

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent Christmas Eve Year B 24th December, 2023

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In Miltown Malbay Church

Readers for Next Sunday: 6 p.m. Caroline O'Rourke
12.15 p.m. John G. Devitt

Next Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Miltown: (www.miltownmalbayparish.ie webcam)

Monday: 12.15 in Miltown – Christmas Day

No 10am Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday

MASS: **10 a.m. Friday** for Fiona Sharples,
Rockmount (1st Anniversary)

MASS: **10 a.m. Saturday** for Mary Curtin,
Caherogan (Months Mind)

MASS: **6 p.m. Saturday** for Pat O'Malley,
Legard South (1st Anniversary)

MASS: **12.15 Sunday** for P.J. Killeen,
Kilfarboy (1st Anniversary)

MOY:

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

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES – MILTOWN & MOY

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

Please note no 9.15 a.m. or 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

REMEMBRANCE: Our Prayers are asked for the
Repose of the Souls of Maureen Gammell, Spanish Point
and Sr. Zita Reidy, Convent of Mercy who died last
week-end. Rest in Peace Maureen and Sr. Zita

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION on Tuesday 26th
December as usual.

125th anniversary of the Pioneer Association

Pioneers around the world are invited to attend Mass next
Wednesday 27 December and to prayerfully mark the
125th anniversary of the foundation of the Association in
1898. Mass and prayers will be live-streamed on that day at
10am (Irish time) around the world via
www.pioneerassociation.org.

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER

Source of divine Light, Emmanuel, God-with-us,
your radiant love illuminated our waiting world
with the surprise of your Bethlehem birth.

Each year since then we celebrate this astonishing event,
rejoicing in your coming anew, not as a newborn Babe,
but as the hidden presence of divinity contained
within each of us.

To our great astonishment,
we have become your dwelling place.
We are now your Bethlehem.

Now you are Treasure birthed in the secret place of our soul.
Now you are Light gleaming through our gestures of
generosity.

Now you are Hope radiating inside the core of our courage.
Now you are Joy shining into the dark caves of our gloom.
Now you are Peace glowing quietly in the crevice of our
anxiety.

Now you are Love brilliantly reflected within our kindness.

O Christ, Light of all lights, Star of all stars,
dweller within these human homes of ours,
open our wandering minds and hesitant hearts
so your endless goodness radiates more completely in us.

We welcome you again and again, with gratitude and trust,
Not only in this Christmas season of remembrance and
celebration but all through the new year that awaits us.

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.

FOR CHRISTMAS:

We have a Christmas Candle,
A Prayer for the Christmas meal and a
bottle of Holy Water for everybody.
Please take one as you leave

REFLECTION: HOMECOMING PRAYER

God of welcome and acceptance,
Call me home from the four winds of distraction
Call me home to my own heart.
Welcome me into your peace.

Call me home from a far country
Call me home from darkness and sin
Welcome me into your forgiveness.

Call me home from my place of exile.
Call me home from the Christmas rush
Help me to make my home with you.

Call me home to my faith and my church
Call me home to Bethlehem, to rebirth
Help me to see divinity in a stable.

Give me a heart for the homeless, for the refugee,
Give me a prayer of healing for homes where
there is violence, grief or separation.

Give me a heart of love for those who are afraid
to come home.

Help us all to turn our houses into homes, into
places of welcome and acceptance for God and
one another. Amen

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!

OIDHREACHT 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.
Ar mbuíochas 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

SUPPORT SERVICES available over Christmas
Pieta: Helpline 1800 247 247 or text HELP to 51444
Adapt: 1800 200504 (24 Hr) Domestic Abuse
Clare Haven: 065 6822435

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749
BASKET COLLECTION** – 17/12/2023 - €1,635
PARISH OFFICE will only be open on Friday 29th Dec.

VICTORY CELEBRATION NIGHT for the successful
Minor "A" Championship team and Intermediate league and
championship winning teams of 2023 will be held on
Saturday January 20th in the Armada Hotel. Tickets €35 and
are available from Club Committee members, Players and
Management.

SEAN KEANE IN CONCERT: Due to circumstances
beyond our control the Sean Keane concert which was
scheduled for December 15th was postponed and will now
take place in January 26th 2024 in Moy Community Centre
at 8pm. Tickets at 087 9013884

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

SCOIL IOSEF NAOFA: Our annual school fundraising
Fun Run/Walk will take place on Sunday 31st December
with registration commencing from 10am at the school.
(V95NW99) The **10K** will start at **10.45am** and **5k** will start
at **11am**. This is a great community event and if you don't
feel like walking why not join us for some lovely
tea/refreshments and home baking at the school afterwards.
Entry fee: €20 Family, €10 Adults, Children €5
Enquiries email: scoiliosef@gmail.com

FCJ Spirituality House – An Teach Spioradálta, Spanish Point
(V95E0W7) For information on our many courses please see our
FB page @FCJSpirit.ie, or www.fcjspiritualityhouse.ie
*"For Christians, Christmas is a celebration of Jesus' birth -
that light has come into darkness and, as the Gospel of John
says, 'the darkness could not overcome it.'" Kin Hubbard*
Thanks to all for support, prayers and presence this year –
May the Christmas season be a light and a balm in your
lives. And may the year ahead be a time of peace, kindness
and courage for all.

ST. JOSEPH'S SPANISH POINT:

Warm Congratulations to the School on the wonderful Carol
Service on Wednesday night last. It was an extraordinary
night of music and reflection in the lead up to Christmas.
Well done to all the Young People and to Ms. Whelan for
her wonderful co-ordination of it all. Sincere thanks also to
Ms. Lodge, Ms. Comber and Sr. Martina. Míle Buíochas

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE:

A Very Happy Christmas to all our Parishioners. Sincere
thanks for all your support and kindness throughout the year.
A warm welcome to our new neighbours in the Central
Hotel. Sincere thanks to all who volunteer in our parish
throughout the year and all who give of their time
Míle Buíochas – Claire Jones, Chairperson
Donagh O'Meara PP