

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

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 21<sup>st</sup> January, 2024**

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**In Miltown Malbay Church**

**Readers for Next Sunday:**

6 p.m. Caroline O'Rourke  
12.15 p.m. Mary Jo Fennell-Clarke

**Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B**

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

**MASS:** **6 p.m. Saturday** for John Reidy, Breaffa North (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

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

Ellen Carroll, Freagh  
Mary & Jimmy Byrne, Ennis Road  
Paddy & Betty Hennessy, Ennistymon Rd.  
Joe & Kitty Hennessy, Main Street

**MOY:**

**9.15 a.m. Sunday** – Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**SYMPATHY** to Tina Twomey, Ballard Road on the Death of her Brother in Law, Michael Glynn, Clarecastle, to the Murrhy Family on the Death of John Joe and to the Talty Family on the Death of Mickey.

Rest in Peace Michael, John Joe and Mickey

**“BUILDING ON DREAMS”**

**(Reflections on Six Decades of Change in Irish Society) - A new book by Fr. Harry Bohan the Shannon based Sociologist .**

If you would like to purchase a copy of the book it's available at €10. Please contact Fr. Donagh 087-2322140. (All proceeds to Pieta House).

**REFLECTION:**

**Good news for sinners**

Today we are in danger of being drowned in bad news. Jesus began his ministry by announcing good news. What was this good news? That the kingdom of heaven had come. The kingdom stands for the fulfilment of the promises, the fullness of God's blessings, in short, the new order of things, Forgiveness is available. Recovery is possible. God's love is unconditional and is available to us in Christ. All we have to do is recognise our need, and seek his help with humility and sincerity. Unless we repent we can't hear the good news.

**JOINT STATEMENT OF BISHOP FINTAN AND BISHOP BURROWS**

Over the past number of days and weeks it has been disturbing and sad to see some of the strong protests against the arrival of people seeking emergency accommodation in Roscrea which is in the Diocese of Killaloe and also other venues and locations of the Country. The situation in Roscrea and in other places have many local complexities with some genuine concerns both regarding resources for the new Residents and for the amenities and services in the areas in question. However we would appeal for calm, for a peaceful approach to the issues involved. Our joint appeal is for all of us to keep in mind the bigger picture and the emergency situation that presents itself. Many of the people coming to our shores are coming from very distressing situations and are in dire need of shelter. They deserve whatever level of help can possibly be offered and provided. Even if it involves some sacrifice or inconvenience, going the extra mile so to speak.

**Bishop Fintan**

**Bishop Michael Burrows**

## MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2024

Direct flights to Mostar-Medjugorje  
Shannon to Medjugorje in Half the Time

28<sup>th</sup> Aug – 4<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024

4<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> Sept 2024

€805 – Price increases to €855 after 2<sup>nd</sup> February  
7 Night Group Pilgrimage with James Considine  
Fr. Martin Shanahan as Spiritual Director  
Further information from James Considine:  
065 9059328 or 085 7385385

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our Faith Community  
Sofia Ava Carmel McGuane who was baptised in  
St. Joseph's Church last week-end.

**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

## **Community Public Meeting, Moy Community Centre, Tuesday 23rd January at 7.00pm**

Have your say in the future of Moy, everyone is welcome.  
This meeting will provide an opportunity for the community  
to discuss the needs of the village, identify potential future  
developments and consider how the community can work  
together to achieve these ambitions. The meeting will be  
facilitated by the Rural and Community Development  
Department, Clare County Council

## **PERSONAL ALARMS:**

We hope to apply for a grant to get personal alarms  
(also known as panic buttons) for anyone over 65 years  
of age. You don't have to be living alone. A personal  
alarm gives you the security of pressing a button to call  
for help in the event of an emergency. It works on  
landline telephones or mobile phones. If you are  
interested in getting a personal alarm, please telephone  
Mary on 087-6200219.

## **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

## **ROCKMOUNT NATIONAL SCHOOL**

is now accepting applications for Junior Infants for  
September 2024. Please Contact:  
[rockmountnationalschool@gmail.com](mailto:rockmountnationalschool@gmail.com) or  
065 7084599 for enrolment forms.

## **CELEBRATE NEW WETLANDS POND**

To Mark World Wetland Day in Miltown Malbay  
Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 @ 11:00 Church Car Park,  
Miltown Malbay  
Followed by Reception in Community Centre

World Wetlands Day occurs in February and the theme for  
World Wetlands Day 2024 is 'Wetlands and Human  
Wellbeing'. In advance of this global event, you are invited  
by Miltown Malbay Tidy Towns and the Local Authority  
Waters Programme (LAWPRO) to celebrate the newly  
created wetlands pond and the unveiling of a new illustrated  
sign highlighting the importance of wetlands for both  
biodiversity and people. Please join Miltown Malbay Tidy  
Towns, LAWPRO, local Councillors and others to celebrate  
this event which will be immediately followed by a reception  
in the Miltown Malbay Community Centre (Church Street).  
Please bring suitable footwear for the site visit.

Where: Church Car Park, Miltown Malbay &  
Reception in Community Centre

When: Thursday, 1st February @ 11:00 am Free Event –  
With Refreshments - All Welcome

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** Mullagh Entire Drama  
Group are busy rehearsing and will present the Comedy  
"Twenty Twenty Vision" on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb, Sun 25<sup>th</sup>  
Feb & Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> March in Mullagh Community Hall.  
More details to follow..

## **CLOTHES RECYCLING**

St. Joseph's N.S. Miltown Malbay is holding a clothes  
recycling collection on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Items for  
recycling include: clothing, household linen, sheets,  
blankets, curtains, shoes, handbags. No duvets, pillows or  
underwear please. Items to be in clean condition. Please drop  
your recycling bags to the main door of the school or into the  
bicycle shelter on or before February 12<sup>th</sup>.

## **SCHOOL ENROLMENT**

St. Joseph's N.S. Miltown Malbay is now enrolling new  
students for Sept. 2024. Enrolment Forms can be downloaded  
from our website: [www.stjosephsmm.ie](http://www.stjosephsmm.ie) and posted to the  
school. The following are our social media platforms:  
Facebook: Miltown Malbay National School Instagram:  
miltownmalbayns

## **FAMILY CARERS:**

Are you caring for a loved one at home with additional  
needs? A spouse, partner, child, close relative or  
neighbour? Then you are a family carer! Become a  
member of Family Carers Ireland, the national charity  
supporting Ireland's 500,000+ family carers  
nationwide. Contact 057 93 70221 and hear how we can  
support you or for more info visit [www.familycarers.ie](http://www.familycarers.ie).

**FLOWERS:** Sincere thanks to Emily from Floral and  
Hardy, Flowers who donated the flowers to St. Joseph's  
Church for Christmas. Míle Buíochas Emily

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112  
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749  
BASKET COLLECTION – 14/1/2024 - €1,495  
CHURCH COMMISSION COLLECTION-€435**