

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 Lent Year B 18th February, 2024

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In Miltown Malbay Church

Readers for Next Sunday: 6 p.m. Martina Murphy
12.15 p.m. Mary Jo Fennell-Clarke

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Lent Year B

LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Miltown: (www.miltownmalbayparish.ie webcam)

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

MASS: **6 p.m. Saturday** for Bridie Fahey, Ennis Road (1st Anniversary)

MASS: **12.15 Sunday – Grouped Anniversary**

Masses

Eilín & Micheál Ó Frighil, Spanish Pt. Rd.
Michael Cleary, 'Dunvarna', Spanish Point
Michael & Margaret Cleary, Fr. Brendan & Gerald Cleary, Ennis Road
John Kennelly, Dunsallagh West
Mickie & Mary McMahan, Knocklisrane
Nell McMahan, Clohanmore

MOY:

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

NOTICE: Please note there will be no Liturgy of the Word on this Monday 19th February in St. Joseph's Church.

“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).

DAILY LENTEN MESSAGES:

Brief (less than one minute) daily multi-media spiritual reflections from Bishop Fintan will be available on the various social media platforms every day for Lent, Holy Week and the Easter Octave. Subscribe (at no cost – just click on the subscribe button) to <https://www.youtube.com/@BishopFintanMonahan> to keep up to date with many events around the diocese and beyond.

REFLECTION

Lent can be more than a time of fasting; it can be a season of feasting. We can use Lent to fast from certain things and to feast on others. It is a season in which we can:

FAST from judging others;	FEAST on the Christ within them.
FAST from emphasis on differences;	FEAST on the unity of life.
FAST from apparent darkness;	FEAST on the reality of light.
FAST from thoughts of illness;	FEAST on the healing power of God.
FAST from words that pollute;	FEAST on phrases that purify.
FAST from discontent;	FEAST on gratitude.
FAST from pessimism;	FEAST on optimism.
FAST from worry;	FEAST on divine order.
FAST from complaining;	FEAST on appreciation.
FAST from negatives;	FEAST on affirmatives.
FAST from unrelenting pressures;	FEAST on unceasing prayer.
FAST from hostility;	FEAST on non-resistance.
FAST from bitterness;	FEAST on forgiveness.
FAST from self-concern	FEAST on compassion for others.
FAST from personal anxiety;	FEAST on eternal Truth.
FAST from discouragement;	FEAST on hope.
FAST from facts that depress;	FEAST on verities that uplift.
FAST from lethargy;	FEAST on enthusiasm.
FAST from thoughts that weaken;	FEAST on promises that inspire.
FAST from shadows of sorrow;	FEAST on the sunlight of serenity.
FAST from idle gossip;	FEAST on purposeful silence.

TROCAIRE LENTEN CAMPAIGN

The Trócaire Lenten Campaign began on Ash Wednesday. Trócaire boxes are available in the porches of both churches. Remembering the People of the Third World is a central plank of Lent. Leaving the Trócaire Box in a prominent place in the house helps us to remember.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION-LENTEN SERIES: A Lenten Adult Faith Formation series entitled “Scripture as a Pathway to Faith” will take place in the Community Centre, Kilrush on Wednesday 21st, 28th February & March 6th & 13th. Time 8 pm- 9.15pm each night. This will be a very gentle reflection on the gift of the Word of God in the Bible & how it can connect with our lives.

PRIESTS LENTEN COLLECTION is being taken up this week-end. Envelopes are in our boxes.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES

This year the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes is from Friday 21st June to Wednesday 26th June.

Cost 899pp sharing .

Booking can be made with joewalshstours.ie or 01 2410800

The Diocese will be able to bring 24 assisted pilgrims, for more information on this section, please contact Fr Tom

Ryan Pilgrimage Director, 087 2349816 or

tfryan.ennis@gmail.com

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

ROCKMOUNT NATIONAL SCHOOL

is now accepting applications for Junior Infants for

September 2024. Please Contact:

rockmountnationalschool@gmail.com or

065 7084599 for enrolment forms.

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

RINEEN N.S. is now accepting enrolments for

September 2024. Please phone the school on 065-

7084534 or email principal@rineenschool.com for an

enrolment application form.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED:

Do you have 2-3 HOURS A MONTH to volunteer to help out with the Friday Community Coffee Morning, held in the community centre from 10.30 to 11.30 each week. If so, we would love to hear from you.

Text or call 086 0611147

Miltown Malbay St Patricks Day Parade - The Miltown Malbay St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Sunday the 17th of March, starting at 2.30pm. This year's theme is "*Sporting Heroes and Traditions*". All parade participants are requested to meet at the E-Town/Miltown National School from 1.30pm on the day, as the Parade will commence from this location.

Clare County Council have kindly given us the use of the "The Malbay Hub" to those with ASD and their families to take a break from the hustle and bustle of the parade, with sensory kit and ear defenders on site.

This is an amazing fun day for all the family with live music, face painting, prizes for best floats/walking groups/window displays and lots more. Your attendance and support would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Michael 085 758 0101 or Johnny on 087 905 5748 to learn more or if you wish to be part of the parade.

100 YEARS YOUNG:

Many congratulations to Dot Shannon Bolster, Spanish Point who celebrated her 100th birthday on Tuesday, February 13th. We wish Dot good health and happiness on reaching this special milestone birthday.

MULLAGH ENTIRE DRAMA GROUP are busy rehearsing and will present the Comedy "Twenty Twenty Vision" Martin O'Donohoe on Friday 23rd Feb, Sun 25th Feb & Sat 2nd March in Mullagh Community Hall. Doors open at 7pm, Curtains at 8pm. All are welcome to come along for a great night's entertainment.

COOKING CLASSES: Would you like to know how to cook healthy, budget friendly meals? LCETB are running a 10 week cooking class, starting Thursday 29th February in Miltown Malbay Campus. Suitable for beginners and those experienced in the kitchen. For further information or to book a place phone Arlene on 086-0319160

SMARTPHONE SKILLS: Would you like to get the most out of your smartphone? LCETB are running a 10 week Smartphone Skills class starting Monday 4th March in Miltown Malbay Campus. For further information or to book a place phone Arlene on 086-0319160.

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.

SCHOOL ENROLMENT:

Tá Gaelscoil Iosef Naofa ag glacadh le daltaí nua le haghaidh Meán Fómhair 2024 anois.

Gaelscoil Iosef Naofa, Moy is now enrolling new students for September 2024. Enrolment Forms can be downloaded from our website: www.gaelscoilimagh.ie or contact the school on 0657081553 or email: scoiliosef@gmail.com for further information.

MILTOWN GAA MEMBERSHIP:

Miltown GAA are now starting our membership drive for 2024 and hope that you will once again be part of your club. We are constantly working to upgrade our facilities and support for all our teams from U6 to Senior level. We have some big projects coming up over the next while and your support is very much appreciated.

1. Training Pitch development .
 2. Extension and refurbishment of the club gym.
 3. Upgrade of lighting on Club Walking track
(Now complete)
 4. Replacement of netting behind both goals.
 6. Replacement of all Floodlight bulbs (now complete)
 7. Installation of PV panels to reduce energy costs
 8. Replacement of astroturf in both goalmouths
- To arrange membership please contact 087 9739566.

MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION – 11/2/2024 - €1,785