

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

**CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA**

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

**Feast of The Holy Family Year A 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2025**

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**In Miltown Malbay Church**

**Readers for Next Sunday:** 6 p.m. Edel Lynch

12.15 p.m. Flann O'Keeffe

**Next Sunday is the Second Sunday after Christmas 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:** **12 Noon Tuesday in Miltown**

For Margaret Griffin, Clohanbeg  
(Months Mind)

**MASS:** **9.30 a.m. Wednesday in Mullagh**

**MASS:** **11 a.m. Thursday in Mullagh**

World Day of Prayer for Peace  
(Mass was in Miltown last year)

**Please note no Mass Friday in Miltown**

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

Pat McMahon, Knockliscrane  
Joe & Mary Teresa Murrihy, Main St.  
Micko Meade & Deceased Members  
of the Meade Family, Knockliscrane

**MASS:** **12.15 Sunday** for Agatha Vaughan,  
Church Street (1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**MOY:**

**MASS:** **9.15 a.m. Sunday** for Paddy Hennessy,  
Cloneyogan

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Conor Cleary  
and Louise Griffin who married last  
week-end.

**REFLECTION:**

A very Happy New Year to all our Parishioners  
As we begin the New Year, I love Brendan Kennelly's  
"Begin"

**BEGIN**

Begin again to the summoning birds  
to the sight of the light at the window,  
begin to the roar of morning traffic  
all along Pembroke Road.

Every beginning is a promise  
born in light and dying in dark  
determination and exaltation of springtime  
flowering the way to work.

Begin to the pageant of queuing girls  
the arrogant loneliness of swans in the canal  
bridges linking the past and future  
old friends passing though with us still.

Begin to the loneliness that cannot end  
since it perhaps is what makes us begin,  
begin to wonder at unknown faces  
at crying birds in the sudden rain  
at branches stark in the willing sunlight  
at seagulls foraging for bread  
at couples sharing a sunny secret  
alone together while making good.

Though we live in a world that dreams of ending  
that always seems about to give in  
something that will not acknowledge conclusion  
insists that we forever begin.

**GROW MENTAL HEALTH-** Friendly Community  
based groups for anyone experiencing mental  
health issues 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/grow.ie

## For Christmas and all through the year

### May You always have an Angel by your side

May you always have an angel by your side  
Watching out for you in all the things you do.  
Reminding you to keep believing in brighter days  
Finding ways for your wishes and dreams  
to take you to beautiful places.

Giving you hope that is as certain as the sun  
Giving you the strength of serenity as your guide.  
May you always have love and comfort and  
courage and may you always have an angel  
by your side.

May you always have an angel by your side.  
Someone there to catch you if you fall.  
Encouraging your dreams –  
Inspiring your happiness  
Holding your hand and helping you through it all.

In all of our days, our lives are always changing  
Tears come along as well as smiles  
Along the roads you travel, may the miles  
be a thousand times more lovely than lonely.  
May they give you the kind of Christmas gifts  
that never ever end;  
Someone wonderful to love and a dear friend  
in whom you can confide –  
May you have rainbows after every storm.  
May you have hope to keep you warm  
And may you always have an angel by your side.

## 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 -

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

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**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.

**OIDHREACHT AN CHLÁIR:** Join us for a *Night of Songs and Tunes* on Tuesday, 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 mbuiochas le Scoil Samhraidh Willie Clancy as a dtacaíocht.

**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.

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

## 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. 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

## KILMURRY IBRICKANE PARISH

are delighted to announce tickets are now on sale for Michael English Church Concert in St. Mary's Church Mullagh V95D429 on Sunday 25th January 2026. Door open at 7pm, show time 8pm. Tickets €30 available from Kilmurry Ibrickane Parish Office 085 1872212 [office@kibparish.ie](mailto:office@kibparish.ie) and Quilty Post Office 0657087444 and Fr. Donagh 087 2322140.

**GAELScoil JOSEF NAOFA, MOY** will be holding our annual school fun run/walk on Sunday 28th December. Registration from 10am. 10k starts at 10.45am and 5k starts at 11am. €10 entry fee or €20 family entry. Finishing medal for all juvenile participants.

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION** 21/12/2025 - €1,35

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Parishioners**