

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

**Fourth Sunday of Lent Year B 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

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**In Miltown Malbay Church**

**Readers for Next Sunday:**

6 p.m. Gerard Lenihan

12.15 p.m. Anne Downes

**Next Sunday is the Feast of St. Patrick – Day of Prayer for Emigrants 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** – **Grouped Anniversary**

**Masses**

Michael Murrehy, London & Knockbrack  
Kitty, Mick & Michael Cleary, Kilcorcoran  
Jim Marrinan, Main Street  
J.C. & Mary Ann Malone, Glendine  
Pat & Kevin Costello  
John & Barbara Jackson  
Gus Fitzgerald, Ballard Road

**MASS:** **12.15 in Miltown** for Jacinta Archer,  
Clonanaha (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**MOY:**

**MASS:** **9.15 a.m. Sunday** for Deceased Members  
of the Hanrahan Family, Moybeg

**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.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our Faith Community Faye Anna Hennessy who was baptised in St. Joseph's Church last week-end.

**COFFEE MORNING** in Aid of Galway Hospice on the 20<sup>th</sup> March in the Atlantic Hotel after the 10 a.m. Mass in Lahinch. Contact Kay Queally 087 7423891

**MOTHER'S DAY**

A very happy Mother's Day to all our Mothers on this week-end. I love Paddy Kavanagh's poem in Memory of my mother.

**In memory of my mother**

**Died November 10<sup>th</sup>, 1945**

You will have the road gate open, the front door ajar  
the kettle boiling and a table set  
by the window looking out at the sycamores –  
and your loving heart lying in wait  
for me coming up among the poplar trees.  
You'll know my breathing and my walk  
and it will be a summer evening on those roads  
lonely with leaves of thought.  
We will be choked with the grief of things growing,  
the silence of dark-green air  
life too rich – the nettles, docks and thistles  
all answering the prodigal's prayer.  
You will know I am coming though I send no word  
for you were lover who could tell  
a man's thoughts – my thoughts – though I hid them –  
through you I know Woman and did not fear her spell.  
Patrick Kavanagh (1904-67)

**"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).

**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 March 13<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### **FIRST CONFESSION:**

Warm Congratulations to all our Children who received First Confession during the week. Sincere thanks to Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. Garrahy and Mrs. Lynch O'Brien for their wonderful preparation of the Children. Sincere thanks also to Claire and Gerry for the music.

### **KILLALOE DIOCESE:**

Finance meeting in Kilrush Golf Club on Thursday March 14<sup>th</sup> at 7.30p.m.

### **TROCAIRE:**

Please keep Trocaire in mind and the Trocaire Box in our families as we journey through Lent, a few euros can make a huge difference.

**SIA COLLECTION** supporting our Irish abroad will be taken up on St. Patrick's Day. Envelopes are in our boxes.

### **ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, SPANISH PT.**

Well done to the wonderful ladies in St. Joseph's who won the Munster Final this week. Warm Congratulation to all the Players and their Mentors. Best of luck in the All Ireland Semi Final.

### **KILLALOE DIOCESE PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES**

Bishop Fintan will lead the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes from Shannon Airport on Friday 21st June to Wednesday 26th June, costing 899 euro pps including flight, airport transfers, airport and sanctuary taxes, full board with three meals each day. For more information and booking please contact Joe Walsh Tours 01-2410800 or email

[joewalshstours.ie](http://joewalshstours.ie)

There will be 24 places reserved for assisted pilgrims who will be cared for in the Accueil Norte Dame with medical and caring assistance. Cost 750euro. To reserve a place in this section, please contact Fr Tom Ryan, Pilgrimage Director on 087 2349816

### **THE CLARE BRANCH OF THE ALZHEIMER**

**SOCIETY** are delighted to have our Ennis Information Cafe returning on the third Wednesday of each Month, in our Ennis Centre from 11.30-13.30. Guest speaker on the 20<sup>th</sup> of March is Sharon Cahir, Solicitor, covering Planning ahead, including Enduring Power of Attorney. Join us for tea and a chat. For more information contact Linda Murphy 0879152151, e-mail : [linda.murphy@alzheimer.ie](mailto:linda.murphy@alzheimer.ie)

**THE OLD KILFARBOY SOCIETY:** The final lecture of our winter series for 2023/24 will be held on Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2024 and presented by **Críostóir Mac Cárthaigh** on **The Sea and the Supernatural - Maritime Legends of the Clare Coast**. Synopsis: A rich store of legends concerning encounters with supernatural beings and sightings of mystical islands off the coast of Clare has been preserved. The talk will explore a number of these remarkable traditions. **Venue: The Malbay, Miltown Malbay Time: 8pm Admission: €5**

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION** – 3/4/2024 - €1,791

**Miltown Malbay St Patricks Day Parade** - The Miltown Malbay St. Patrick's Day Parade will take place on Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **ATLANTIC WAVE** – Counselling & Psychotherapy:

This Free Counselling Service is offered by the Parish of Miltown Malbay to people from 18 yrs +

The following are the main areas in which support is offered:

1. Anxiety, Stress, & Depression Support
2. Personal Relationship Challenges
3. Grief & Loss Therapy
4. Mindfulness Practices
5. Support for Healing and Resilience after Traumatic Experiences
6. Life Transitions Counselling
7. Cultivating Compassion and Self Care

For more information and to book an appointment please contact Anne on 087 2180037

**VIVI L'IRLANDA** are looking for families in the Miltown Malbay/Lahinch/Ennistymon area to host Italian students over the summer months. This is an excellent opportunity to develop lifelong friendships and to experience new cultures. Dates over the summer months can be flexible. The weekly rate for host family is €330. For more information please contact Kerry 085109387 |Siobhan 0876259299.

### **Gardening Classes in Miltown Malbay**

This spring, LCETB are running two gardening classes at Miltown Malbay Campus. Grow Your Own Veg starting Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March and Gardening for Biodiversity starting Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Classes are fully funded and all materials are provided. To book a place phone Arlene on 086-0319160.

### **SEAFIELD SAND DUNES BIODIVERSITY PLAN**

Seafield Conservation Forum has received funding support from Community Finance Ireland to develop the first Community Biodiversity Action Plan for Seafield sand dunes. Developed by an expert ecologist, the plan will provide a blueprint of actions to guide sand dune restoration and conservation work over the next five years. Developing the plan is also an essential first step in fostering national stakeholder support and recognition for climate adaptation measures for Seafield. Addressing coastal erosion is essential, particularly given the pattern of coastal flooding projected to impact Seafield and the wider Kilmurphy Ibrickane shoreline in the coming years. Once complete, Seafield Conservation Forum will share the contents of the Biodiversity Plan online.