

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH MILTOWN MALBAY ST. MARY'S CHURCH MOY
CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA
CHURCH OF IRELAND – CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT

The Ascension of the Lord Year A 21st May, 2023

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In Miltown Malbay Church

Readers for Next Sunday:

6 p.m. Willie Healy
12.15 p.m. Mary Jo Fennell-Clarke

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday 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 & Friday

MASS: **10 a.m. Thursday** for Canon Holohan

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

MASS: **12.15 pm Sunday** for Rena Lynch, Flag Rd.
(1st Anniversary)

MOY: **9.15 a.m. Sunday** – Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: On this week-end Saturday 20/21st of May Members of the Diocesan Committee for Eucharistic Adoration will speak at the Masses to encourage new Members to join Eucharistic Adoration which takes place here every Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Cards will be given out before Mass where you can mark the hour that suits you best and your mobile number. These cards will be collected after Mass.

EXAM STUDENTS: A Special Prayer Service to remember our Leaving Certs, Junior Certs and Leaving Cert Applied will take place in Hennessy Memorial Park (Miltown Malbay GAA Field) on Sunday 28th of May at 6.30pm. All Students and their Parents are welcome. If the weather is inclement we will do the Prayer Service in Miltown Church.

HONOURING THE LATE RENA LYNCH

On Sunday 28th of May we will honour and remember the late Rena Lynch on the Anniversary of her Death. We remember all the seeds she sowed with such love throughout the years in our schools. We also celebrate all the wonderful work she did as a Choir Director (1979-2021) and Organist in our Parish. A Plaque will be Blessed and put up in the Choir Gallery to remember Rena at 12.15 Mass. Refreshments will be served after Mass. All are welcome.

REFLECTION

Ascensions into heaven are like falling leaves
sad and happy all at the same time
Going away isn't really sad
especially when your going
enables a new kind of presence to be born.

Long have the leaves known the trees
They've danced together in the wind
days upon days.
But now, growing older and wiser,
they know they can't cling to the trees forever.
And so they say good-bye falling to the ground
waiting for the mystery of death to transform them
into nourishment for the earth.

And the trees?
They stand alone for one short season
but they are at peace,
waiting for another mystery to unfold them
with its presence.

When I saw you leaving
I covered my face with my heart
Oh, the ache of letting go
But then I remembered the trees
and so I stood in peace
remembering your return.

DRUGS AWARENESS TALK: Drugs awareness talk for parents will take place on Wednesday 31st of May at 8 p.m. in Miltown Malbay Community Hall. All are welcome to attend.

Killaloe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

Bishop Fintan will lead the Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on Tuesday 27th June, returning Sunday 2nd July. €809.00 includes flight, airport transfers, full board with three meals a day, sanctuary levy. For more information and bookings, please contact Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800 or email info@joewalshstours.i

SAFEGUARDING MONTH:

As we start to see church activities increase, we are always looking at updating our policies, guidance and forms. We have updated all forms / templates to make them user friendly and we have introduced a Safeguarding Policy for Pilgrimages. These can be found on the safeguarding page of the Diocesan website. www.killaloe-diocese.ie/safeguarding

JOINT MEETING of KIB and Miltown Pastoral Councils on Wednesday 24th of May at 8pm in Mullagh Church

PEOPLES COLLEGE CHOIR: Sincere thanks to the Peoples College Choir for the wonderful music on last week-end.

RECENTLY MARRIED. Congratulation to Elaine Sexton and Gearóid Lynch who were married in St. Joseph's Church last week-end.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE NEEDS YOUR HELP: West County Hotel, Ennis – Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd May 4:45-8:00pm. New Donors welcome. Please phone 1800222111 for appointment.

THE COLLEGE OF ST. FLANNAN AT ENNIS: A history of the Killaloe Diocesan Seminary will be launched by Michael McNamara T.D. at Cois na hAbhna, Ennis on Tuesday 23rd May at 8pm. All who are interested in this much anticipated volume are welcome to the launch.

WEDNESDAY ON THE WEB: Wednesday on the Web takes place on Wednesday 31st of May at 6.30pm with Bríd O'Brien and Scoil na nÓg. Please tune in on the Webcam or the Radio for some good music.

SCOIL MHUIRE ENNISTYMON

Scoil Mhuire Ennistymon presents 'A Fond Farewell' concert with the Scoil Mhuire Choir and many special guests at the Parish Church Ennistymon on Thursday June 1st at 7pm. Tickets can be purchased by contacting 065 7071224

Clothes Recycling

St. Joseph's N.S. Miltown Malbay is holding a clothes recycling collection on Monday 12th June. Items for recycling include: clothing, household linen, sheets, blankets, curtains, shoes, handbags. No duvets, pillows or underwear please. Items to be in clean condition. Please drop your recycling bags to the main door of the school or into the bicycle shelter on or before June 12th. Contact Aidan on 087-6909605.

15th June – World Elder Abuse Awareness Day:

The United Nations General Assembly has designated the 15th June annually as World Elder Abuse Awareness Day. It is well documented that there will be a significant growth in the population of older persons between 2015-2030 and with this increase comes the increase and risk of abuse. The abuse of older people is an increasing and serious problem so it is vital to raise awareness of it in an effort to prevent it. Raising awareness of what constitutes abuse and ensuring that people know how to report any concerns they have is important in this regard. This day focuses our attention on the need for all of us, to take responsibility in preventing elder abuse for those with whom we work to care for and those within our community.

The HSE Safeguarding & Protection Teams work directly with those who find themselves vulnerable and who are at risk of abuse. If you have a concern for yourself or an older person you can contact the HSE Mid-West Safeguarding & Protection Team on safeguarding.cho3@hse.ie, or ring 067 46470 / 067 46428.

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 or log on to www.employabilityclare.ie

ACCOMMODATION FOR WILLIE CLANCY WEEK:

There are many students registering for workshops who are finding it almost impossible to secure accommodation.

Anyone who has accommodation to offer should contact the Summer School accommodation team at 089-2320498, giving full details as to type of accommodation--- B&B, Self -Catering, Mobile Home, etc.

It is important that students be housed in and around the communities of Miltown, Spanish Point, Mullagh and Quilty, conveniently close to the workshops and activities. Students and visitors who stay locally make for a successful school and benefit the local economy. Encourage people to stay local.

When quoting prices, accommodation providers should bear in mind the expenses families have to meet during the week and offer reasonable rates.

COMMUNITY FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

Miltown Malbay National School are hosting a Community Football Fundraiser at Hennessy Memorial Park on Friday June 9th. This is a fundraiser for the School/Community Multi Use Games Area (M.U.G.A.). There will be both Adult Ladies and Adult Men's games involving players who attended all 4 primary schools in the Parish. There will also be both boys and girls Juvenile games. There will be a charge of €10/adult at the gate. As well as the football games there will be a raffle with lots of prizes, including a €150 Dunne's Shopping Voucher and both Clare and Miltown G.A.A. gear. A shop will be open on the evening with Tea/Coffee and lots of treats to buy. We are delighted also that Smoke West Catering will be on site providing a barbecue with burgers, hotdogs and lots of other tasty treats on sale. There will also be face painting available on the evening.

We encourage everyone, young and old, to come along to what promises to be a fun filled fundraising evening for the entire community. Gates open at 6pm. Cash only on the evening.

School Football Photographs

Miltown Malbay National School are looking for any photographs of either girls or boys school football teams taken over the years. If you have one of these could you please contact Aidan at school 065-7084414 or mobile 087-6909605. We would like to borrow these for our football fundraiser. Good care will be taken of all photos and they will be returned after the event.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION to mark the end of 200 years of

education in CBS Secondary School Ennistymon takes place on **Saturday 10th June 2023** in **Falls Hotel** at **7.00pm**. Tickets can be purchased by ringing 089 2439032, emailing cbncelebration2023@gmail.com or by calling to the school.

Please book by 31st May. Come along for an enjoyable evening to dine, chat with old friends and enjoy some music and sing along! There will be a complimentary drinks reception at **6.00pm** in the Falls before the meal at **7.00 pm**. Perhaps you would like to contact your classmates and book a table or maybe book a family table for generations who attended the Monastery?!

There will also be a **Commemorative Mass** in **Ennistymon Parish Church** at **2.00pm** on **Saturday 10th June** and an opportunity to have a final walk through CBS Secondary School after Mass from **3.00 to 5.00 pm** to view old photographs and meet with past pupils and staff.

MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 065 7050199 **SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749**

BASKET COLLECTION – 14/5/2023 - €1,585

BEST OF LUCK to the Clare Footballers and Hurlers this week-end