

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH MILTOWN MALBAY ST. MARY'S CHURCH MOY

CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA

CHURCH OF IRELAND – CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT

First Sunday of Advent Year B 3rd December, 2023

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In Miltown Malbay Church

Readers for Next Sunday:

6 p.m. Edel Lynch

12.15 p.m. John G. Devitt

Next Sunday is the Second 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

MASS: **Friday 6.30 p.m. in Miltown**
Feast of the Immaculate Conception
Grouped Anniversary Masses

Mary & Siney Talty & Deceased Family
Members, Carhuduff

Deceased Members of the Fitzgerald
Family, Waterville

David & Mary Donegan, Dingle

P.J. Gallagher, Lackamore & Ballard Rd.

Danny & Teresa Curtin, Main Street

MASS: **6 p.m. Saturday** for Eileen Sexton,
Spanish Point (1st Anniversary)

MASS: **12.15 Sunday – Grouped Anniversary**
Masses

Patricia O'Connor, Dromin

Deceased Members of the Clancy Family
Legard North

MOY:

MASS: **9.15 a.m. Sunday**

FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

Friday 8th of December

Mass at 6.30 p.m. in Miltown

Mass at 7.30 p.m. in Mullagh

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/>

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

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.

BOOK LAUNCH: Launch of Fr. Harry Bohan's new book
"Building Dreams" – (Reflections on six decades of change
in Irish Society) 1963-2023 will take place in Sixmilebridge
GAA club house on Friday 8th of December at 7.30 p.m.
All are welcome.

REFLECTION:

The weeks of Advent prepare for Christmas, all we associate with Christmas prepares us for Jesus, for his birth in the love of Mary and Joseph. All of us can be like John the Baptist, preparing a room for Jesus Christ in our families, among friends, in schools and workplaces, preparing a room in our hearts for love. Or Christmas weeks can be like empty tinsel, singing the songs of Christmas and forgetting the birth, or playing Santa and pretending love, or being so busy that you wish it was already over.

But it need not be like this.

Allow times these days for prayer, for moments taken in a busy day, like stopping in the heavy traffic and just remembering that Jesus is near. Take time for friendship, for love, for care, for those activities that grow our friendship and love with the people who mean a lot. Then the songs will be full and gifts will be a reminder of love, and Santa, the friend of children, will be like the Christ-child. Donal Neary SJ

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

GRAVEYARD COLLECTION: The Graveyards Committee thank most sincerely all who gave to the recent collection. €2,260 was the total. This money is used to maintain the Parish Graveyards and we thank the men involved for the excellent work they do. Anyone who wishes to donate on line can do so with the following information.

Name of Bank Acc. is: Miltown Malbay Parish Graveyard Committee

Account Number: 12799171

IBAN: IE47 BOFI 9043 3312 7991 71

BIC: BOF11E2D

Please include your Name – Thank You

CHRISTMAS FAIR:

Miltown Malbay Community Centre Christmas Fair on December 2nd, from 2pm - 6pm. There will be lots to see and enjoy, with plenty of handmade crafts, home baked goods and lots in between. Free entry. All Welcome.

ST. JOSEPH'S MILTOWN GAA AGM

St. Josephs Miltown GAA AGM will take place at the clubhouse Hennessy Memorial Park on Wednesday 6th of December at 7:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend and new members are always welcome.

ROCKMOUNT NATIONAL SCHOOL is holding a clothes collection on Tuesday the 5th of December. We can accept all clean clothing bags and curtains sheets blankets etc, We cannot accept pillows, duvets or cushions. Please drop your donations in sealed black bags to Rockmount National School on or before Monday the 4th of December.

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.

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

SCOIL SAMHRAIDH WILLIE CLANCY

A Documentary on the Willie Clancy Summer School produced by local woman Edel Fox will take place for the next 3 Sunday nights on TG4 at 9.30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL,

SPANISH POINT: St. Joseph's Secondary School will have a Carol Service with Reflection for Christmas on Wednesday 20th of December at 7.30 p.m. in Miltown Church. All are welcome.

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 – 26/11/2023 - €1,405 **PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Friday 8th Dec.