

**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH MILTOWN MALBAY ST. MARY'S CHURCH MOY**  
**CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA**  
**CHURCH OF IRELAND – CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT**  
**Second Sunday of Lent Year C 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2025**

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**In Miltown Malbay Church**

**Readers for Next Sunday:** 6 p.m. Caroline O'Rourke  
12.15 p.m. Mary Jo Fennell Clarke

**Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Lent Year C**

**LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Miltown:** ( [www.miltownmalbayparish.ie](http://www.miltownmalbayparish.ie) webcam)

**Monday:** **St. Patrick's Day**  
Mass 9.15 a.m. in Moy  
Mass 12.15 in Miltown

**MASS:** **10 a.m.** Tuesday in Mullagh  
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**MASS:** **7 p.m. Thursday** in Miltown for  
Teresa Foley, Spanish Point Road  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)  
**Please note no 10 a.m. Mass in  
Miltown on Thursday**

**MASS:** **9 a.m.** Friday in Miltown

**MASS:** **6 p.m. Saturday**

**MASS:** **12.15 Sunday** for Mary Clancy,  
Islandbawn (Months Mind)

**MOY:**

**MASS:** **9.15 a.m. Monday – St. Patrick's Day**

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**ST. PATRICK'S DAY MASSES:**

Mass at 9.15 a.m. in Moy

Mass at 11 a.m. in Mullagh

Mass at 12.15 in Miltown

**JUBILEE YEAR 2025**

Sunset Mass for Peace at Spanish Point Beach on  
Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7.30pm. All are welcome.  
(Weather permitting).

**REFLECTION:** **Post-Communion Reflection**

**Lent: Springtime of the Spirit**

Each year the trees give us a lesson in renewal.  
First the bud, then the blossom, and finally the shoot.  
Spring dresses the trees in a new robe and makes them  
young again. But this is possible only because in  
Autumn they let go of their old leaves and in between  
endured a period of nakedness. Lent is in the  
springtime of the spirit. Lord, help us not to be afraid  
to let go of old habits and to face our spiritual poverty,  
in order that you may renew us, and so at Easter we will  
feel young again in our discipleship. (Flor McCarthy)

**The prayer of St. Patrick for his people:**

May the Strength of God guide us.  
May the Power of God preserve us.  
May the Wisdom of God instruct us.  
May the Hand of God protect us.  
May the Way of God direct us.  
May the Shield of God defend us.  
May the Angels of God guard us.  
Against the snares of the evil one.  
May Christ be with us!  
May Christ be before us!  
May Christ be in us,  
Christ be over all!  
May your Grace, Lord,  
Always be ours,  
This day, O Lord, and forevermore.  
Amen

**Parish Fast for Trócaire** on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March.

We are inviting families to take a break from  
Technology - to switch off the phone and laptop from  
6-9pm and to give the money to Trócaire. Let's think  
about doing a Positive Action for Lent.

**REMEMBRANCE:** Our Prayers are asked for the Repose of the Soul of Jimmy Malone, Moybeg who died last week-end. Rest in Peace Jimmy

**MONTHS MIND MASS** for the Late Bishop Willie Walsh (RIP) in the Cathedral on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of March at 7.30pm. Refreshments in the Maria Assumpta Hall after Mass.

**Lenten Video series for Jubilee of Hope 2025**

During the season of Lent, Holy Week and Easter Octave Bishop Fintan will share short daily messages (between 30 seconds and a minute) centred around the theme of *Hope* each day. This will be available on the main social media platforms, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, Linked-in, Bluesky, Tiktok, YouTube. The handle for most platforms is @BishopFintan Some of the messages are from Bishop Fintan and many of them will also be from various people around the diocese, clergy, laity, women and men, young and old. Welcome to view and share and happy Jubilee of Hope!

**FIRST CONFESSION:** Warm Congratulations to all our Children who received First Confession on Tuesday night last. Sincere thanks for our Teachers Ms. O'Neill, Mr. Garrahy, Ms. Harrison and Ms. Lynch for their wonderful preparation of the Children.

**CONFIRMATION** for the Young People in our four Schools in the Parish on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> of March at 11 a.m.

**PRIESTS LENTEN COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks to everyone who contributed to the Priests Lenten Collection last weekend.

**SIA – Supporting our Irish Abroad Collection** will be taken up on St. Patrick's Day. Envelopes are in our boxes.

**LOURDES JUBILEE PILGRIMAGES 2025:**

Our Diocesan Pilgrimage led by Bishop Fintan will depart Shannon Airport on Wednesday 25th June for 5 days. €955 pps includes full board .

Our Diocesan Autumn Pilgrimage is from 29th September to 4th October €935 pps includes full board. To reserve a seat please contact JOE Walsh Tours 89 Harcourt st. Dublin 2 DO2WY88 Tel: 01 2410800 or [joewalshstours.ie](http://joewalshstours.ie) for more details.

A limited number of assisted pilgrims will be accommodated on the June pilgrimage. €855 is the cost for this section. A medical declaration form must be completed and those interested in this section are asked to apply to Ms Mary Freeman , Pilgrimage Secretary 087- 9777896 or [marybfreeman@gmail.com](mailto:marybfreeman@gmail.com)

**Sponsor a Sick Pilgrim**

Each year some people sponsor a sick or assisted pilgrim to make their wish of travelling to Lourdes become a reality. The cost is € 855 per pilgrim. To sponsor or part sponsor a pilgrim please contact Fr Tom Ryan Pilgrimage Director 087 2349816

**COFFEE MORNING** in aid of Galway Hospice 19<sup>th</sup> March in the Atlantic Hotel after the 10 a.m. Mass in Lahinch. All Donations welcome. Contact Kay on 087 7243891.

**ST.PATRICK'S DAY PARADE** goes ahead this Monday at 2.30pm and the organisers hope as many people as possible can show up to support the fantastic efforts being made by local schools and many other participants, for what promises to be another great parade for all the family. There is still time to have your window painted and join in on all the fun of the day. Contact Micheál on 0868326070 with any questions.

**CEOL na nÓg Seisiún** for Saint Patrick's weekend on Sunday 16th of March from 5.30 to 7.00pm in The Westbridge, Miltown Malbay . All ages, all instruments, singers, dancers welcome.

**OIDHREACHT AN CHLÁIR:** Join us for a *Night of Songs and Tunes* on Friday, March 21, 8pm – 10pm in Áras OaC, Flag Road, with Máire O'Keefe (fiddle), Pádraic O'Reilly (keyboard) and Ann Kirrane (songs and concertina), and Tim Dennehy as Fear an Tí. Fáilte roimh chách. Admission free. Ár mbuíochas le Comhairle Contae an Chláir as a dtacaíocht.

**ALZHEIMER CAFÉ:** This month's Alzheimer Information Cafe is being held on the 19th of March, in our Ennis Centre, Cuan An Chlair, Cahercalla, from [11.30-13.30](http://11.30-13.30). This month Technologies to Enable Independent living. All welcome to join us for tea and a chat. For more information contact Linda Murphy [0879152151](tel:0879152151), e-mail : [samantha.fennel@alzheimer.ie](mailto:samantha.fennel@alzheimer.ie)

**FULLY FUNDED ADULT CLASSES:**

**Now Enrolling: Fully Funded Adult Classes:** Gardening course commencing 20th March in College of Further Education & Training, Miltown Campus. All welcome. To book a place or for more information contact 065 6897654/086 0752014 or email [antoINETTE.houlihan@lcteb.ie](mailto:antoINETTE.houlihan@lcteb.ie)

**KILMURRY IBRICKANE PARISH FUNDRAISER:**

Bingo in the Armada Hotel, Spanish Point on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> of March at 8.20pm. Prize money €3,000 pro rata. Monster Raffle on the night. We ask for your support.

**MILTOWN GAA CAR WASH:**

Members of Miltown GAA Senior panel are holding a Fundraising Car wash at Hennessy Memorial Park on Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th of March from 10am to 2pm on both days. All funds raised go towards the Quid game Fundraiser to develop a new training pitch in Spanish Point. Complimentary refreshments on offer while your car is being washed. Please come along and support the lads.

**MILTOWN MALBAY DEVELOPMENT COMPANY**

has released a brand new promo video for Miltown Malbay titled "Don't... Visit Miltown Malbay" starring local actor Micheál Healy. The video showcases some of the gorgeous scenery and local services in the town and surrounding area with a laugh or two along the way! The video can be viewed on Miltown Malbay Community Centre's Facebook page.

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112**

**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749**

**BASKET COLLECTION** 9/3/2025 - €1,475

**PRIESTS COLLECTION** - €2,725

**PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on St. Patrick's Day

**A VERY HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY EVERYONE**