

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

The Ascension of the Lord (World Communications Day) Year B 12th May, 2024

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In Miltown Malbay Church

Readers for Next Sunday: 6 p.m. Caroline O'Rourke
12.15 p.m. Anne Downes

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday Year B

LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Miltown: (www.miltownmalbayparish.ie webcam)

Monday: 10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with
Holy Communion

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

MASS: 11 a.m. Saturday – First Holy Communion

MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday – Grouped Anniversary
Masses

Michael Lenihan, Ballinoe
Susan & Tommy Donnellan & Deceased
Members of the Donnellan Family, Toureen

MASS: 12.15 Sunday

MOY:

MASS: 9.15 a.m. Sunday for Nora Hennessy &
Deceased Members of the Talty &
Hennessy Families

REMEMBRANCE: Our Prayers are asked for the
Repose of the Soul of Celia Comyns, Clonbony
who died during the week. Rest in Peace Celia

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION for the Children
of the Parish on Saturday 18th of May at 11 a.m.
All are welcome

MAY IS SAFEGUARDING MONTH IN THE

DIocese of Killaloe: Since Covid we are seeing
ministry with children, such as pray and play, Altar Servers etc
returning in the parishes. The Diocese ensures that all children
involved in parish activities are safe and cared for. We have in
place, parental / guardian consent forms for all activities, code
of conduct for both children & adults, sign in and out registers,
gardai vetting for all adult helpers / leaders. Visit
www.killaloe-diocese.ie/safeguarding to find out more.

REFLECTION:

Ascensions into heaven are like falling leaves
sad and happy all at the same time
Going away isn't really sad especially when your going
enables a new kind of presence to be born.

Long have the leaves known the trees
They've danced together in the wind days upon days.
But now, growing older and wiser, they know they can't
cling to the trees forever. And so they say good-bye
falling to the ground waiting for the mystery of death
to transform them into nourishment for the earth.

And the trees?
They stand alone for one short season but they are at peace,
waiting for another mystery to enfold them with its presence.

When I saw you leaving I covered my face with my heart
Oh, the ache of letting go but then I remembered the trees
and so I stood in peace remembering your return.

When you come back we will be new for each other.
Much will have happened in our lives. There will be more
for each of us to love more for each of us to know.
The Spirit will have left a footprint in our lives, and we will
be excited like a new leaf come home to a tree!

MILFORD CARE CENTRE will be hosting its annual
Service of Remembrance and Thanksgiving at Our Lady
Help of Christians Church, Castletroy, on Sunday May
12th 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.

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.

THE CLARE BRANCH OF THE ALZHEIMER SOCIETY continues its Information Cafe on the third Wednesday of each Month, in our Ennis Centre, V95P9V9, from 11.30-13.30. Next Cafe is on the 15th of May, with guest speaker Sarah Curran, senior Speech and Language Therapist with the HSE, covering Swallowing Issues/Dysphagia. Join us for tea and a chat. For more information contact Linda Murphy 0879152151, e-mail : linda.murphy@alzheimer.ie

ACCORD ENNIS have Marriage Preparation Courses available on the following dates:
13th & 14th September 2024
18th & 19th October 2024
08th & 09th November 2024
29th & 30th November 2024

PURSE found in the Church week-end of the 21st April owner can contact the Parish office.

EMPLOY ABILITY CLARE:

If you have an illness, disability or any extra support needs and would like some help to find work, Employ Ability Clare can assist you. For further information, contact Karen on (087) 9934423 or email karen@employabilityclare.ie or log on to www.employabilityclare.ie

FCJ Spirituality House, Spanish Point, Co Clare – A beautiful and simple place by the sea, where people come to rest and find God in all things.

- A few places have become available on our 6 and 8 day directed retreats across the summer. These are normally booked out well in advance, so please contact us directly to book for May, June or October.
- We will host a Creative Writing weekend and an Ashram Experience in May and only 2 places remain for each. These popular weekends are a great opportunity to come by the sea for nourishment and inspiration.
- We are offering 2 weeks in the summer when people can come for rest and ease or personal retreats.

Please contact us if you'd like to pay in instalments or need support. www.fcjspiritualityhouse.ie / info@fcjspiritualityhouse.ie / 087 447 9115.

BEALTAINE FESTIVAL AT MILTOWN

MALBAY LIBRARY: As a celebration of Bealtaine festival Miltown Malbay library are screening the film 'The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry' on Thursday 16th May at 6pm. This is a FREE event and all are welcome. Further details available at 065-7084822 or miltown@clarelibrary.ie

MILTOWN MALBAY COMMUNITY CENTRE:

Miltown Malbay Community Centre will host its first Social Dancing night on Friday, May 17th at 9pm. Join Michael Sexton in what promises to be a great night of entertainment for all, with refreshments served on the night.

WRAP (Wellness Recovery Action Plan) - FREE 2 Day Course

- Evidence based wellness program designed to increase your coping skills, identify wellness tools, and manage a mental health crisis
- Identify supports, challenges and strengths to help with everyday struggles
- Identify early warning signs and actions that will help to maintain your wellness and promote healthy choices during difficult times
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WHERE: Miltown Malbay Community Centre

WHEN: Friday 07th June & Friday 14th June

TIME: 10am to 4:30pm

To Register – Email westclaremha@mentalhealthireland.ie or telephone 085 8559511

BLOOD DONATION CLINIC:

We are organising Blood Donation Clinics in **Ennistymon's Falls Hotel on Monday 13th & Tuesday 14th May from 4.50pm to 8.10pm.**

New and existing blood donors are welcome.

Appointments can be made by phoning 1800 222 111.

FOCUS IRELAND: On the Move: A Higher Calling

Join Focus Ireland's iconic climbs and help us to raise vital funds to support those experiencing homelessness in our communities. Our Carrauntoohil hike takes place on June 15th or Croagh Patrick on June 16th. Alternatively, organise your own hiking challenge with your family or friends. Contact Niamh 087 489 1974 or email events@focusireland.ie

NATIONAL VOLUNTEERING WEEK: Connecting Clare Communities are celebrating National Volunteering Week on Thursday the 23rd of May with a Volunteer Expo in the Woodstock Hotel Ennis. Come along at any time between 4-7pm to discover a wide range of volunteering opportunities in Clare. Visit www.cldc.ie/ccc for full details.

PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Thursday 23rd May to the Feast of the Visitation on Friday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) @PrayforLife_ie on X and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

QUIZ NIGHT FUNDRAISER:

The Town and Country Fair will hold a quiz night in the Malbay Bar on Friday 17th at 8pm. Teams of 4. €10 per person. Live Music and Food on the night. All support greatly appreciated.

MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION – 5/5/2024 - €1,349 EDUCATION FUND COLLECTION - €385