

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter Year B 28<sup>th</sup> April, 2024**

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**In Miltown Malbay Church**

**Readers for Next Sunday:** 6 p.m. Caragh Vaughan  
12.15 p.m. Flann O'Keefe

**Next Sunday is the Sixth Sunday of Easter 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: 6p.m. Saturday** for Anne & Gerry O'Malley,  
Knocklisrane (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary for Anne)

**MASS: 12.15 Sunday** for Cathy Sexton,  
Church Road (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**MOY:**

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

**TROCAIRE:** Our contributions to Trócaire can still be  
handed in over the coming days.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY:** First Holy Communion  
in Miltown on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 11 a.m.

**REFLECTION:**

I want you to imagine in front of you a most wonderful tree. This tree represents our parish. From its trunk we can tell its age. Over the years it has weathered many a storm, including recent times. Many branches are strong and sturdy, some are worse for wear others are young and are braving the elements.

Each branch represents an area of our parish and of our belief system. Take a moment to become aware of this tree and the many different areas of our parish that it symbolises. Many branches are obvious. Others are tucked away from sight, but all contribute to the overall grandeur of the tree. You may wish to stand back from it and admire it or you may wish to sit under it with your back to the trunk and feel the massive support therein.

You may find as you look at this tree, its branches its leaves, that some of the leaves have withered and turned brown. There are signs that from time to time branches have fallen off. Over time many branches have grown old and decayed and have fallen to the base of the tree. Others have been cut off. These leaves and branches, though decayed and rotten, have replenished the earth and nourished the roots of the tree.

Become aware of the strength that comes with having secure roots that are constantly being nourished. Nothing is ever lost. Every idea our parish has had, whether used or discarded, has led to where we are today and to who we are today. Many ideas have blown in on the wind. Some have remained. Others have been blown around elsewhere, only to be replenished and recycled and to come back stronger than ever.

Each branch represents some aspect of parish life. Some are very strong and support smaller branches and leaves. But all the branches are needed to give this parish its identity and to support and comfort all who come within its compass. This tree has room for us all. All of our ideas and needs will hopefully find support and nourishment here. The firm trunk represents our faith, which is deeply rooted in our belief in Jesus Christ and in the scriptures – the Good News which gives us our depth, and the nourishment and support that we need. Each new branch and leaf that appears shows our learning, our growth and our faith development.

Over the years the shape of the tree has changed. It will need to continue to change, to suit the environment and the needs of the day. It will need to be pruned and fed, so that it continues to provide the best nourishment and support for those who depend on it.

Similarly, as a parish we too will need to change. We need to be open to new ideas and viewpoints that are different from our own, in order to keep alive and productive the great gift of faith and community that we have here in our parish. (Anne Daly)

**MULLAGH APOSTOLIC WORK** will hold their Annual Display and sale of work this Sunday 28th April. Any home baking, jams etc would be appreciated. Raffle on the day. Thanking you for your generous support always.

**CANTARE CHOIR** with Orchestra Summer Concert featuring Vivaldi's Gloria (RV589), Summer from The Four Seasons and lots more classic string pieces - May 11th, 8pm, SS Peter and Paul Cathedral, Ennis - a glorious start to your summer! Tickets available online at [www.glor.ie](http://www.glor.ie) or from Glór box office - 065 6843103. In support of Pieta House and Sláinte an Chláir. See you there!

**MILFORD CARE CENTRE** will be hosting its annual **Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at Our Lady Help of Christians Church, Castletroy, on Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup> 2024 at 3pm** for those people who have died under our care in Milford Care Centre and across our community services. We hope that you may wish to join with us and we look forward to sharing with you in this service of remembrance and thanksgiving. Please feel free to invite family and friends to join you in solidarity and support.

**FCJ Spirituality House, Spanish Point, Co Clare.**  
**We are looking for a cook to join our team.**

We offer retreats for small groups (10 – 14 people) by the sea. This work is mainly on weekends, but also includes week-long retreats from May to October. Hours are normally 20 – 30 hours per week on payroll. Please contact Noirin at [info@fcjspiritualityhouse.ie](mailto:info@fcjspiritualityhouse.ie) or 087 447 9115 for more details.

**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 [jowalsh@tours.ie](mailto:jowalsh@tours.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

**NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE:**

The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May in Knock Shrine. The pilgrimage begins with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30pm, followed by Mass at 3pm and Rosary Procession after Mass, weather permitting. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE 2024:** Direct flights to Mostar, Shannon to Medjugorje in half the time. 22nd May to 29th May €845 or 28th Aug – 4th Sept 2024 or 4th – 11th Sept 2024. €855 – 7 night group pilgrimage with James Considine. Fr. Martin Shanahan as Spiritual Directors. Contact James 065 9059328 or 085 7385385.

**LEAVING CERT FRENCH Revision Course (Higher Level)** in Inagh Community Centre to prepare for written paper. Dates available -Monday MAY 6th OR Saturday MAY 11th from 2.30 pm to 5.30pm. 087 9537597 for further information.

**LOUGH DERG**

**SANCTUARY OF SAINT PATRICK**

**2024 PILGRIMAGE SEASON**

**Three Day Pilgrimage**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May until Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> August

**Quiet Day**

Pilgrims can begin pilgrimage on any day until Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> August

**Lakeshore Pilgrimage** along the pilgrim Path

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> September

**Residential Retreat**

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> – Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> July

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> August

**One Day Retreat**

Beginning Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May

August Beginning Saturday 17<sup>th</sup>

September Beginning Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup>

Information on all of the above on [www.loughderg.org](http://www.loughderg.org)

**Burren Outdoor Retreat: Saturday 4th to Monday**

**6<sup>th</sup> May:** Would you like to come on a guided journey through the Burren with its limestone pavements, rare flora and ancient sacred sites? Let the beauty of the amazing Burren landscape renew you in body and soul. Information: Mary 087 970 1130. Booking: Noirin 087 447 9115.

**ART CLASS in Miltown Malbay:** Are you interested in exploring your creative side? LCETB are running a Visual Art course starting Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 3pm-5pm. During this course you will learn how to create a piece of art from idea to finished piece. This course is free and all materials will be provided. To book a place phone Arlene on 086-0319160

**OIDHREACT AN CHLÁIR:** Join us for a *Night of Songs and Tunes* on Friday, May 10, 8.00 -10.00 p.m. in Áras OaC, Flag Road, with Pádraic Mac Mathúna (uilleann pipes), Noel O'Grady (bouzouki), Joe Thoma (fiddle) and Niamh Ní Cheannabháin (amhráin), with Tim Dennehy as Fear an Tí. Fáilte roimh chách. Admission free.

**PURSE** found in the Church last week-end owner can contact the Parish office.

**DATE FOR YOUR DIARY - MILTOWN & KIB**

**PARISHES:** Joint Parish Social in the Westbridge

Miltown Malbay on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May at 9.30 p.m.

Music with P.J. Murríhy & Seamus Murríhy.

All are welcome. Finger food will be served.

**BEST OF LUCK** to Conor Cleary and the Clare Hurlers against Cork on this week-end.

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION** – 21/4/2024 - €2,231