

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

CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA

CHURCH OF IRELAND – CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT

First Sunday of Lent Year C 9th March, 2025

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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 Second Sunday of Lent Year C

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 in Mullagh

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

Michael Murrihy, London & Knockbrack

Jim Marrinan, Main Street

Gus Fitzgerald, Ballard Road

Jacinta Archer, Clonanaha

Mary Ann & J.C. Malone, Glendine

Mick, Kitty & Michael Cleary, Ballard

Malty & Mary McDonagh, Ennis Road

Annie & Jack Talty & Deceased Members of the Talty Family, Toureen

Mary Shannon, Kilfarboy West

12.15 Sunday – Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

MOY:

MASS: **9.15 a.m. Sunday - Grouped Anniversary Masses**

Dessie Fitzgerald, Tullygarvan

Michael & Catherine O'Connor, Late of Ennistymon & Moybeg

Michael & Paddy White & Deceased

Members of the White Family, Islandbawn

All Deceased Members of the Hehir Family, Lackamore

Deceased Members of the Hanrahan Family, Moybeg

REFLECTION: Fasts and Feasts for Lent

Fast from judging others, Feast on Christ living in them

Fast from darkness, Feast on the reality of light

Fast from anger. Feast on patience.

Fast from bitterness. Feast on forgiveness.

Fast on the emphasis on difference.

Feast on the unity of life.

Fast from thoughts of sickness.

Feast on the healing hand of God.

Fast from worry. Feast on the providence of God.

Fast from pessimism. Feast on optimism.

Fast from negatives. Feast on the affirmation.

Fast from complaining. Feast on appreciation.

Parish Fast for Trócaire on Thursday 27th 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 John Fitzpatrick, Ballard Road who died during the week. Rest in Peace John.

MONTHS MIND MASS for the Late Bishop Willie Walsh (RIP) in the Cathedral on Friday 28th 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, LinkedIn, 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 for the Children of our four schools on Tuesday 11th of March at 7p.m.

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

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 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 marybfree@outlook.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 2025:

Direct flights from Monstar-Medjugorje – Shannon to Medjugorje in half the time! 21st – 28th May 2025 €825 – price increases to €875 after 31st January – 7 night group pilgrimage with James Considine - Fr. Joe Hayes as Spiritual Director. 27th August to 3rd September 2025 €825 - price increases to €875 after 31st January – 7 night group pilgrimage with James Considine - Fr. Martin Shanahan as Spiritual Director. For more information please contact James Considine on 065 9059328 or 085 7385385.

ATLANTIC WAVE HOLISTIC & INTEGRATED COUNSELLING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY

As a Parish Community we are hoping to offer Counselling to people around:

- (1) Anxiety Stress, Depression Support
- (2) Personal Relationship Challenges
- (3) Grief and Loss Therapy
- (4) Mindfulness Practices
- (5) Life Transition Counselling
- (6) Cultivating Compassion and Self care

The Counselling Service is Free and open to all.

Please contact Anne at 087 2180037 or email

atlanticwavepsychotherapy@gmail.com

information also available from Fr. Donagh 087 2322140

GROW MENTAL HEALTH - Friendly Community based groups for anyone experiencing mental health issue through connection, hope, identity by empowering people to nurture their positive wellbeing by supporting personal growth through education, peer support and self-teaching. Ennis Meeting- Maria Assumpta Hall. Monday 7.30pm/Tuesday 2pm. Contact Celia 086-1526966/ www.grow.ie

COFFEE MORNING in aid of Galway Hospice

19th March in the Atlantic Hotel after the 10 a.m. Mass in Lahinch. All Donations welcome. Contact Kay on 087 7243891.

CHARITY TABLE QUIZ at Spanish Point Golf Club

Date: Thursday 13th March 2025 @ 8pm

Proceeds to local West Clare Cancer

€40 per team of 4

Please support a Night of Fun

Table Quiz in English with a few questions as Gaeilge.

Bí linn for Seachtain na Gaeilge

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 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.

IRISH GUIDE DOGS: The Clare Branch of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind will be having a church gate collection over the weekend of 15/16 March. Please give generously to this wonderful charity and also the Branch would like to thank you for all your donations over the last year.

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

KILMURRY IBRICKANE PARISH FUNDRAISER:

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

BABY & TODDLER GROUP: LCETB are running a My Baby and Me, Baby and Toddler group every Wednesday at 10am in Miltown Malbay Community Centre. Sessions include sensory play, music & movement, story time and songs & rhymes. Suitable for 0-3 year olds to attend with their parents, grandparents or caregivers. To book a place phone 0860319160.

DRAMA – Cooraclare local drama group are performing their 3 Act Comedy - “**Anyone Can Rob A Bank**” by Tom Coffey in Cooraclare Community Centre on Friday 14th and Saturday 15th March. Please come out and support our local thespians and have a great night.

FINANCE MEETING in Kilrush Golf Club at 7.30p.m. on Thursday 20th March.

PRIEST'S LENTEN COLLECTION is being taken up this week-end. Envelopes are in our boxes.

MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749

BASKET COLLECTION 2/3/2025 - €1,315