

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

**Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2024**

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**In Miltown Malbay Church**

**Readers for Next Sunday:** 6 p.m. Martina Rynne  
12.15 p.m. John G. Devitt

**Next Sunday is the Sixth 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**

**MASS:** **12.15 Sunday** for Eliza Siobhan O'Dwyer Mullagh Road (1<sup>st</sup> Anniverary)

**MOY:**

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

**“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).

**Mass for Temperance Sunday & World Day of Prayer for the Sick** will be broadcast next Sunday 11 February 2024 at 11am on RTÉ TV & Radio.

**ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, SPANISH POINT:**

Cormac and Ellen wish to say a huge thank you for your wonderful contributions for South Africa on last week-end. €1,100 was raised. Míle Buíochas

**RECENTLY MARRIED:** Warm Congratulations to Dan Murrihy and Mary Moran who married in St. Joseph's Church on Friday

**REFLECTION**

**A lonely place**

Jesus often went off to a lonely place to pray. Yet the same Jesus who prayed in lonely places said, 'When you pray, go into your room, and pray to your Father in secret.' This means that the lonely place is not necessarily a place far away, or that by 'room' he means four walls that separate us physically from others. The room is the room of our innermost heart. This room is with us at all times. We should make it a place to which we can go to find rest and spiritual recovery when the world is too much with us. Then we will discover that the inner room is not empty after all, but is occupied by the God of love who dwells in us all.

**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  
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

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

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

**DIVINE MERCY CONFERENCE:** Day return bus to Divine Mercy Conference, RDS, Dublin on Saturday 24th February. Fantastic international speakers, great day of spiritual inspiration and refreshment. €70 for bus and entry ticket. Contacts: text please Karen 087-4160385 or Seamus 087-2752578 for enquiries and bookings.

**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](mailto:rockmountnationalschool@gmail.com) or 065 7084599 for enrolment forms.

**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](http://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](http://www.familycarers.ie)

**CONCERTINA CRUINNIÚ, 2024:** The 12<sup>th</sup> Concertina Cruinniú organised by Oidhreacht an Chláir, with continued support from the Arts Council, will be held on February 9-11, comprising classes for all grades, lectures and recitals, and free public sessions. The **Gala Concert** on Saturday 10, at 8.30 pm in the Community Centre, will feature, for the first time in Miltown, the renowned group **ALTAN** (Mairéad Ní Mhaonaigh, Daithí Sproule, Martin Tourish, Ciarán Curran, Mark Kelly and Clare Friel), preceded by Pádraic Keane and Andrea Pelandri. The lectures and recitals are (1) *Remembering Howard Marshall* (author of *Out of Darkness*), with Ben Taylor and tunes from Liam O'Brien and Sean Neylon, followed by the Clare launch of "*What Ireland can teach the world about music and other essays*" by Toner Quinn, with readings from the book and tunes from Toner, Malachy Burke (Fiddle) and Stephen McFarlane (Guitar) ( *Friday, 8.30 pm, Community Centre*), (2) Lecture, Dr Aoife Granville "*Contemporary Thoughts on Irish Traditional Music and Song*" (Saturday, 2.30pm, Community Centre), and (3) an intimate short Concert in The Listening Room featuring Noel Hill & Seán Óg Potts (Saturday, 5.00-6.00pm, Westbridge).

**Free public sessions: Saturday, 3.00pm – 4.30pm:** Open Junior Session led by Liam O'Brien & Brid O'Donohue (St Joseph's National School); Open Intermediate Session led by Josephine Marsh & Bernie Geraghty (Community Centre); and Open Adult Session led by Claire Keville & John Weir (Clancy's Bar); and on **Sunday, 2.30pm-5.30pm:** Songs and Tunes with Tim Dennehy, Róisín White, Máire Ní Ghráda, Déirdre Scanlon & Maeve Donnelly (The Forge at the Players Bar), plus Cosán Ceoil (Friday & Saturday nights, 10.00pm in selected pubs).

**CLARE OLDER PEOPLE'S VOLUNTEER OF THE YEAR AWARD 2024:**

The search is on again to recognise those who give their time, energy and skills to help others in the local community. For a nomination form please email: [agefriendlyclare@clarecoco.ie](mailto:agefriendlyclare@clarecoco.ie) or telephone (065) 6846240 or visit [www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/age-friendly-programme/age-friendly-county/](http://www.clarecoco.ie/services/community/age-friendly-programme/age-friendly-county/) Nomination forms must be submitted by **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024.**

**BEEF PLAN MOVEMENT** is hosting a free meeting to discuss the recent 5 stars on various cattle breeds, we will have several Breed Societies and A.I. Rep and TD's attending. This meeting will be chaired by Joseph Woulfe West County Hotel Tuesday the 6th of February at 7.30pm

**COOKING CLASSES:** Would you like to know how to cook healthy, budget friendly meals? LCETB are running a 10 week cooking class, starting Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> March in Miltown Malbay Campus. For further information or to book a place phone Arlene on 086-0319160

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749**

**BASKET COLLECTION** – 28/1/2024 - €1,488

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday