

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

**Third Sunday of Advent Year B 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2023**

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**In Miltown Malbay Church**

**Readers for Next Sunday:**

6 p.m. Anne Downes  
12.15 p.m. Mary Jo Fennell-Clarke

**Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent Year B Christmas Eve**

**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:** **9.30 a.m. Tuesday & Wednesday**

**MASS:** **10 a.m. Thursday & Friday**

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

**MASS:** **7 p.m. Sunday – Christmas Eve**  
**Please note no 12.15 p.m. Mass on Sunday**

**MOY:**

**Please note no 9.15 a.m. Mass on Sunday**

**MASS:** **9.15 a.m. Monday – Christmas Day**

**CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – MILTOWN & MOY**

**Christmas Eve Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December at 7 p.m.**

Please note no 9.15 a.m. or 12.15 p.m. Mass  
on Christmas Eve

**Christmas Day Monday 25<sup>th</sup> Dec. 9.15 a.m. in Moy  
and 12.15 p.m. in Miltown**

**REMEMBRANCE:** Our Prayers are asked for the  
Repose of the Souls of Maura Conway, Knockpatrick,  
Lahinch whose burial took place in Moy Cemetery last  
week-end, Liam Benn, formerly of Illane who died last  
week in Co. Fermanagh and Dan Jamieson, Spanish Point  
who died last week-end.  
Rest in Peace Maura, Liam, and Dan

**CAROLS AND REFLECTIONS FOR CHRISTMAS**

St. Joseph's Secondary School, Spanish Point will have their  
Carol Service and reflection for Christmas on Wednesday  
20<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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

**CAROLS ON THE STREET:** Carols on the Street will  
once again take place this year after a lapse due to Covid.  
We will assemble in the Church grounds on this Monday  
18<sup>th</sup> December at 8 o'clock. From here we will proceed  
along the main street finishing at the square. Wrap up well  
and being a torch. Sheets with Carols will be available.

**RECENTLY MARRIED:**

Congratulations to Mary Ruth Murphy & Patrick Breen who  
married in St. Mary's Church, Moy last week-end.

## **REFLECTION:**

## **SERENITY PRAYER:**

Lord, grant me the serenity  
to accept the things that I cannot change;  
courage to change the things that I can;  
and the wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.  
Taking, as Christ did, this sinful world as it is,  
not as I would have it;  
Trusting that He will make all things right  
if I surrender to His will;  
That I may be reasonably happy in this life  
and supremely happy with him forever in the next  
Amen

**SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL:** SVP reaches out locally to so many people in need during the Christmas Season if you would like to make a contribution, you may put it in the blue envelope in the porch and put it in the basket. ST Vincent De Paul Church gate collection will take place on Saturday 30th & Sunday 31st December at all masses in KIB & Miltown Parish.

**CLONBONY GAA** are having their Annual Table Quiz on Friday 29th December at 9pm in McCarthys Pub, Clounlaheen. A great night entertainment for all to be had!

**OIDHREACTH AN CHLÁIR:** Join us for a *Night of Songs and Tunes* on Thursday, December 28 at 8pm in Áras OaC, Flag Road, with Therese McInerney (fiddle and songs), Marian Curtin (flute), Eva Carroll (songs and concertina), and Tim Dennehy as Fear an Tí. Join us for a glass of wine at 7.15pm. Fáilte roimh chách. Admission free. Ár mbufochas le Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy as a dtacaíocht.

**New Year's Day 5K:** Miltown Malbay N.S. will hold a 5K Fun Run/Jog/Walk on New Year's Day starting at Miltown G.A.A. pitch at 12noon with registration beforehand from 11am. in the G.A.A. clubhouse. This is a fundraiser for our school/community Multi Use Games Area (M.U.G.A.) project. Looking forward to seeing lots of people putting their best foot forward for the New Year.

## **Christmas Lights Fundraiser**

This year Brendan Killeen and family have once again put up a fabulous array of Christmas Lights. Brendan is donating all money raised from his Christmas Lights Donation Box to our School/Community Multi Use Games Area (M.U.G.A.). We encourage everyone to call to see the Christmas Lights and hopefully make a contribution to this very worthy cause. Brendan's eircode is: V95CF70

## **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/>

**ROCKMOUNT N.S.** will hold a Christmas Carol Service on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December at 12 o'clock in the school hall. All are welcome.

**SEAN KEANE IN CONCERT:** Due to circumstances beyond our control the Sean Keane concert which was scheduled for December 15<sup>th</sup> was postponed and will now take place in January 26th 2024 in Moy Community Centre at 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](mailto: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.

## **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](mailto:atlanticwavepsychotherapy@gmail.com) more information also available from Fr. Donagh 087 2322140

**PARISH GRAVEYARDS:** The Graveyards Committee are having a collection as people leave the Church after Mass on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. A Collection was held a few months ago and people gave generously and are not expected to give again. We are hoping families and friends home for Christmas might donate to the upkeep of the Graveyards. It costs €6,000 yearly to maintain the Graveyards and wish to thank those who do a great job with same. Anyone who wishes to donate on-line can do so with the following information:

## **Miltown Malbay Parish Graveyards**

**Account No:** 12799171

**IBAN:** IE47 BOFI 9043 3312 7991 71

**BIC:** BOFIE2D

Please include your Name

**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** – 10/12/2023 - €1,880