

**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 The Baptism of the Lord Year B 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2024**

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**In Miltown Malbay Church**

**Readers for Next Sunday:**

6 p.m. Caragh Vaughan

12.15 p.m. John G. Devitt

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

**LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK:**

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

**MASS:** **10 a.m.** – Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

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

**MASS:** **6 p.m. Saturday** for Dan Jamieson, Spanish Point (Months Mind)

**MASS:** **12.15 Sunday** for Donie & Margaret O'Loughlin, Milford (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary for Donie)

**MOY:**

**MASS:** **9.15 a.m. Sunday** for Michael Flanagan, Carrowntedaun, Lahinch & Ennis (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**MASS BOUQUETS FOR MISSIONVALE:**

Sincere thanks for your kind donations to Missionvale at Christmas. €1,230 was raised. Míle Buíochas

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:**

Pastoral Council Meeting on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January at 8pm

**BLOOD DONOR CLINIC** in the Falls Hotel,

Ennistymon on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> January.

Please give blood.

**NEW PRINCIPAL IN MILTOWN N.S.**

We warmly welcome Mr. Joe O'Reilly our New Principal and we wish him well as he begins in our school.

**REFLECTION:**

You are the salt of the earth,  
You are the light of the world,  
together we are the body of Christ.  
As a baby you were baptised in Christ,  
at seven years you were invited to eat  
from the altar of God,  
and later the church confirmed the gift of God's  
Spirit given to you.  
Go now from this holy place,  
Treasure in your heart the wonder of who you are  
and may the words you have heard here ever echo  
in you mind.  
You are the salt of the earth,  
You are the light of the world,  
Together we are the body of Christ.

**RECENTLY MARRIED:** Warm Congratulations to Colm Galvin and Órlaith Kelly who were married in St. Joseph's Church last week-end.

**MILTOWN NATIONAL SCHOOL:**

At the end of last year, our Principal, Mr. Aidan Looney retired. Mr. Looney gave outstanding service to the children in our school over all the years planting seeds in many young hearts and minds that yielded a great harvest. A great lover of music and football, he tried to preserve and consolidate the traditions of our community. With the other members of staff he forged links with the parish through the school concert and many fundraising efforts for noble causes most notably the annual Shoe Box Appeal. In recent times he has put enormous energy into the MUGA Project which will be a huge recourse for our children and this community into the future. We thank you Mr. Looney for your great work over the years and we wish you and Kate and your family well as you begin your retirement. May the seeds you have sowed with great love continue to blossom in the years ahead. Míle Bríochas from everyone in our community,

**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

**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

**THE OLD KILFARBOY SOCIETY:**

On Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024 the Old Kilfarboy Society will host a talk on the The Fanore School Case presented by Joe Queally. At the Centre of the 'Fanore School Case' 1914-1922, was Michael O'Shea, principal teacher at Fanore National School, who was dismissed from his post in 1914 by the School Manager Fr Patk Keran, allegedly for refusing to marry the assistant teacher in the school at the priests request.

Joe Queally is a native of Fanore, North Clare. For the past fifty years he has been living in the parish of Doorra Barefield. He has been involved in community affairs, and his interests include the Gaa, Swimming, Mountain Climbing, Walking, Running, Cycling Traditional Music, Local History. He is involved with the RNLi Lifeboats as Chairman of the Ennis branch for forty years. Books Published; The Fanore School Case 1914-1922(Ennis, 2004, second edition 2016). Echoes From A Civil War; The Killing of Guard Thomas Dowling 1925. The Tullycrine Box Bomb 1929(Ennis 2021). Documentaries; Schools Out. RTE 1 2004. The Banner Bomb, 2010.

The talk will take place in the Malbay, Miltown Malbay at 8pm. All are welcome.

**OIDHREACHT AN CHLÁIR:** A Gala Concert in aid of Oidhreacht an Chláir will be held on **Saturday, January 13** at 8.30 p.m. in the Community Centre, featuring renowned fiddler and composer Maurice Lennon, a founding member of Stockton's Wing and winner of Gradam Ceoil TG4 Cumadóir na Bliana /Composer of the Year, 2023, with Ciara Brennan & Chris Dawson, and the Shaskeen Céilí Band (Tom Cussen, Eamonn Cotter, Geraldine Cotter, Mary Liddy, Katie Theasby, Dave Sanders, Patsy McDonagh, Johnny Donnellan) with their unique mix of music and song, together with the champion Eugene Donnellan Set Dancers and Bríd O'Donohue as Bean an Tí. Tickets €25 available from the usual outlets or online at [www.oac.ie](http://www.oac.ie) or at 087-688-1650.

**FREE ONLINE CHAIR YOGA CLASSES WITH CLARE LIBRARIES**

Join yoga teacher Trish Cleary for a series of 4 Chair Yoga classes from the comfort of your own home. These online classes will take place from 11am – 12pm on the following dates:

Thursdays 11/01, 18/01, 25/01 & 01/02/2024

Chair yoga is a gentle form of yoga that can be done while sitting on a chair or standing on the ground and using the chair for support. This exercise can help to keep the body supple and healthy, reduce stress and improve mental health. In order to take part, participants will require remote access to zoom. Please book your place by calling Kilrush Library on 065 9051504 or by emailing [kilrush@clarelibrary.ie](mailto:kilrush@clarelibrary.ie) and the zoom link to join the classes will be forwarded to you.

**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

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION** – 31/12/2023 - €1,930

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