

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

Second Sunday of Advent Year B 10th December, 2023

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In Miltown Malbay Church

Readers for Next Sunday:

6 p.m. Caragh Vaughan

12.15 p.m. Anne Downes

Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent Year B

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 – Grouped Anniversary**
Masses

John & Catherine Vaughan & Deceased

Members of the Vaughan Family

Patrick Talty, Toureen

Phyllis Cleary, Spanish Point

Willie & Mary Carroll, Kilfarboy

Thomas, Margaret, P.J. & John Mee

Deceased Members of the Mee &

Foudy Families

Jodie Meade, Knockliscrane

Mary & Tommie Skerritt

Nora McGee, Main Street

Molly, Mike & Michael Curtin &

Deceased Members of the Curtin Family

Clohanbeg

James Flynn, Ballard Road

Nellie, Johnny & Austin Burke,

Knockliscrane

Deceased Members of the Frawley

Family, Ballinoe

Seán Hegarty, Husband of Carmel

Vaughan, Ennistymon Road

John Lahiff, Spanish Point

MASS: **12.15 Sunday** for Mary McMahan,
Lisachane (1st Anniversary)

MOY:

MASS: **9.15 a.m. Sunday** for Seán Clancy
& His Parents Ellie & John Clancy,
Islandbawn

PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE

Great God, who has told us 'Vengeance is mine',
save us from ourselves, save us from the vengeance in our
hearts and the acid in our souls.

Save us from our desire to hurt as we have been hurt,
to punish as we have been punished,
to terrorise as we have been terrorised.

Give us the strength it takes to listen rather than to judge,
to trust rather than to fear, to try again and again
to make peace even when peace eludes us.

We ask, O God, for the grace to be our best selves.

We ask for the vision to be builders of the human
community rather than its destroyers.

We ask for the humility as a people to understand
the fears and hopes of other peoples.

We ask for the love it takes to bequeath to the children of the
world to come more than the failures of our own making.

We ask for the heart it takes to care for all the peoples of
Afghanistan and Iraq, of Palestine and Israel
as well as for ourselves.

Give us the depth of soul, O God, to constrain our might,
to resist the temptations of power, to refuse to attack
the attackable, to understand that vengeance begets violence,
and to bring peace, not war, wherever we go.

For you, O God, have been merciful to us.

For you, O God, have been patient with us.

For you, O God, have been gracious to us.

And so may we be merciful and patient and gracious and
trusting with these others whom you also love.

This we ask through Jesus, the one without vengeance in his
heart. This we ask forever and ever. Amen

REMEMBRANCE: Our Prayers are asked for the Repose
of the Souls of Mary Curtin, Caherogan and Joe Hehir,
Dunmanway, Co. Cork and Lackamore who died last
week-end. Rest in Peace Mary and Joe

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – MILTOWN & MOY

Christmas Eve Sunday 24th December at 7 p.m.

Please note no 12.15 p.m. Mass on Christmas Eve

Christmas Day Monday 25th Dec. 9.15 a.m. in Moy
and 12.15 p.m. in Miltown

REFLECTION: Lonely voices

The voice of John the Baptist was a lonely voice which many of his contemporaries ignored. There are many lonely voices in our world. Somewhere at this moment a child is crying – crying for love or maybe simply for bread. Somewhere a young person is crying – crying for a listening ear or an understanding heart. Somewhere an old person is crying – crying for a visit or a word from his/her children. There are a thousand unheard cries in our world, coming from the victims of injustice and neglect. Lord, help us to listen to these voices. Above all, help us to listen to your voice, whispering to us in the wilderness of our hearts, telling us that we are loved by you, and that we are to love one another.

PASTORAL COUNCIL Meeting in the parish office, Miltown on Tuesday 12th of December at 8 p.m.

NEWLY MARRIED:

Congratulations to Áine Hurley and Kevin Prendergast who were married in St. Joseph's Church, recently.

CHRISTMAS TREE: Many thanks to Paddy Joe Egan, Eileen, Debbie and Majella for their great work in getting the tree organised this year, very much appreciated.

BEREAVEMENT COUNSELLING

Milford House offers Bereavement Counselling. If you need to contact them, please phone 061 485800. If you are experiencing bereavement the following websites are helpful: <https://www.cruse.org.uk/understanding-grief/grief-experiences/coping-death-partner/>

NEW NEIGHBOURS IN THE CENTRAL HOTEL

Informal get together in the Hall in Miltown to welcome our new neighbours in the Central Hotel on Sunday 10th December 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Music and a cuppa for everyone. All are welcome (more information from Karyn 087 9818790).

FCJ SPIRITUALITY HOUSE

An Teach Spioradálta, Spanish Point (V95EOW7)

- Thursday Movies 6 weeks, no charge. Tea from 3.30pm Movie at 4pm
- December 9th Advent Oasis Day – Noirin Lynch offers a day retreat with lunch, by the sea
- December 16th: Advent Circle Dance – Mary Lillis leads a workshop of gently movement and music.

You'd be very welcome at any of these days – please see our FB page or website for more details @FCJSpirit.ie or www.fcjspiritualityhouse.ie

CAROLS AND REFLECTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS

St. Joseph's Secondary School, Spanish Point will have their Carol Service and reflection for Christmas on Wednesday 20th December at 7.30 p.m. in Miltown Church. We will have a cup of tea after the ceremony and a collection for St. Vincent de Paul. All are welcome.

SEAN KEANE IN CONCERT in Moy Community Centre 15th December 8pm. Tickets at 087 9013884

YOUR TOWN NEEDS YOU:

The present Tidy Towns committee is resigning at the end of December 23. We are looking for volunteers that would take over the positions of Chairperson, Secretary and Treasurer, committee members and volunteers to help with the various projects around the town. The work involves working on administration and/or clean ups. There is space for everyone! Whether it is once off, occasional or regular you will be welcome. To volunteer please get in contact with Su 0894202894 or email mmtidytownsgroup@gmail.com The posts of chairperson, secretary and treasurer are necessary to continue the work of Tidy Towns, and we shall be available to support in this transition to interested persons. The maintenance of the current projects will then be carried out by volunteers once a new committee has been established.

CHRISTMAS BINGO in aid of Mid West Simon Community Homeless Charity, at The Armada hotel, Spanish Point on Wednesday 13th December 8.30pm €3,500 prize money pro rata, massive raffle on the night

SCOIL SAMHRAIDH WILLIE CLANCY

A Documentary on the Willie Clancy Summer School produced by local woman Edel Fox will take place for the next 2 Sunday nights on TG4 at 9.30 p.m.

ATLANTIC WAVE HOLISTIC & INTEGRATED COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY

As a Parish Community we are hoping to offer Counselling to People around: (1) Anxiety Stress, Depression Support (2) Personal Relationship Challenges (3) Grief and Loss Therapy (4) Mindfulness Practices (5) Life Transition Counselling (6) Cultivating Compassion and Self care.

The Counselling Service is Free and open to all. Please contact Anne at 087 2180037 or email atlanticwavepsychotherapy@gmail.com more information also available from Fr. Donagh 087 2322140

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

MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION – 3/12/2023 - €1,520