

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

CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA

CHURCH OF IRELAND – CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT

First Sunday of Advent Year A 30th November, 2025

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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 Second Sunday of Advent 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

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MASS: **10 a.m.** Thursday in Miltown

MASS: **10 a.m.** Friday in Miltown

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

Pat Murrihy, London & Knockbrack
Eileen & Damien Sexton, Spanish Point
Mary Curtin, Caherogan
Dan Jamieson, Spanish Point
John Paul Collins & Deceased Members of
The Collins Family, Knockliscrane
Madge Sexton & Paddy & Maureen Hehir
Michael & Annie Hurley & Deceased
Members of the Hurley & Murray
Families & Jim Hamilton
Siney & Mary Talty & Deceased Members
of the Talty Family, Carhuduff

MASS: **12.15 Sunday** for Jim Flynn, Ballard Road
(1st Anniversary)

MOY:

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

Maura Conway, Knockpatrick, Lahinch
Seán, Ellie & John Clancy, Islandbawn

REMEMBRANCE: Our Prayers are asked for the
Repose of the Souls of Carmel Cunningham
(née Burke) Ennis and Swords, Co. Dublin,
Lily O'Malley, Dough and Zimbabwe,
Margaret Griffin, Clohanbeg and
Syl Barrett, Freagh Vallen
Rest in Peace Carmel, Lily, Margaret and Syl

REFLECTION:

The weeks of Advent prepare us for Christmas
All we associate for Christmas prepares us for
Jesus,
for his birth in the love of Mary and Joseph.
All of us can be like John the Baptist,
preparing a room for Jesus Christ in our families,
among friends, in schools and workplaces,
preparing a room in our hearts for love.
Or Christmas weeks can be empty tinsel,
singing the songs of Christmas and forgetting
the birth,
or playing Santa and pretending love,
or being so busy that you wish it was already over.
But it need not be like this.
Allow times these days for prayer,
for moments taken in a busy day,
like stopping in the heavy
traffic and just remembering that Jesus is near.
Take time for friendship, for love, for care,
for those activities that grow our friendship and
love with the people who mean a lot.
Then the songs will be full
and gifts will be a reminder of love,
and Santa, the friend of children,
will be like the Christ- child.

WEST CLARE ARCHIVE OF PHOTOS

(Moved to Moy Church)

An Archive of Photos from the West Clare Resource
Centre 1993-2023 was launched recently by Clare ETB
CEO Bernadette Cullen in the West Clare Resource
Centre on the Ballard Road. The Archive is available
in the Sanctuary of Moy Church if you want to have a
look through it.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING on Wednesday
3rd December at 8 p.m. in the parish office

HAVE YOUR SAY:

The Department of Education and Youth has launched an important survey, inviting parents, guardians, staff, and board members of primary schools to express their views on the future of our primary schools. This is a unique opportunity for members of our school communities to "have your say" and help shape the direction of education for the next generation. The link to the survey is: <https://www.gov.ie/en/department-of-education/campaigns/primary-school-survey/> I strongly encourage any of the above groups to participate in the survey and share your opinion. If you are interested in change or also very importantly if you are happy with the current patronage and Catholic ethos and would like it to continue, please ensure that voice is represented before the 16th of December.

DATE FOR DIARY

We, Anne Healy, Noirin Lynch and Rita O'Dwyer would like to extend an invitation to the women of the parish to join us on a little Advent journey of discovery to explore our relationship with The Divine. Date: 2nd December 2025 Time: 7pm to 9pm
Venue: Spirituality House, Spanish Point
Donation: €10 To Book please call 087 4479115

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, Quilty Post Office 065-7087444 & Fr. Donagh 087 2322140.

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.

BINGO in Miltown Community Centre on Tuesday 2nd of December at 8.30 p.m. €2,000 pro rata. All proceeds to KIB parish.

DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: St. Joseph's Secondary School, Spanish Point Carol Service on Wednesday 10th December at 7.30 p.m. All are welcome. (Also available on the webcam). A cup of tea will be served after the Carol Service

CANTARE CHOIR AND ORCHESTRA is staging its annual Christmas concert in Ennis Cathedral at 8pm December 19th. This year's event, in support of the Kevin Bell Repatriation Trust, is in memory of Olivia Tuohy, daughter of Liz and Kieran Tuohy, who died of Sudden Adult Death Syndrome while competing in the Edinburgh half marathon on May 25th this year. Join Cantare Choir and Orchestra under the baton of Musical Director, Michael Hennessy, for an evening of seasonal entertainment. Tickets available at glor box office or glor.ie

ANNUAL ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTMAS MARKET is taking place on Friday 5th December at 9am to 12.15pm in the Arás Secondary School, Spanish Point. All members of the community are welcome to attend. There will be Tea/Coffee/Hot Chocolate and baked treats by the Home Economics Department and a wonderful selection of crafts/gifts including Calendars/ Pet Gifts/ Golfing Items/ Tote Bags / Colouring Books / Christmas Crafts/ Candles/ Raffles to name a few!! Surely, some stocking fillers to help save time this Festive Season!!!

MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 999 OR 112 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749 BASKET COLLECTION 23/11/2025 - €1,680

SCOIL SAMHRAIDHWILLIE CLANCY- ACCOMMODATION 2026

The Accommodation Team are looking for:

Self-Catering

For Tutors in the Miltown Malbay, Spanish Point, Mullagh, Crosses of Annagh, Quilty and surrounding areas. The summer school will book and pay for the accommodation and bookings are usually from Sat to Sat.

Bed & Breakfast.

If you have one or two rooms for bed and a light breakfast (with perhaps limited use of kitchen), the school will organize accommodation from Sat/Sun to Fri/Sat -min 6 nights- for students and/or tutors. B&Bs should be within walking distance of classes and the school will pay tutor accommodation.

Inform Accommodation Team

If you have Bed & Breakfast availability, please send your details to klilduffing@gmail.com or phone 089-2320498. The full B&B list will go on the school website in early January and you will be contacted directly by clients.

Registration for classes and workshops opens in early March and prospective students- **-the life blood of the school--** will not register unless they **have secured** accommodation. **Please give priority to students and tutors. They are the majority and benefit the local economy most.**

FAMILY TIME AT YOUR LIBRARY:

Join us at Miltown Malbay library for a festive storytime treat for children with author Roisin Meaney on Saturday 6th December from 11.30am to 12.00pm. Suitable for children from 3 years and upwards. This is a wonderful opportunity for your little ones to enjoy the joys of storytime at the library.

For our second Family Time at Your Library event, we are showing the hilarious animated film 'Father Christmas' on Thursday 11th December at 4pm. Based on the picture book of the same name by author Raymond Briggs, this 25 minute movie will be followed by a short craft session. This film is suitable for children from 4 years and upwards and all are welcome.

Further details can be obtained by ringing the library at 065-7084822 or email miltown@clarelibrary.ie

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 -

Miltown Church on Saturday 6th December at 6pm

Moy Church on Sunday 7th December at 9.15am

Mullagh Church on Sunday 7th Dec at 11am

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 SVPD

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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,