

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 28th January, 2024

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In Miltown Malbay Church

Readers for Next Sunday:

6 p.m. Willie Healy

12.15 p.m. Flann O'Keeffe

Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time 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 & Friday

MASS: **6 p.m. Saturday** for Noreen Coughlan, Ennis & Main Street (1st Anniversary)

MASS: **12.15 Sunday**

MOY:

MASS: **9.15 a.m. Sunday** for Paddy O'Connell, Moy

SYMPATHY to the Healy Family on the Death of Emer, who died during the week and to the O'Keeffe Family on the Death of Fr. Michael in Florida, USA. Fr. Michael's funeral will take place at a later date in Kilmurry Ibrickane parish.

Rest in Peace Emer and Fr. Michael

“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).

CANDLEMAS: Friday 2nd February is the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple, Candles will be blessed for Church and home use. Blessed candles will be available for collection on the day. A donation of €5 for a pack of six candles or €1 for each single candle is suggested to cover the material cost of the candles.

ST. BRIGID

You were a woman of peace.

You brought harmony where there was conflict.

You brought light to the darkness.

You brought hope to the downcast.

May the mantle of your peace cover those who are troubled and anxious,

and may peace be firmly rooted in our hearts and in our world.

Inspire us to act justly and to reverence all God has made.

Brigid you were a voice for the wounded and the weary.

Strengthen what is weak within us.

Calm us into a quietness that heals and listens.

May we grow each day into greater wholeness in mind, body and spirit. Amen

LOURDES NOVENA:

A novena in preparation for the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes and World Day of Prayer for the Sick will take place in the Cathedral Ennis from Saturday 3rd February to Sunday 11th February. Weekdays at 7.30pm, Saturday 11am and Sunday 11.30am. Novena prayer cards are available in the Cathedral and Ennis Parish Office. The Novena can be viewed online on the Ennis Cathedral webcam. Petitions can be left at the shrine in the Cathedral by Tuesday 6th February, that will be brought to Lourdes by Fr Tom for the feast day and World Day of Prayer for the Sick on Sunday 11th February.

This year our Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes direct from Shannon Airport will be from Friday 21st June to Wednesday 26th June and our Autumn Pilgrimage from Monday 30th September to Saturday 5th October.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2024

Direct flights to Mostar-Medjugorje

Shannon to Medjugorje in Half the Time

28th Aug – 4th Sept 2024

4th – 11th Sept 2024

€805 – Price increases to €855 after 2nd February

7 Night Group Pilgrimage with James Considine

Fr. Martin Shanahan as Spiritual Director

Further information from James Considine:

065 9059328 or 085 7385385

ST BRIGID'S DAY – 1ST OF FEBRUARY

Legend holds that Brigid made her first cross from rushes she picked from the floor as she visited a pagan chieftain who was dying. While sitting by his bed she began to weave the rushes into the shape of a cross and tell the stories of her Christian faith.

The cross became a symbol of peace and protection, protection of animals and protection from fire and disease and a blessing for home and hearth. Crosses were exchanged too in times of clan feuds as a sign of reconciliation. From that time Irish people have never ceased to weave these crosses. These rushes represent our hopes, our dreams, our gifts and our efforts in working towards a more caring society.

Look. She is gathering the dreams to weave something new. She gathers our rushes of sorrow and gladness, of happiness and pain, tears and laughter, kindness and caring, of voluntary groups and organisations, of families, relations and friends, of schools and hospitals, of work and sport and recreation, and all the little words and deeds offered in hope, in faith and in love. She is weaving them all with loving hands into a new form, a richer and more beautiful creation.

God, too weaves patiently and persistently with the rushes of our lives. He invites us to keep offering him the shreds of our suffering and the stuff of our dreams and to take our place beside him to weave the shape of new creation.

FCJ Spirituality House – An Teach Spioradála, Spanish Point (V95E0W7)

- **Movie Season returns!** An open invite to share our movie collection in a gentle friendly atmosphere. 8 weeks starting January 31st No charge. Weekly one movie shared Wed 7pm, repeated Thurs 4pm.
- **There is Time for All Things:** Wed Jan 31st, A time to dance. 7-8pm one hour prayerful reflection for all who care for others in parish, family or community. No charge. All welcome.
- **Jimmy Crowley and Eve Telford** in concert. Sat Feb 3rd 8pm. Tickets €15 on door. All welcome
- Clócha Bríd: Storytelling and reflection about life lessons from St Brigid's cloak. With Maria Gillen.
- Feb 4th 2-5pm €20 donation requested.
- **Martina Lehane Sheehan.** From Feb 15th on Thursday evenings: An online 8 week course: Trellis for the Soul: A vision of hope for challenging times.
- **Deirdre Ní Chinneide and Nóirín Lynch:** Anois teacht and Earraigh. Weekend retreat with Brigid welcoming Spring. Fri Feb 9-Sun 11th

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.

ROCKMOUNT NATIONAL SCHOOL

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

CELEBRATE NEW WETLANDS POND

To Mark World Wetland Day in Miltown Malbay
Thursday, 1st February 2024 @ 11:00 Church Car Park, Miltown 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

CLOTHES RECYCLING

St. Joseph's N.S. Miltown Malbay is holding a clothes recycling collection on Monday 12th 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 12th.

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.stjosephsimm.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 or visit www.familycarers.ie

CONCERTINA CRUINNIÚ: The 12th annual Concertina Cruinniú, organised by Oidhreacht an Chláir, will take place on February 9-12. Early Bird registration for €70 (covering two days' tuition and admission to all events except the Saturday night concert with the renowned group *Altan*) is available up to January 31; registration thereafter €85. Register and pay online at www.concertinacruinniú.ie, where all programme details are set out.

MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION – 21/1/2024 - €1,757.50