

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 Easter (World Day of Prayer for Vocations) Year A 26th April, 2026

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In Miltown Malbay Church

Readers for Next Sunday: 6 p.m. Caragh Vaughan

12.15 p.m. Flann O'Keefe

Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Easter Year A

LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK:

Miltown: (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 o'clock Saturday in Miltown**
For Noreen Curtin, Boston
(Months Mind)

MASS: **6pm Saturday** for Paddy & Nancy
Murphy & Deceased Members of the
Murphy & Clohessy Families

MASS: **12.15 Sunday** for Michael Hegarty,
Clohanbeg (1st Anniversary)

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MASS: **9.15 a.m. Sunday - Grouped Anniversary**
Masses
Tommy & Pauline Tuttle, Moughna &
Limerick
Michael Tuttle & Deceased Members of
The Tuttle Family, Moughna

REMEMBRANCE: Our Prayers are asked for the
Repose of the Souls of Margaret Noone, née Conouly,
Barefield and Church Street, Miltown Malbay and
Michael Kenneally, Boulynaniscaune, Inagh who died
during the week.
Rest in Peace Margaret and Michael

REFLECTION:

On this Vocation Sunday we must lift our sights and engage with the Gospel project, we need to ask practical and pastoral questions:

Who will lead the community?

Who will teach and preach the faith?

Who will celebrate for us each Sunday?

Who will guide us in prayer and spirituality?

Who will be there for us at the birth of our children?

Who will accompany us at times of transition
and tragedy?

We are not at all alone in this. Not only are other parts of the church facing exactly the same problems but we also have at the universal level the Synodal Pathway – a mostly realistic assessment of where we find ourselves and what our hopes are.

The hope is that after many centuries of excluding the gifts of the whole membership, now is the time for people to come forward and offer their gifts and energy for the well-being and flourishing of the whole community. This both old and new: a vision of a servant church, going back to the example of Jesus himself. It is new once more in our time: we are rediscovering the Gospel of service, at this critical juncture in our world and in our church. In a word: we cannot hope to build the future by micro-waving the past. The challenge will be to stay in communion, keep alive our tradition of faith and reason and not to let any kind of Catholic fundamentalism take over.

My own sincere hope is that we change the whole way we function as a church, including who may be admitted to ordained ministry and under what conditions. My own hopes are pinned on the Synodal Pathway, even though the church does move excruciatingly slowly. Pope Leo has yet to show his hand but at the very beginning of his ministry, he signalled support for the Synodal Pathway.

Conclusion

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday. In the tradition, it is the day of prayer for vocations to priesthood and religious life. Today, we know that very, very few are heeding that particular call, even though it can lead to great personal happiness. Instead, we have to think more widely of the community as a whole and the vocations of all the members. After the long season of the clerical church since the time of Cardinal Cullen, we are now moving towards a more participative model, and while this evolution may be triggered by a crisis, it is also a moment of grace. Let us embrace it!

Kieran O'Mahony

FR. MARTY BOYLE (RIP)

We hope to unveil a bench to the memory of the late Fr. Marty Boyle on Saturday 2nd of May. We will begin with Mass of remembrance at 12.30pm in Mullagh Church followed by the unveiling of the bench and refreshments in Mullagh Church afterwards. All are welcome.

MILFORD CARE CENTRE:

Our annual Service of Remembrance will take place on Sunday 10th of May at 3pm in our Lady Help of Christians Church, Milford, Limerick.

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.

CONFIRMATION: We warmly Congratulate all our Young People who received Confirmation on Friday. Sincere thanks to Mr. O'Reilly and Mr. Burke for their wonderful preparation of the Young People. Sincere thanks also to Mrs Lynch and Mrs Cotter for the music.

PILGRIMAGE TO MEDJUGORJE from May 20th 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.

READING FOR WELLNESS LAUNCH:

The launch of the Reading for Wellness Programme will take place on 29th 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 Loretta O'Dea, and Shanelle Waring from the Clare Age Friendly Programme, highlighting the role of reading in supporting mental health and wellbeing.

Spring Into Storytime at Miltown Library:

On Saturday morning 25th April at 11.00am, author Roisin Meaney will host her storytime at the library with her stories and illustrations in her own unique style. Suitable from 3 -6 years of age. Both events are free and further details can be obtained by ringing 065-7084822 or email:miltown@clarelibrary.ie

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 4th**. No duvets or pillows allowed. Please have items in sealed plastic bags.

NATIONAL EPILEPSY WEEK 2026 takes place on 18th May - 25th May. For further information, please visit www.epilepsy.ie/content/national-epilepsy-week-2026-epilepsyweek.

BRING FLOWERS OF THE FAIREST -

Women's Journey towards the Devine - We, Noirin, Ann and Rita, would like to invite the ladies of the Parish to join us in the Spirituality House Spanish Point on Mon 11th May from 7pm to 9 pm, to reflect on Our Blessed Mother Mary, Queen of the May. To book, please ring 087 4479115. Donation €10.

POP UP SHOP

Miltown Malbay Community Centre on Saturday April 25th 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.

NEW CANDLELIT CONCERT SERIES -

Miltown Malbay: The Irish Traditional Music Archive presents a new intimate concert series, *Down the Back Lane*, at the Music Makers of West Clare. Mick & Michelle Mulcahy perform on **Saturday, April 25th** (doors 7pm). **Tickets €20** at itma.ie/events **Limited to 35 seats**

Kind Kitchen @ Design Bank

May Bank Holiday Weekend our Pop up Food Court Opens

- **7 days a week – 11am - 6pm (May-September)**
- **A variety of talented cooks**
- **Delicious Street Food using local produce**
- **Comfy seating & a great atmosphere awaits!**

To enjoy a flavour of all the tastes and meet the chefs, we're inviting you to come along on **Friday May 1st from 3pm-6pm** where our talented team will be delighted to share their tasty cuisine with you.

Kind Kitchen will kick off on **Saturday May 2nd from 11am – 6pm** with Garreth & Wagyu Weekend!

We look forward to seeing you next weekend!

JOANIE MADDENS MAY DAY FESTIVAL

May 1st – 4th

Opening Concert Friday 1st of May in the Community Centre "The voices of Ireland" featuring Don Stiffe, Ger O'Donnell and Trevor Sexton. Saturday 2nd of May Cherish the Ladies in the Community Centre. Please support.

BEST OF LUCK to the Clare Footballers against Kerry on this week-end.

MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION 19/4/2026 - €1,575