

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

### **CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA**

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

**Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C 18<sup>th</sup> May, 2025**

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### **In Miltown Malbay Church**

**Readers for Next Sunday:** 6 p.m. Martina Rynne

12.15 p.m. Mary Jo Fennell Clarke

**Next Sunday is the Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C**

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

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**11 a.m. Saturday** – First Holy Communion in Miltown

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

Rena Lynch, Mullagh Road

Vera McKenna, Breaffa North

Martina Downes, Ballard Road

John Horkan

Séamus & Carmel Cleary, Fintramore

Suzanne & Tommy Donnellan & Deceased

Members of the Donnellan Family, Toureen

**MASS:** **12.15 Sunday** for Michael Hegarty, Cohanbeg (Months Mind)

**MOY:**

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

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION** for the Children of Rineen, Rockmount and Miltown Schools on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> of May at 11 a.m. All are welcome

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our Faith Family Thomas Michael Downes and Ciara Marie McInerney baptised in St. Joseph's Church last week-end.

### **REFLECTION:**

I believe in the God of life who loves me at each moment without any conditions whatsoever, and who wants to see me alive and well. I believe in the God, who always forgives me and opens to me a future full of life and hope. I believe in the God who is with me every second of my life to help me, heal me, console me, strengthen me, suffer with me and be my best friend. I believe in the God who knows only love and compassion; who is a “lover of life” and who begs me to “choose life”. In this faith I find joy and peace in the present life and hope for the life to come.

### **HOSPICE SUNFLOWER DAYS:**

National Sunflower Days will be taking place on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> 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.** In the Churches Safeguarding Policy ‘A Safe and welcoming Church’ June 2024 , Bishop Fintan Monahan pledges that the Diocese will safeguard children and young people from harm and to support them in their development as valued and integral members of the Catholic Church in Ireland. The Church’s ministry will be inclusive and will uphold their rights. Consistent with Gospel values, and with civil and criminal law, those who minister will do so with dignity and integrity, honouring their calling to ensure that children and young people are welcomed, cherished and protected, following the example set by Jesus.

**LOURDES INVALID FUND** Collection will be taken up next week-end. Envelopes are in our boxes.

## **IRISH BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE:**

Following the recent May Bank Holiday weekend, the national blood supply has come under pressure while demand from hospitals continues to remain consistently high. In response, the IBTS is holding a local donation clinic in Ennistymon to help replenish stocks:

**Venue:** Falls Hotel Ennistymon

**Date:** Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 21st May

**Time:** 4.50pm – 8pm

**Appointments:** 1800 222 111 (New donors welcome)

## **KILLALOE AND FERNS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK SHRINE**

Takes place on Sun. July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2025.

We are inviting new members from the Parishes and community to consider attending our pilgrimage.

The Ark Children's Club at The HUB is available for those coming with small children (open Wednesday to Sunday).

### **Bus Organisers contact details:**

Brigdale Coaches for Ennis, Clarecastle, Doora Barefield and Quin contact 086-8034092 or email [shaneandedwardbrigdale@hotmail.com](mailto:shaneandedwardbrigdale@hotmail.com). (preferable) to book a seat. Bus will be leaving St. Joseph's church , Ennis at approx. 9.30am.

## **ALL IRELAND ROSARY RALLY AT KNOCK:**

Bus to the All Ireland Rosary Rally at Knock Shrine, Saturday June 7th. Leaving St Joseph's, Ennis at 9am. Returning 5.30pm.

€25 bus ticket (subject to filling the bus). To book a seat text Karen 087-4160385 or Séamus 087-275 2578. More details at [www.rosaryrally.ie](http://www.rosaryrally.ie)

**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.

## **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

## **ALZHEIMER INFORMATION CAFE**

This month's Alzheimer Information Cafe is being held on the 21st of May, in our Ennis Centre, Cuan An Chlair, Cahercalla, from [11.30-13.30](https://www.alzheimer.ie/2025/05/21/alzheimer-information-cafe-21-may-2025/). This month is Non cognitive symptoms of dementia and Psychiatry of later life Services. All welcome to join us for tea & chat. For more information contact Linda

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## **MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749**

**BASKET COLLECTION** 11/5/2025 - €1,740

## **THE ROSCOMMON SOLSTICE CHOIR:**

The Roscommon Solstice Choir will be giving a performance in St Josephs Church, Miltown Malbay on Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June at 7.30pm. The choir are donating all the proceeds to the Clare Branch of Irish Guide Dogs for the Blind. The choir is some 80 strong and it promises to be a beautiful and joyous evening. There will also be entertainment from local musicians. The Armada Hotel are generously sponsoring the event. Tickets are €15 or €50 for a family of 4 and will be available to purchase on Saturday 17th May after mass and also the following dates 24 , 25 <sup>th</sup> and 31st May, 1st, 7th,8th,14th and 15<sup>th</sup> June. Tickets can also be booked by phoning 086 3296475.

## **MILTOWN MALBAY TOWN AND COUNTRY**

**FAIR** will hold their Annual Quiz Night in the Malbay Bar , Friday 23rd May , starting at 8pm sharp. Live music with Seamus Murrihy and Finger food on the night. Teams of 4, €10 p/p. All support greatly appreciated.

## **SHUTTLE BUS SERVICE:**

This summer, a brand-new hop-on, hop-off shuttle bus is making it easier than ever to discover the breathtaking beauty of North and West Clare. The free and bookable 'Burren and Cliffs Explorer' will run as a pilot project from May 1st to August 31st, with possible extension into September, connecting charming towns, villages, and iconic attractions.

Travel hassle-free to Ballyvaughan, Corofin, Carran, Kilfenora, Doolin, Liscannor, and Lahinch, with convenient hubs in Lisdoonvarna and Miltown Malbay, where free parking is available. Whether you're heading to the Burren National Park or soaking in the stunning views at the Cliffs of Moher Experience, this shuttle makes it simple to explore at your own pace. Hop on, hop off, and let the adventure begin! See more information at:

<https://www.cliffsofmoher.ie/burren-and-cliffs-of-moher-explorer/>

## **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 MALBAY CAMINO** of local Blessed Wells, a short film featuring Cyril Jones and Susan Crawford at the Armada Hotel Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm. light refreshments served.

**BEST OF LUCK** to the Clare Footballers who play Down on this week-end.