

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

**Feast of the Holy Family Year B 31<sup>st</sup> December, 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 Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

**LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Miltown:** ( [www.miltownmalbayparish.ie](http://www.miltownmalbayparish.ie) webcam)

**MASS:** **11 a.m. Monday 1<sup>st</sup> Jan. in Milltown**

**MASS:** **10 a.m.** Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

**MASS:** **6 p.m. Friday** for Miko Meade,  
Knocklisrane (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

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

**Masses**

Sarah & Richard Griffin, Clohanbeg  
Pat McMahon, Knocklisrane  
Mae Jo Devitt, Main Street  
Patrick Burke, U.K. & Breaffa South  
Joe & Mary Teresa Murrihy, Main Street  
Peter & Eoin Haugh, Spanish Point  
Maureen Shannon & Sr. May Shannon  
Gerry Hillery, Main Street  
Deceased Members of the Ryan & Hillery  
Families

**MASS:** **12.15 Sunday** for Mary Sexton, Kildimo  
(Months Mind)

**MOY:**

**MASS:** **6.15 p.m. Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January** - For  
Maura Conway, Knockpatrick,  
Lahinch (Months Mind)

**MASS:** **9.15 a.m. Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> January**

**MONDAY 1<sup>st</sup> January**

**World Day of Prayer for Peace**

**Mass at 11 a.m. in Miltown**

**FRIDAY 5<sup>th</sup> January**

**Mass 6 p.m. in Miltown** for Miko Meade,  
Knocklisrane (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**Mass 6.15 p.m. in Moy** for Maura Conway,  
Knockpatrick Lahinch (Months Mind)

**Please Note no 10 a.m. Mass on Friday**

**REFLECTION:**

**SEEKERS OF HOPE**

It's the whole world that comes with  
the wise men to the crib,  
Drawing close to the infant God,  
That they might find in him meaning in life  
and light for living.

We draw close, Lord,  
with all those who have lost hope,  
All those for whom faith is nothing more  
than a long night to be got through,  
All those who have lost the taste  
For seeking and struggling.

We draw close, Lord,  
With all those who are handicapped in body or mind,  
With those who are paralysed in their suffering,  
With those left to their loneliness,  
Whom nobody ever comes to console.

We draw close, Lord,  
With all those who've had their place taken,  
With those living in poverty and hunger,  
With those whose dignity has been trodden on,  
With those who have forgotten the colours of peace.

We draw close with confidence  
To you, child of the crib.  
Look: we come seeking hope!

**NEWLY BAPTISED:**

We welcome into our Faith Family  
Sadie Kate Hennessy baptised during the week.

**RECENTLY MARRIED:** Warm Congratulations to  
Eoin Cleary and Colette Keniry who were married in  
St. Joseph's Church this week-end.

**PRIESTS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:**

Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the  
Priests Christmas collection last week-end.

**AS WE BEGIN A NEW YEAR I love  
Brendan Kennelly's wonderful poem "Begin"**

Begin again to the summoning birds,  
to the sight of light at the window,  
begin to the roar of morning traffic  
all along Pembroke Road.

Every beginning is a promise  
born in light and dying in dark  
determination and exaltation of Springtime  
Flowing the way to work.

Begin to the pageant of queueing girls  
the arrogant loneliness of swans in the canal,  
bridges linking the past and future,

old friends passing though with us still.  
Begin to the loneliness that cannot end  
since it perhaps is what makes us begin,

begin to wonder at unknown faces,  
at crying birds in the sudden rain  
at branches stark in the willing sunlight

at seagulls foraging for bread  
at couples sharing a sunny secret  
alone together while making good.

Though we live in a world that dreams of ending  
that always seems about to give in  
something that will not acknowledge conclusion  
insists that we forever begin.

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**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

**A VERY HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL  
OUR  
PARISHIONERS**

**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 20<sup>th</sup> 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 15<sup>th</sup> was postponed and will  
now take place in January 26<sup>th</sup> 2024 in Moy  
Community Centre at 8pm. Tickets at 087 9013884

**PARISH GRAVEYARDS COLLECTION:**

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](mailto: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](http://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.

**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** – 24/12/2023 - €4,815  
**PRIESTS CHRISTMAS COLLECTION** - €6,655  
**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday January 1<sup>st</sup>