

# 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 Advent Year A 14<sup>th</sup> December, 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 Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A**

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

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**MASS:** 6 p.m. Thursday in Miltown for Ciarán Kennelly, Legard South (Months Mind)

Please note no 10 a.m. Mass Thursday

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

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

Willie & Mary Carroll, Kilfarboy  
Mollie, Mick & Michael Curtin & Deceased Members of the Curtin & Healy Families

Mary & Donie McMahon & Deceased Members of the McMahon Family, Liscahane

Mary & Tommie Skerritt  
James Flynn, Ballard Road  
Nora McGee, Main Street

**MASS:** 12.15 Sunday – Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**MOY:**

**MASS:** 9.15 a.m. Sunday

**REMEMBRANCE:** Our Prayers are asked for the Repose of the Soul of Nancy Minogue who died during the week. Rest in Peace Nancy.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS**  
next Saturday evening at the 6p.m. Mass

### REFLECTION:

Jesus, are you the one? It is hardly surprising that people missed your coming when even John the Baptist wasn't sure.

They were expecting such a different kind of messiah. The unmistakable kind. Chauffeur-driven, on a VIP throne, with a gold chain. How could anyone be expected to know who you were when you came in at the back, looking ordinary?

There were plenty who did recognise you, of course: the blind man who cried, 'Son of David, have pity!' the disturbed one who screamed, 'Stay away!' the woman who touched the hem of your coat, the folk who knew you from the soup run. But are you the one, Jesus? We still have to ask. In a world of paths and promises, how can we be sure? Your reply is your work amongst the sick and oppressed. 'Decide for yourselves!' you say – as if it isn't the doctrines, or even the miracles, but the company you keep and the priorities you hold, and the kingdom of possibilities and joy you unpack amid our ordinariness.

So help us to be on the look-out for your coming, as the people and events crowd in. Open our eyes to see you in the guise of friend and stranger.

Whatever the path, wherever the place, however you come to us, may there be recognition. And joyous welcoming.

### CHRISTMAS MASS ARRANGEMENTS:

**Christmas Eve**

Coore 4.45 p.m.

Miltown 7 p.m.

Quilty 9.15 p.m.

**Christmas Day**

Moy 9.15 a.m.

Mullagh 11 a.m.

Miltown 12.15

**There will be no Masses on Wednesday morning 24<sup>th</sup> (Christmas Eve)**

### **HAVE YOUR SAY:**

The Department of Education and Youth has launched an important survey, inviting parents, guardians, staff, and board members of primary schools to express their views on the future of our primary schools. This is a unique opportunity for members of our school communities to "have your say" and help shape the direction of education for the next generation. The link to the survey is: <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/> I strongly encourage any of the above groups to participate in the survey and share your opinion. If you are interested in change or also very importantly if you are happy with the current patronage and Catholic ethos and would like it to continue, please ensure that voice is represented before the 16<sup>th</sup> of December

**PERSONAL ALARMS:** We hope to apply for a grant to get personal alarms (also known as panic buttons) for anyone over 65 years of age. You don't have to be living alone. A personal alarm gives you the security to press a button to call for help in the event of an emergency. It works on both landline telephones or on mobiles. If you are interested in getting a personal alarm, please tel: Mary on 087-6200219.

**CANTARE CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA** is staging its annual Christmas concert in Ennis Cathedral at 8pm December 19th. This year's event, in support of the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust, is in memory of Olivia Tuohy, daughter of Liz and Kieran Tuohy, who died of Sudden Adult Death Syndrome while competing in the Edinburgh half marathon on May 25<sup>th</sup> this year. Join Cantare Choir and Orchestra under the baton of Musical Director, Michael Hennessy, for an evening of seasonal entertainment. Tickets available at glor box office or [glor.ie](http://glor.ie)

**COMMUNITY COFFEE MORNING** runs every Friday from 10.30am to 11.30am in the Miltown Malbay Community Centre on Main Street. Everyone is welcome to come along. We ask for a €2 donation to cover our costs. Specifically, on Friday December 19th, we are holding our annual Christmas\Festive coffee morning, with carol singing, mince pies and lots of Christmas cheer. No donation is required on this date.

**MISSIONVALE** Christmas Cards to support Sr. Ethel Normoyle's Missionvale Care Centre are available in the parish office.

### **ST. JOSEPH'S MILTOWN GAA AGM**

St. Josephs Miltown GAA AGM will take place at the clubhouse Hennessy Memorial Park on Sunday 14th of December at 5:30pm. All members are encouraged to attend and new members are always welcome.

**BAPTISM:** We welcome into our Faith Community Aine Grace Kelly who was baptised in St. Joseph's Church last week-end.

**KEY** found on the Church road owner can collect same at the parish office.

### **BLOOD DONOR CLINIC:**

ENNISTYMON FALLS HOTEL  
Monday 15<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 4:20pm – 7:40pm  
New & existing Donors welcome at all clinics.  
Former UK residents now welcome to donate.  
Phone 1800 222 111 for an appointment.

### **SVP CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

SVP reaches out locally, Kilmurry Ibrickane & Miltown Malbay area, to so many people in need during the Christmas Season if you would like to make a contribution, you may put it in the blue envelope in the porch and put it in the basket. - ST Vincent De Paul Church gate collections will take place - Miltown Church on Saturday 6th December at 6pm Moy Church on Sunday 7th December at 9.15am Mullagh Church on Sunday 7th Dec at 11am Quilty Church on Saturday 27th December at 7.15pm Coore Church on Sunday 28th December at 9.30am Miltown Church on Sunday 28th December at 12.15pm Or you can make a contribution directly into St. Anne's Conference SVDP BIC: BOFIIE2DXXX IBAN: IE93BOFI90433392861464

**CHRISTMAS BINGO** will be on Tuesday 16th December at 8.30pm in Miltown Community Centre. Spot Prizes on the night!! €2000 pro rata. All are welcome All proceeds to KIB Parish Fund & Kilmurry Ibrickane Ladies Club

### **GET THEM BEFORE THEY'RE GONE!**

Tickets €30 (Cash only) for Michael English are on sale on Friday 19th December from 6pm in Mullagh Sportsfield for the Keep 'er Lit Run, from Quilty Post Office and KIB Parish Office. Get you ticket online from: <https://www.universe.com/events/michael-english-church-concert-st-marys-church-mullagh-clare-tickets-DKNF4T?ref=universe-discover> or from [www.michaelenglish.ie](http://www.michaelenglish.ie)

### **GRAVEYARD COMMITTEE:**

The Graveyard Committee wishes to thank most sincerely all those who contributed so generously to the October Church Gate Collection. Almost €4,000 was donated, a very generous amount. It costs between €8,000 and €9,000 to maintain our graveyards to the high standard they are at. Clare Co. Council give a grant of €2,000 and the sale of graves help. As there is a shortfall, another collection will be held after Mass on Christmas Eve and Christmas day. Hoping families and friends visiting for Christmas will donate. Again thank you to all who continue to give so generously, be it at Church Gate Collections, on line, or hand their donation into the parish office. Donations can also be made by Banking-on-line at: Miltown Malbay Parish Graveyard Committee IBAN: 47BOFI 904333 12799171 BIC: BOFIIE2D

### **ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL, SPANISH POINT:**

Warm Congratulations to the Students from St. Joseph's Secondary School, Spanish Point for the wonderful Carol Service on Wednesday evening last. Special thanks to Ms. Whelan, Ms. Lodge, Ms. McInerney and Ms. Meaney for their wonderful work with the Students. The Carol Service is up on our website if you would like to view it.

### **OUTDOOR CRIB/MILTOWN MALBAY**

A sincere thanks to Michael O'Loughlin for making and erecting our outdoor Crib, we are deeply grateful.

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION** 7/12/2025 - €1,713