

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

**CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA**

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

**Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) Year A 12<sup>th</sup> April, 2026**

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**In Miltown Malbay Church**

**Readers for Next Sunday:** 6 p.m. Rita Murphy

12.15 p.m. Anne Downes

**Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Easter Year A**

**LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Miltown:** ( [www.miltownmalbayparish.ie](http://www.miltownmalbayparish.ie) webcam)

**Monday:** **9.30 a.m.** Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

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

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**MASS:** **9.30 a.m. Thursday** in Miltown

**MASS:** **9.30 a.m. Friday** in Miltown

**MASS:** **11 a.m. Saturday in Miltown**  
**First Holy Communion**

**MASS:** **6pm Saturday – Grouped Anniversary**  
**Masses**

John Griffin, Clohanbeg

John Downes, Carhuduff

Patrick McGee, Main Street

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

**Moy:**

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

John & Jane White née Flaherty, Lackamore

Mary O'Connell, Torr & Corofin

James Haren, Cloneyogan

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

First Communion for the Children of Rineen, Rockmount and Miltown Malbay schools will take place on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> of April at 11 a.m. All are welcome.

**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.

**PRAYER TO THE GOD OF MYSTERY**  
**AND STRUGGLE**

To the God of Mystery,  
whom I see dimly in flickering stars,  
whose heartbeat I hear in the roaring seas,  
whose presence I sense in the spring and winter air,  
you are behind all, you support all,  
we have belief, help our unbelief.

To the God of justice and fairness,  
our loving Father who watches over us,  
whose challenge I feel in the choices I make,  
who reminds me to love when I feel drawn to hate,  
who teaches me the way that will lead to life, help me  
to have no fear but to know that you loved us first.

To the God of care and compassion,  
who holds each one of us close like a mother, a child,  
whose hand I hold each step of the way,  
to whom I unburden myself in times of stress,  
who is always there in each passing second,  
come closer still; make your home in me.

To the God of struggle,  
who holds the poor and broken ones dear,  
who sets prisoners free and gives sight to the blind,  
who is still creating this world in your image  
and likeness, work with us and give us strength to work  
with you, until all our brothers and sisters live in  
freedom and dignity. Amen

**LITURGY:** Please note starting Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April  
Liturgy of the Word will be at 9.30 a.m. from now on.

**PRIESTS EASTER COLLECTION:** Sincere thanks  
to everyone who contributed to the Priests Easter  
collection last week-end..

**PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE** from May20th to  
May 27th - there are still places available flying directly  
from Shannon to Mostar at a cost of €895.00. For further  
information, please contact Jimmy on (065) 9059328

### **ROAD SAFETY EVENT:**

A free Safety Information & Demonstration Event for older road users will take place on Saturday, 18 April 2026, from 2:00pm – 4:00pm at Clare Marts, Quin Road, Ennis.

Organised by the Clare Older People's Council and Clare County Council's Age Friendly Programme, the event will feature demonstrations of safe driving practices for roads and roundabouts, advice for pedestrians and cyclists, and free car/van tyre checks, with parking available on site. Gardai property marking also available on the day.

### **BEALTAINÉ ART EXPO EVENT:**

The Bealtaine Art Expo will take place on 16<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at the Temple Gate Hotel, Ennis, featuring a collection of artworks created by clients of Clarecastle Day Care Centre, Carrigoran Day Care Centre, Raheen Day Care Centre, the Community Nursing Unit, and Ennistymon Community Hospital. The event runs from 10:00am to 4:00pm, with an evening viewing from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, and admission is free. Selected artworks will also be showcased throughout May in Ennis, Shannon, Scariff, and Ennistymon Libraries.

### **READING FOR WELLNESS LAUNCH:**

The launch of the Reading for Wellness Programme will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026, from 6:00pm to 8:00pm, in Cultúrlann Sweeney Library, Kilkee, Co. Clare. The event will feature contributions from Cillian Keane (Mental Health Ireland), Author Roisin Meaney and Lauretta O'Dea, and Shanelle Waring from the Clare Age Friendly Programme, highlighting the role of reading in supporting mental health and wellbeing

**ST. JOSEPH'S LADIES FOOTBALL** u6s to commence Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> of April at Miltown GAA football pitch from 5.30 to 6.15. Open to all girls born 2020/2021. Registration to be completed online with [www.foireann.ie](http://www.foireann.ie). Please bring water and gum shield.

**CLOTHES COLLECTION:** Gaelscoil Iosef Naofa, Moy is holding a clothes collection. All clean clothing, curtains, sheets, towels, blankets, old shoes, belts and bags can be dropped to the school shed over the coming weeks. Last day of collection is **Monday May 4<sup>th</sup>**. No duvets or pillows allowed. Please have items in sealed plastic bags.

### **Spring Into Storytime at Miltown Malbay library:**

Spring has officially arrived and staff at Miltown library are inviting children and their families to join them for the following events during the month of April. April 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10am they have Scéalta agus Rannta le Ceri. This is a storytime and rhyme in Irish for young children with a parent or guardian. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April at 11am storytime, rhyme and song with author Roisin Meaney. All events are free and no booking is required. For further details contact the library at 065-7084822 or email [miltown@clarelibrary.ie](mailto:miltown@clarelibrary.ie)

**OIDHREACHT AN CHLÁIR:** Join us for the last *Night of Songs and Tunes* of the current season on Friday next, April 17, 8 p.m. – 10 p.m. in Áras OaC, Flag Road, to meet the next generation of local singers and musicians, with Darragh Townsend (accordion), Cian Corry (flute), Rachel Townsend (flute & songs), Emma Townsend (fiddle & songs), and Tim Dennehy as Fear an Tí. Fáilte roimh chách. Admission free. Ár mbuíochas le Comhairle Contae an Chláir as a dtacaíocht.

**NATIONAL EPILEPSY WEEK 2026** takes place on 18<sup>th</sup> May - 25<sup>th</sup> May. For further information, please visit [www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek](http://www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek).

**MONSTER BINGO** in aid of Kilmurry Ibrackane Parish and Kilmurry Ibrackane Ladies Football Club on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> of April at 8.30 p.m. in the Armada Hotel, Spanish Point. Prize money €5,000 pro rata. Please support.

### **EXPLORING DESIGN THROUGH ART:**

Are you interested in developing your creative side? LCETB are running an 11-week course starting Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April 3pm – 5pm in Miltown Malbay Campus, Ballard Road. This course will explore the principles of design practice in a fun and interactive way through the medium of art. For more information or to book a place phone 086 0319160 or email [arlene.doris@lcteb.ie](mailto:arlene.doris@lcteb.ie)

### **MACRAMÉ WORKSHOP:**

Macramé Workshop on Wednesday the 15<sup>th</sup> of April from 7pm - 9pm in the community centre. We'll be making a planthanger and participants learn the essential macramé knots and take home their own handmade piece. No experience needed. Sign up is through: 083 3644373

**CONCERT: The Triskel Ensemble with soprano Helen Hancock** will perform an uplifting concert of musical theatre, opera, Irish airs, movie themes, and popular classical music Helen Hancock is a Galway-based soprano, acclaimed for her expressive artistry and for the warm rapport she creates with the audience. Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 8pm at St Columba's Church, Bindon Street, Ennis. Tickets €22 general admission and €10 children, plus booking fee <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/1982685059385?aff=oddtcreat> or

### **POP UP SHOP:**

Pop Up Shop Miltown Malbay Community Centre on Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 4pm with 20 stands selling Womens, Mens and Childrens clothing. Cafe open throughout the day serving home baked cakes and pastries, tea and coffee - with proceeds going to the Irish Guide dogs. Please come out and support this concept which is to support sustainability by reducing, reusing and recycling.

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION** 5/4/2026 - €1,990  
**PRIESTS COLLECTION:** €4,525