

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 Ascension of the Lord (World Communications Day Year A 17th May, 2026)

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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 Pentecost Sunday 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: **9.00 a.m. Thursday** in Miltown

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MASS: **6pm Saturday** for Peter Vaughan,
New York and late of Milford

MASS: **12.15 Sunday – Grouped Anniversary**
Masses

Tim & Bridget Crowe, Leeds
Nancy Fitzgerald
Vincent Cleary, Breaffa South
Rena Lynch, Flag Road
Martina Downes, Ballard Road
Vera McKenna, Breaffa North
Charlie & Peggy O'Loughlin, Church St.
Angela Fitzpatrick, Church Road
Suzanne & Tommy Donnellan &
Deceased Members of the Donnellan
Family, Toureen

Moy:

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

REMEMBRANCE:

Our Prayers are asked for the Repose of the Souls of Peter Vaughan, New York and late of Milford, Brother of Tommy Vaughan, Lily Garrihy, Shannon Wife of the late Colman Garrihy, Moybeg and Gerard McInerney, Tullygarvan, Lahinch who died during the week.

Rest in Peace Peter, Lily and Gerard

Memorial Mass for Peter Vaughan will be next Saturday evening at 6 p.m. in Miltown.

REFLECTION

Ascensions into heaven are like falling leaves
sad and happy all at the same time.
Going away isn't really sad
especially when your going enables a
new kind of presence to be born.

Long have the leaves known the trees
They've danced together in the wind
days upon days.
But now, growing older and wiser,
they know they can't cling to the trees forever.
And so they say good-bye falling to the ground
waiting for the mystery of death to transform
them into nourishment for the earth.

And the trees?
They stand alone for one short season
but they are at peace, waiting for another mystery
to enfold them with its presence.

When I saw you leaving
I covered my face with my heart.
Oh, the ache of letting go.
But then I remembered the trees
and so I stood in peace
remembering your return.

When you come back
we will be new for each other.
Much will have happened in our lives.
There will be more for each of us to love
More for each of us to know.
The Spirit will have left a footprint in our lives,
and we will be excited like a new leaf come home
to a tree!

MONTHS MIND MASS FOR CANON SÉAMUS:

The Months Mind Mass for Canon Séamus will take place on Saturday 30th of May at 12 noon in Miltown Church.

ALONE: Would you be willing to provide companionship to an older person locally? ALONE are seeking Visitation and Telephone volunteers in your area. Full training and support provided. If interested, please apply via the ALONE website at www.alone.ie/volunteer or for further information please contact Aoife Dennehy on 086-0120221 or via email Aoife.dennehy@alone.ie

If you are over 60 and would like to know more about the services ALONE can offer you, please call 0818 222 024.'

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.

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.

41st All Ireland Rosary Rally | Sat, 6th June | Knock Shrine:

Join 10,000+ pilgrims from around Ireland and beyond to pray for a renewal of faith in Ireland, and for peace in the world. The day itself will include exceptional talks, Mass, anointing of the sick, a healing service. See allirelandrosaryrally.com for more details

PRAY FOR LIFE NOVENA:

The *Pray for Life* Novena is an invitation to join thousands of people across Ireland to pray for the protection of human life, from Saturday 23rd May to Sunday 31st May. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life in Ireland. Visit www.prayforlife.ie for the daily novena prayers and to sign up for daily reminders. The prayers will also be posted on [facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena](https://www.facebook.com/PrayforLifeNovena) and @prayforlifenovena on Instagram. This is an initiative of the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference.

ANAM CARA – supporting parents after the death of a child: On line Bereavement Information Evening for Bereaved Parents on Tuesday 19th May at 7pm. Speaker Niamh Finucane, Principal Social Worker St. Francis Hospice. Enquiries to info@anamcara.ie or call 085-2888888.

Bealtaine Festival at Miltown Malbay library:

The Fabric of Clare: Teresa from the Clare Museum will host an engaging event which explores the Clare Embroidery Collection, celebrating the skill, creativity and care reflected in stitched pieces from the past. This is a perfect opportunity to get an up-close look at some embroidery samples outside of the Clare Museum. This FREE Bealtaine event takes place on Wednesday 20th May from 11.00am – 12.00pm and all are welcome to attend. Miltown Malbay library can be contacted by ringing 065-7084822 or email miltown@clarelibrary.ie

MILTOWN MALBAY MOY CFR GROUP:

The members of Miltown Malbay Moy CFR Group would like to express our sincere gratitude to the organisers of the John Downes & Tim O'Dwyer Memorial Tractor, Truck and Vintage Car Run held on Easter Sunday. Their very generous donation of €8055, the proceeds of the Tractor Run, will be used to purchase new defibrillators, upgrade training equipment and fund training courses. All of this would not have been possible without the generosity of the local community who supported the Tractor Run in many different ways. Míle buíochas.

BOOK SALE/CAKE SALE: Gaelscoil Iosef Naofa will be holding a Book Sale/Cake Sale and a raffle for a Book Hamper on Friday 22nd May from 12noon. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Míle buíochas

CONCERT Ceol na nÓg

Sunday 24th May 2026 6.30 pm

An evening of Music, Song and Dance from pupils of Ceol na nÓg in Miltown Malbay Community Centre

together with Bríd O' Donohue and her family- Seán, Eibhlís, Deirdre, Liam & Sinéad O' Brien

M.C. : Dr Áine Hensey

Admission-Adults €15.00

Senior Citizens/Children €10.00

Enquiries: Bríd 087 2267113

INTRODUCTION TO MOSAICS: LCETB are running a 5-week Introduction to Mosaics course starting Monday 25th May in Miltown Malbay Campus. During this course you will develop a basic understanding of the process of Mosaic and learn how to use the tools, equipment and materials correctly. For more information or to book a place phone 086 0319160 or email arlene.doris@lcteb.ie

FOREVER FIT CLASS: Join our Forever Fit class here at Lahinch Leisure Centre, specially designed for older adults who want to stay active, steady, and healthy in a safe and friendly setting. The class focuses on gentle movement, balance, and strength to support everyday wellbeing. Everyone is welcome, and all exercises can be done at your own pace. Mondays 12pm + Wednesday at 11am Contact Reception 065 670 3018 to book your space.

BIODIVERSITY WEEK at Vandeleur Walled Garden - Build Your Own Insect Inn Workshop

Step into the buzzing world of biodiversity at Vandeleur Walled Garden & Visitor Centre. Join us for a nature filled workshop where little explorers ramble through our biodiversity garden, meet the residents of the Insect Hotel, and then roll up their sleeves to build their very own mini Insect Inn using recycled and sustainable materials. Join us for a perfect blend of creativity, curiosity, and creepy crawlies!

Date: Saturday, May 23rd at 11:00am

Ticket Cost: €10

Suggested for children aged 4yr – 12yr

Spaces are limited, so book early to avoid disappointment!

Don't miss this hands-on, family-friendly activity!

For more information, visit www.vandeleurwalledgarden.ie or 065 905 1760.

MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION 10/5/2026 - €1,655