

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 Advent Year A 21st December, 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 Feast of The Holy Family Year A

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 Miltown
Christmas Eve

MASS: 12.15 Thursday in Miltown
Christmas Day

Please note no Mass Friday in Miltown

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

MASS: 12.15 Sunday – Grouped Anniversary
Masses

Mary & Jimmy Byrne, Ennis Road

P.J. Killeen, Kilfarboy

Fiona Sharples, Rockmount

Patrick Talty, Toureen

Phyllis Cleary, Spanish Point

Deceased Members of the Choir

MOY:

MASS: 9.15 a.m. Thursday – Christmas Day

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

REMEMBRANCE: Our Prayers are asked for the
Repose of the Souls of Peggy Kennedy née Corry,
Dublin formerly of Miltown Malbay, John McCarthy,
Maghera, Lahinch, Father of Mary McDonagh and
Betty Whyte, Cloneyogan, Lahinch who died during
the week. Rest in Peace Peggy, John and Betty

REFLECTION:

As Christmas approaches, our hopes rise.
But we must take care that the substance of our hopes is
not dictated by what the merchants promise.
Those who pin their hopes on what the merchants
promise will be disappointed,
Not because they promise too little,
But too much – of the wrong thing.
What our hearts long for is the taste of the
'great joy'
The angels announced to the shepherds:
'Today a saviour has been born to you;
he is Christ the Lord.'

RECONCILIATION SERVICE FOR CHRISTMAS

this Saturday evening at the 6p.m. Mass

SERENITY PRAYER

Lord, grant me the serenity
to accept things that I cannot change,
the courage to change the things that I can
and the wisdom to know the difference.
Living one day at a time;
Enjoying one moment at a time;
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.
Taking, as Christ did, this sinful world as it is,
Not as I would have it, Trusting that he will make
all things right, if I surrender to his will;
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life and
supremely happy with him forever in the next.
Amen

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 24th (Christmas Eve)**

ADORATION: Please note there will be no Adoration on this Tuesday 23rd December.

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 -

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: BOFIE2DXXX

IBAN: IE93BOFI90433392861464

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.

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.

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

CONGRATULATIONS to Darragh McDonagh and Amy Cullinane and David Collins and Caoimhe Flanagan married in St. Joseph's Church during the week.

OIDHREACHT AN CHLÁIR: Join us for a *Night of Songs and Tunes* on Thursday, December 30, 8pm – 10pm in Áras OaC, Flag Road, with Claire Keville (concertina), Breda Keville (fiddle) and Emer O'Flaherty (songs), and Tim Dennehy as Fear an Tí. Join us at 7.00 pm for *deoch na Nollag*. Fáilte roimh chách. Admission free. Ár mbuíochas le Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy as a dtacaíocht.

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: BOFIE2D

ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL,

SPANISH POINT: Warm Congratulations to the Students from St. Joseph's Secondary School, Spanish Point for their wonderful Carol Service. 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 14/12/2025 - €1,335

**A very happy and peaceful
Christmas to all our
Parishioners**