

# **ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH MILTOWN MALBAY ST. MARY'S CHURCH MOY**

## **CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA**

### **CHURCH OF IRELAND – CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT**

**Third Sunday of Lent Year C 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2025**

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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 Fourth Sunday of Lent Year C - Mothers' Day**

### **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:** **9.15 a.m.** Tuesday in Mullagh

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**MASS:** **10 a.m.** Thursday in Miltown

**MASS:** **11 a.m.** Friday in Miltown  
(Please note no 10a.m. Mass on Friday)

**6 p.m. Saturday** – Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**MASS:** **12.15 Sunday** for Mary Conoult, New York & Church Street  
(Months Mind)

### **MOY:**

**9.15 a.m. Sunday** – Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**REMEMBRANCE:** Our Prayers are asked for the Repose of the Soul of Seán Torpey, Fintramore who died last week-end. Rest in Peace Seán

### **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).

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

**BAPTISMS:** We welcome into our Faith Community Oisín Michael Lynch and Dáithí Patrick Queally baptised in St. Joseph's Church last week-end.

### **Pope Francis reflecting from hospital:**

"The walls of hospitals have heard more honest prayers than churches...

They have witnessed far more sincere kisses than those in airports...

It is in hospitals that you see a homophobe being saved by a gay doctor.

A privileged doctor saving the life of a beggar...

In intensive care, you see a Jew taking care of a racist...

A police officer and a prisoner in the same room receiving the same care...

A wealthy patient waiting for a liver transplant, ready to receive the organ from a poor donor...

It is in these moments, when the hospital touches the wounds of people, that different worlds intersect according to a divine design. And in this communion of destinies, we realize that alone, we are nothing.

The absolute truth of people, most of the time, only reveals itself in moments of pain or in the real threat of an irreversible loss.

A hospital is a place where human beings remove their masks and show themselves as they truly are, in their purest essence.

This life will pass quickly, so do not waste it fighting with people.

Do not criticize your body too much.

Do not complain excessively.

Do not lose sleep over bills.

Make sure to hug your loved ones.

Do not worry too much about keeping the house spotless.

Material goods must be earned by each person—do not dedicate yourself to accumulating an inheritance.

You are waiting for too much: Christmas, Friday, next year, when you have money, when love arrives, when everything is perfect... Listen, perfection does not exist.

A human being cannot attain it because we are simply not made to be fulfilled here.

Here, we are given an opportunity to learn.

So, make the most of this trial of life—and do it now.

Respect yourself, respect others. Walk your own path, and let go of the path others have chosen for you.

Respect: do not comment, do not judge, do not interfere.

Love more, forgive more, embrace more, live more intensely! And leave the rest in the hands of the Creator."

—Pope Francis 

## **PRAYER/REFLECTION**

### **Praying for the Spirit**

Come, Holy Spirit.  
Come with strength for the weak,  
courage for the fearful,  
light for those in darkness,  
comfort for the sorrowful,  
healing for the sick and injured,  
guidance for those who are lost,  
faith for those who are in doubt,  
hope for those who have no hope,  
and love for those who have no love.

Come, Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love,  
and we shall renew the face of the earth.

**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 give the money to Trócaire. Let's think about doing a Positive Action for Lent.

**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 on Jubilee theme of Hope**

A series of videos from people around the diocese are available each day for the season of Lent on the Jubilee theme of hope on the social media platforms @BishopFintan, YouTube, TikTok, X, Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, Bluesky.

### **SIA – Supporting our Irish Abroad Collection**

Sincere thanks to everyone who supported the SIA collection on St. Patrick's Day.

### **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 [joewalshtrips.ie](http://joewalshtrips.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.

**MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES** - Direct flights to Mostar—Medjugorje from Shannon in half the time. From 21st to the 28th May and 27th to the 3rd September 2025. Cost is €875 per pilgrimage and a deposit of €200 secures your booking. These pilgrimages are with James Considine and Fr. Martin Shanahan as Spiritual Director. For further details contact James Considine on (065) 9059328 or 085 7385385.

## **SPANISH POINT COMMUNITY GROUP - SEC**

We hope you can join us for a Solar PV Information Evening at the Bellbridge House Hotel on Thursday March 27th at 8 pm and learn how solar panels can benefit your home, business, farm or community. This informative presentation by Colm Garvey will cover the basics of Solar PV energy, its cost-saving advantages and available grants to make the switch more affordable. Installers will be on hand to answer your questions and provide guidance on installation, maintenance and maximising efficiency. Whether you are considering solar for the first time or looking to expand your knowledge, this meeting is a great opportunity to explore renewable energy solutions. Don't miss out - come and be part of this clean energy initiative.

## **CLARE BRANCH OF THE KIDNEY ASSOCIATION**

will be holding our AGM on Thursday 27th of March in Cois na hAibhne at 8am. All welcome those who have kidney issues and family. Ring for more information 0863157591

**MEDJUGORJE:** Limited places available for a trip of a Lifetime ! May 14th to 21st

Fully Escorted trip to Medjugorje with Marian Pilgrimages led by Sharon O Leary and accompanied by Fr Séan Sheehy as Spiritual Director (845 euro). Complete Spiritual Programme available. Direct Return flights-Dublin. 7 nights accommodation with freshly prepared breakfast and dinner each day . For further details contact Sharon 086 0523014

**IRISH GUIDE DOGS** for the Blind collected a total of €864 at the church gate collections on 16/17

March Thank you very much for your ongoing support. It is much appreciated.

## **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@lcetb.ie](mailto:antoinette.houlihan@lcetb.ie)

**RUN THE BANNER 2025** and the Michael Egan Memorial 8k Road Race will take place on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March in Quilty starting at 11.00am.

Registrations at the Kilmurry Ibrickane GAA Clubhouse starting at 9.30am to 10. 45am and Parking at the Kilmurry Ibrickane GAA Grounds. With over 200 competitors taking part for this race. Traffic Arrangements from 11.00am to 12.00noon in the following areas, The Main Quilty - Kilrush Road , Seafield, Clohaninchy Cross, Creggane, Kilmurry, Clonadrum, all those roads will be closed for periods of the Race. So Expect Delays that Sunday. Come along and Support.

**TEA AND COFFEE MORNING** in Miltown Malbay Community Centre every Friday from 10.30 to 11.30 a.m. €2 donation. All welcome.

**MILTON/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112**

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

**BASKET COLLECTION** 16/17/3/2025 - €2,611

**SIA COLLECTION** - €713