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 Advent  Year A  8th December, 2019

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In Miltown Malbay Church:
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Tuesday from 10.30 a.m. until 10 p.m.
Prayer Group:  Wednesday evening 6 p.m. in the Parish Meeting Room
Readers for Next Sunday:  6.00 p.m.  Bernie Mee  
12.15 p.m.  Anita Talty
Next Sunday is the Third Sunday of Advent Year A  (Gaudete Sunday)

LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK:
Miltown
Monday:  Mass 6.30 p.m. Feast of the Immaculate Conception
MASS:  10 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday & Friday
Saturday:  Mass 6 p.m. for Mary McGuire, Ballard Rd (1st Anniversary)
Sunday:  Mass 12.15 p.m. – Grouped Anniversary Masses  
Margaret O’Loughlin, Milford  
Nora Harte – Church Road  
Phyllis Cleary, Spanish Point
Mov:  Reader for Next Sunday: Melissa Harhen

Sunday:  Mass 10 a.m.
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CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT
Sunday: No Service next Sunday

MASS SERVERS: MILTOWN MALBAY
Saturday 14th December 6 p.m. Mass Group A  
Sunday 15th December 12.15 p.m. Mass Group A2

DECEMBER GROUPED ANNIVERSARY MASSES
MILTOWN
Saturday 7th Dec. 6 p.m.  
Saturday 21st Dec. 6 p.m. Saturday 15th Dec. 12.15 p.m.

DECEMBER GROUPED ANNIVERSARY MASSES
MOY
Sunday 15th Dec. 10 a.m.

COMMUNITY SINGING AT MASS FOR DECEMBER (Advent)
We would love you to join in the singing at Mass during the Season of Advent.
Entrance No. 111 - O Come Emmanuel
Offertory No. 150 - Wait for the Lord
Holy Communion No. 159 – Yahweh, I know you are near
Recessional No. 92 – Like a sea without a shore
Remember when you sing you pray twice

THE ADVENT WREATH
“The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.”

Light is the most powerful symbol of the Advent season. The first reference to Christmas as we know it is found in a Christian calendar of the fourth century. The feast of Jesus’ birth was celebrated by the early Christians of Rome on December 25 to coincide with the pagan feast of Sol Invictus – “The birthday of the unconquered Sun”. The Advent wreath dates back to ancient celebrations of the winter solstice – that time of year when the sun reaches its southern most point in the heavens and the days are the darkest and most gloomy. Because they longed for the return of the sun’s light and life, the ancients stopped all usual activity, sacrificed the use of their wagon wheels and hung them up, festooned with lights and greens in their celebration halls. There they awaited the return of their sun-god, thinking of the warmth and life he brought.

The pagan feast of the Sun was adopted by the Christians to celebrate the birth of the Son of God. The Advent Wreath is made in the shape of a circle, to express God’s unending eternity. The evergreen symbolises God’s changeableness and our immortality. The four candles of the Advent wreath represent the four weeks of Advent and the thousands of years that the People of God awaited the promised Messiah. The purple candles are a reminder of the spirit of penance and prayer that marks the Advent season. A rose candle used on the Third Sunday of Advent, “Gaudete Sunday” symbolises joy and hope is awaiting Jesus’ birthday. At the beginning of Advent the wreath is blessed with holy water. A purple candle is lighted and burns for the first week of Advent. On successive weeks the second purple candle is used, then the rose candle, and finally the last purple candle. As Jesus’ coming draws near, the brightness increases.

MRS OLIVE FOLEY (Wife of the late Anthony Foley) will speak at Mass in Miltown on Sunday 15th December at 12.15 p.m. She will talk about the impact of Anthony’s death on her family and how her Faith has helped her on this difficult journey.

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE
11 Day Pilgrimage to The Holy Land Feb 12th to Feb 22nd 2020 cost €1,475.00 deposit €450.00. Spiritual Director Canon Paddy McGinn, further details contact Brenda Murray -Flynn on 041 6863390 or brenda.murray-flynn@travelcounsellors.com or Philip on 087 250 8043 or pmcardle006@gmail.com

HEALING MASS at the Franciscan Church, Ennis Tuesday December 10th at 7.30p.m. followed by Veneration of St. Padre Pio’s Glove.
FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION:
Monday is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.
Mass in Moy at 10 a.m.
Mass in Miltown at 6.30 p.m.
Mass in Mullagh at 7.30 p.m.

BAPTISM: We welcome into God’s Family and the
Christian Community Tadhg Tom McGovern and Faye
Bernadette Quayle who were baptised in St. Joseph’s
Church last week-end.

LOURDES 2020: The 64th Diocesan pilgrimage to Lourdes
will take place from Friday 26th June to Wednesday 1st
July; €725 full board with €20 discount for online booking
to: joewalshtours.ie The gift of a Pilgrimage to Lourdes for a
family member this Christmas is often the solution for
family members wondering what might be a suitable gift for
their parents, family member or friend.

MEDJUGORJE PILGRIMAGE to MEDJUGORJE ex
SHANNON- 20th to 27th MAY 2020 Outward to MOSTAR (30
mins from Medjugorje) Return from SPLIT. Cost before Feb 1st is
or Mary 086 3629808.

OASIS DAY: You are invited to an Oasis Day as you prepare for
Christ’s Coming at the FCJ Ibricken Lodge, Spanish Point on
December 14th 2019 from 10.30am – 5.00pm. Please bring a
simple lunch for sharing. Tea and coffee provided.

SPRAOÍS annual food appeal for SVdP is up and running
again. Food items such as tinned fruits & veg, tea, coffee, biscuits,
packet soups, sauces, pasta, rice etc can be dropped off to Spraoi
Monday from Friday from 9am to 5pm. All items will go to families
within the community. We wish to thank all who have so
generously contributed to date. Let’s make it a Christmas to
remember.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL: During Advent there will be boxes in
the porches of our churches so that you may donate non-perishable
food items, toiletries, sanitary products, nappies, new hats and
gloves, school stationary and festive treats. We will distribute
these among needy families and individuals in the locality.

ST. JOSEPH’S MILTOWN GAA AGM will take place on
Sunday 15th December 6pm at the clubhouse. Nominations for
various positions and internal club motions welcome.
Deadline for nominations & motions is 7th of Dec. All fully paid
up club members welcome to attend, new members always
welcome. It’s your club, help make a difference.

CHRISTMAS DAY SWIM 2019 will take place at white strand
on Christmas day at 1.15 PM (After Mass). This year’s swim is in
aid of West Clare Cancer Centre. No sponsorship cards this
year. Wristbands are on sale in The Dolphin Café & Takeaway and
Cogan’s Bar at €5.00 each. Please Support.

ST JOSEPH’S SECONDARY SCHOOL, SPANISH POINT
have a Carol Service with Reflections for Christmas in Miltnown
Church on Wednesday 11th December at 7.30 p.m. They cordially
invite all the Community to attend. A cup of tea will be served
for everybody afterwards.

THE COLLEEN BAWN: A Radio Documentary by Raidió
Corca Baiscinn in association with BAI Sound & Vision.
The documentary will be aired live on Raidió Corca
Baiscinn 92.5-94.8 FM on Monday 9th December 2019 at
1pm and repeated on Thursday 12th December 2019 at 7pm

THE OLD KILFARBOY SOCIETY TALK:
Angela Counnaughton will be presenting the pre-Christmas
lecture in our Autumn -Winter 2019/2020 series on "Kitty Hayes -
Her Life and Music".

The talk documents her mother's journey back to playing the
cornetina, after a 45 year hiatus. It is the story of how she fulfilled
her dream to go back to playing music, at around the age of 70; the
various factors which made that possible; the friends she made
along the way, and how she used music as a mechanism to help her
manage grief and turn it into something positive.

Angela will also be joined on the night by musicians Josephine
Marsh, Mick Kinsella and Peter Laban.

Taking place Tuesday 10th December, starting at 8PM at The
Malbay, admission is 5 euros. New members are also welcome to
join-membership costs 20 euros (10 euros for OAPs).

CANDLELIGHT WALK on Tues. 10th Dec. @ 6.30 p.m.Clare
Haven Services invite you to walk with them from Ennis Garde
Station to Ennis Courthouse in remembrance of women who have
tragically died through violence in Ireland. (Assemble at Garde
Station at 6.15 p.m.)

BUNCH OF KEYS found in the Long Aisle after the 12.15 p.m.
Mass last Sunday.

MILTOWN GAA: St.Josephs Miltown GAA will hold a meet
and greet event on Saturday 14th of December from 4pm to 5.30pm
in the Community Centre. This will give everyone of all ages a
chance to meet our senior players after their Senior Championship
and Cusack Cup double win this year. So come along wear your
colours, get your pics and autographs and meet the players.

Refreshments served on the evening.

ASYLUM SEEKERS: Sincere thanks for your wonderful
contribution for the Collection for our Asylum Seekers. If you have
not contributed you may still do so by dropping your contribution
into the basket.

KILMURRY IBRICKANE PARISH CONCERT
This will be on Sunday 15th December at 5pm in The Quilty
Tavern featuring PJ Murrhy & Seamus Shannon and a host of
local talent! Finger food served and Raffle on the night! Admission
€10. Hope to see you all there! Tickets available at Quilty Parish
Office, in local outlets & Parish Council members!

SPANISH POINT COMMUNITY GROUP
Property Marking Clinic
Clare County Council and An Garda Siochána are hosting a
Property Marking Clinic at the Spanish Point Beach Carpark on
Saturday December 14th from 10 am to 4 pm. This is part of a
nationwide property marking programme which aims to combat
property theft and assist in the identification and return of stolen
property. Unique identifiers can be marked onto farm equipment,
tools, computers, electrical devices, bicycles, musical instrument
cases, golf clubs and much more. You will need to bring your
property, ID (ie your driver’s licence) or your Eircode. All
markings are free.

CAROLS ON THE STREET:
It’s that time of year again when we celebrate Christmas with our
Carols on the Street. This year it will take place on Wednesday
18th December with assembly in the Church Grounds at 8 p.m. All
are invited to join us in this special occasion as we continue with
the revival of this old tradition. Wrap up well and bring a
flashlight or lantern and don’t forget the children. All are welcome!

BASKET COLLECTION Week Ending 1/12/2019 €1350
MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 065-7050199
SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749