

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

CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA

CHURCH OF IRELAND – CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT

Fourth Sunday of Easter (Day of Prayer for Vocations) Year C 11th May, 2025

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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 the Fifth Sunday of Easter 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

MASS: **7 p.m.** Wednesday in Quilty

(No 10 a.m. in Mullagh on Wednesday)

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

(No 10 a.m. Mass Friday in Miltown)

MASS: **6 p.m. Saturday** for Cyril Jones
(Months Mind)

12.15 Sunday – Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

MOY:

MASS: **7 p.m. Friday in Moy** for Michael Frawley, Lackamore, (1st Anniversary)

11 a.m. Saturday – First Holy Communion in Moy

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

Nora Hennessy & Deceased Members of The Talty & Hennessy Families

SATURDAY 10th of May Mass in Miltown at 4.30 p.m.

(not at 6p.m. as Clare V Tipperary at 6p.m.)

BAPTISM: We welcome into our Faith Family Lena Bríd Molohan baptised in St. Joseph's Church last week-end.

REFLECTION:

The Mission of My Life

God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good; I shall do His work.

I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it if I do but keep His commandments. Therefore, I will trust Him, whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him, in perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends. He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate, make my spirits sink, hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION for the Children of Scoil Iosef Naofa, Mágh on Saturday 17th of May at 11 a.m. All are welcome

First Holy Communion in Miltown on Saturday 24th of May at 11 a.m.

COMMUNITY DAWN WALK on Saturday morning 10th of May at 4.15 a.m. We are asking people to gather at the Community Hall, Miltown at 4.15 a.m. with your high viz vest. People are welcome to make a donation to the Samaritans or Clare Suicide Bereavement Support.

HOSPICE SUNFLOWER DAYS:

National Sunflower Days will be taking place on Friday 6th & 7th June 2025, with funds raised from the event in aid of Milford Hospice. The income we receive from fundraising events such as Sunflower Days assist us in expanding and continuing to provide the highest quality of care for patients and families throughout the Midwest Region.

SAFEGUARDING MONTH OF MAY:

Safeguarding. Pope Francis reminded us that, ‘in the Confiteor, we ask forgiveness not only for the wrong we have done, but also for the good we have failed to do’

In the past, the Catholic Church in Ireland failed in its duty to protect children and young people. Church policies have focused on establishing consistent standards to prevent abuse and assist the Church on its journey to learn from the mistakes of the past and ensure that children’s safety is a core part of its mission.

A link to a video that went live on the importance of Safeguarding Month of May in the diocese can be accessed at - <https://www.killaloeadiocese.ie/safeguarding-awareness-month-of-may/>

It is the first of a series of 4 videos from each of the weeks of May.

NOVENA TO THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS leading to the feast of the Sacred Heart starting May 2nd every Friday in May and June.
Live stream on www.sacredheartcrusade.ie
Through Shalom World

TRÓCAIRE: Our contributions to Trócaire can still be handed in to the Church or the parish office. Envelopes are in our Collection Boxes or alternatively you can hand in your Trócaire box.

Burren Outdoor Retreat. Saturday 17th to Monday 19th 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 from: Mary 087 9701130
Booking: Des 085 1614951

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGES 2025: Direct flights from Monstar-Medjugorje – 2 seats Available ***** 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.

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

ANAM CARA EVENT:

Anam Cara’s upcoming Bereavement Information and Support Evening for Parents taking place on Thursday 15th May 2025 in Milford Care Centre from 7pm to 9pm

CLOTHES COLLECTION:

Gaelscoil Iosef Naofa, Moy N.S. will be holding a clothes collection on **Wednesday June 25th**. All bags containing men's, women's and children's clean clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts, curtains and bed linen are acceptable and can be left in the school shed from now on. NO DUVETS, PILLOWS, CUSHIONS OR RUGS PLEASE

BEALTAINE FESTIVAL MOVIE AT MILTOWN LIBRARY Thursday 15th May at 6pm Miltown Malbay library are showing the humorously heartwarming tale **Mrs. Harris Goes to Paris** as part of Bealtaine Festival which celebrates the Arts and Creativity as we age. This is a FREE event and all are welcome. Miltown Malbay Library can be contacted at 0657084822 or email miltown@clarelibrary.ie for further details.

SCOIL SAMHRAIDH WILLIE CLANCY:

Warm Congratulations to the Scoil Samhraidh Committee – Harry Hughes, Eamonn McGivney, Seamus Ó Rocháin, Deirdre Comber, David McDermott and Maureen Kilduff on receiving the Mór-Glór Award 2025. This award that celebrates the wonderful contribution of Scoil Samhraidh to traditional music will be celebrated in Glór Ennis on Saturday 17th May with a wonderful line up of musicians. Tickets are on sale from Glór at 065 6843103.

CONGRATULATIONS to Joshua Flynn who won the U15 North Munster Rugby Cup Final. Josh is the only junior member of the parish to play with the U15 Ennis team. They brought the cup to Clare and they are delighted. He assisted with the first try and scored a second try to succeed in winning the Cup Final against a strong Shannon team in the final in Bruff, Co. Limerick. Josh was a server in the church for many years.

RÁS TAILTEANN STAGE FINISH:

The streets of Miltown Malbay will roar with excitement on Friday 23rd of May at 2:30pm as Rás Tailteann makes a historic return to the town for a dramatic stage finish on Church Street. This marks the first time since 1971 that the prestigious Irish cycling race has concluded a stage in Miltown Malbay, rekindling memories of legendary races past and welcoming a new generation of fans. Everyone is invited to come along and enjoy the excitement.

MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION 4/5/2025 - €1,722