcjspiritualityhouse.ie](http://www.fcjspiritualityhouse.ie) for details.

- Be Still and Know: Centering Prayer with Fionnuala Quinn Fri Feb 24 - Sun 26<sup>th</sup> Almost full
- Recognising Manna: Lenten retreat with Carol Barry Fri March 24 - Sun 26<sup>th</sup>
- 4 day directed retreat March 31 - April 4<sup>th</sup> - fully booked
- Resurrection Hope: Easter season retreat with Jessie Rogers. Fri April 21 - Sun 23<sup>rd</sup>. Almost full.
- Lectio Divina: Scripture retreat with Seamus O Connell. Fri June 9 - sun 11<sup>th</sup>

Please do register interest in any retreat you're thinking of and we will hold a place for you, as we can. All retreats, bar directed, can be attended non-residential. Thank you for all the support and prayers. Nóirín

**COMMUNITY SCHOOL PROJECT**: Miltown Malbay N.S. recently held the launch of their Multi Use Games Area Project. The fundraising committee encourage all members of the community to donate to this wonderful project. The donate page is <https://giv.i.ng/kCZz> if you know of any individual or business, who might consider supporting our project, please take the initiative and get in touch with them. Alternatively, feel free to contact Miltown N.S. on 065-7044414 with their contact details. For anyone wishing to donate by direct debit the following are the school bank details: BIC: BOFIE2D IBAN: IE63BOFI90433353241190. To view a video of what is planned log on to [www.stjosephssmm.ie](http://www.stjosephssmm.ie) or facebook Miltown Malbay National School. If everyone gets behind this parish project we know it will be a success. Ní neart go cur le chéile.

**MULLAGH ENTIRE DRAMA CLUB** present their 2 One Act Plays - Last Tango in Mullagh & A Cure for Nerves on Sunday 26th Feb.& Saturday 4th March in Mullagh Community Hall at 8pm! Adm €10.. All welcome!

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 065 7050199**  
**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749**  
**BASKET COLLECTION** - 19/2/2023 - €1,635

**FUTURE OF THE DIOCESE**: At the present time discussions are taking place across the Diocese trying to discuss where we need to go into the future. There will be an opportunity for anyone in this Parish and for Pastoral Councils from the four Parishes in the Criocho Callan Cluster (Inagh/Kilnamona, Miltown/Moy, Kilmurry Ibrickane and Kilmaley) to meet and discuss a possible way forward in the Bellbridge Hotel, Spanish Point on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> of March 7.30pm to 9.30pm. Bishop Fintan will attend to hear and listen to what people have to say as we journey together into the future. **All are welcome**

**Miltown Malbay St Patricks Day Parade** - The Miltown Malbay St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Friday the 17th of March, starting at 2pm. This year's theme is "**Movie Magic**". All parade participants are requested to meet at the E-Town/Miltown National School from 1pm on the day, as the Parade will commence from this location.

Clare County Council have kindly given us the use of the "The Malbay Hub" to those with ASD and their families to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the parade, with sensory kit and ear defenders on site.

This is an amazing fun day for all the family with live music, face painting, prizes for best floats/walking groups/window displays and lots more. Your attendance and support would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Michael 085 758 0101 or Johnny on 087 905 5748 to learn more or if you wish to be part of the parade.

**ROCKMOUNT NS** is now taking enrolments for September 2023. Please contact us on 065 7084599 or Email [rockmountnationalschool@gmail.com](mailto:rockmountnationalschool@gmail.com) for further information

**OIDHREACHT AN CHLÁIR**: Join us for a *Night of Songs and Tunes* on Friday next, March 3, 8pm-10pm in Áras OaC, Flag Road, with Éamonn Cotter (flute), Charlie Harris (accordion) and John Tunney (songs), with Tim Dennehy as Fear an Tí. Fáilte roimh chách. Admission free.

**EMPLOY ABILITY CLARE** If you have an illness, disability or any extra support needs and would like some help to find work, EmployAbility Clare can assist you. For further information, contact Karen on (065) 6844007 or email [info@employabilityclare.ie](mailto:info@employabilityclare.ie) or log on to [www.employabilityclare.ie](http://www.employabilityclare.ie)

**ROAD RACE**: The Munster Athletics Association 4 Mile Road Championships will take place in Quilty, Co. Clare on **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023** This Event is hosted by Kilmurry Ibrickane/North Clare Athletic Club.

Ladies and Mens 4 mile Start at 12noon all one Race. The Race Starts on the Kilrush Road outside Quilty National School and makes its way towards Cooneys Pub and turning Right up Ocean View Road and out over one and half miles then turning left down Emlagh/Caherush Road and it will turn left again when reaching the Miltown Malbay Road making its way by into Quilty Village and Finishes in the first Exit from the GAA Car Park **There will be traffic delays between 11.00am to 1.00pm.** All Competitors to have their own packed LUNCH. Refreshments only for Munster Officials and Stewards

**BEST OF LUCK** to St. Joseph's, Spanish Point in the All Ireland semi final on this weekend.