ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH MILTOWN MALBAY  ST. MARY’S CHURCH MOY  
CRÍOCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA  
CHURCH OF IRELAND – CHRIST CHURCH SPANISH POINT  
Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) Year A  15th 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.  Caragh Vaughan  
12.15 p.m. Mary Jo Fennell Clarke

Next Sunday is the Fourth Sunday of Advent Year A

LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK:  
Miltown  
Monday:  10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion  
MASs:  10 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday  
Saturday:  Mass 6 p.m. – Grouped Anniversary Masses  
Denis & Mary Duggan & Joe Vaughan  
Molly Curtin & Deceased Members of the Curtin Family, Clohanbeg  
Willie Carroll, Kilfarboy  
James Flynn, Ballard Road  
Patrick Talty, Toureen  
Nora McGee, Main Street  
Patrick O’Brien, Dunsallagh East  
Jody Meade, Knockliscrane

Sunday:  Mass 12.15 p.m. – Patrick Sexton, Kildimo  
(1st Anniversary)

MOY:  Reader for Next Sunday: Noreen Skerritt

Sunday:  Mass 10 a.m.

CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT 
Sunday: Morning Service 9.30 a.m. Sunday 22nd Dec.

MASS SERVERS: MILTOWN MALBAY 
Saturday 21st December 6 p.m.  Mass Group B  
Sunday 22nd December 12.15 p.m.  Mass Group B2

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

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

BAPTISM:  We welcome into God’s Family and the Christian Community Lily James McDermott who was baptised in St. Joseph’s Church last week-end.

REFLECTION  
John the Baptist was no reed swaying in the wind  
A reed swaying in the wind is a symbol of those who are easily influenced, who go along with whatever is popular, and who have no convictions of their own. But the humble reed can teach us something. The fact that it is light means that it is at the mercy of every wind that blows. But it has great strength too. The greatest storm cannot uproot it. Even when giant oaks come crashing down, the slender reed still stands secure. Lord, teach us that there is strength in weakness and suppleness, and give us the wisdom to know when to bend and when to stand firm.

REMEMBRANCE:  Our prayers are asked for the repose of the Souls of Mary Frawley, Wife of J.J., Galway and Miltown Malbay who died last week-end and Maureen Whyte née Flynn, Kincora Park, Ennis and Miltown Malbay who died during the week. May they Rest in Peace

RECONCILIATION  
Reconciliation Service for Christmas at all the Masses on Saturday 21st/Sunday 22nd of December. Why not come along and make peace with God and others for Christmas.

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

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

FESTIVAL OF CAROLS & LIGHT in St. Senan’s Church, Kilrush on Sunday 22nd Dec. at 8pm. Adm. free – donations in aid of Church Organ Fund. Come along and join in the Christmas Spirit.
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
Philip on 087 250 8043 or pmcardle006@gmail.com

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.

MEDITURGJE PILGRIMAGE to MEDITURGJE cx SHANNON – 20th to 27th MAY 2020 Outward to MOSTAR (30 mins from Medjugorje) Return from SPLIT. Cost before Feb 1st is €675 p.p.s. Thereafter €725. Enquiries: Kathleen Lee 086 1031508 or Mary 086 3629808.

SPRAOI’s 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 to Friday from 8am 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 stationery and festive treats. We will distribute these among needy families and individuals in the locality.

ST. JOSEPH’S MILTOWN GAA AGM will take place this Sunday 15th December 6pm at the clubhouse. Nominations for various positions and internal club motions welcome. 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 within the community. We wish to thank all who have so

CHRISTMAS MASSES TIMES:

TUESDAY 24th December Christmas Eve:
5 p.m. Coore Church
7p.m. Miltown Malbay Church
9.15 p.m. Quilty church

WEDNESDAY 25th December Christmas Day:
10 a.m. Moy Church
11 a.m. Mullagh Church
12.15 p.m. Miltown Malbay Church

Bereaved by Suicide and Christmas,
The Christmas Season can be a difficult time for people bereaved by suicide. Clare Suicide Bereavement Support volunteers are available to help you. Support and help is only a phone call away.
You are welcome to phone/text us at one of our numbers below and we will take it from there. We promise complete confidentiality. 
086 0565373. 087 3698315.
www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

‘WILD ABOUT MILTOWN MALBAY’ biodiversity group invite you to join us to decorate and take home bird boxes on Wednesday the 18th December at 7pm in Miltown Malbay community centre. All material will be supplied. Children welcome if accompanied by their parent/guardian.

FAMILY TIME AT YOUR LIBRARY EVENTS:
We have scheduled two further events at Miltown Malbay Library for children and their families during December.

ENJOY A MAGICAL TRAIN RIDE THROUGH THE STREETS OF ENNIS on board the Christmas Express Train from 20th to 22nd December. Pick-up is outside the Market Building. All proceeds in aid of Local Charities. Follow ChristmasInEnnis on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram or visit www.claresuicidebereavementsupport.com

MILTMALBAY LADIES FOOTBALL CLUB & Kilmurray Ibrickane North Clare Athletics Club Annual 5km Santa Run on St. Stephens Day starting at 12:00pm. Entry Fee Ind. €10.00 and Family €20.00 Venue: Miltown Malbay GAA Clubhouse. Walkers, Fun Runners welcome to burn off the turkey! Raffle on the day.for 2 Hampers and lots more.

INSTRUMENTAL CAROL RECITAL - pupils from Ceol na NÓg, Brid O’Donohoe’s Music School will present an hour of Instrumental Carols on Saturday 21st December in St Joseph’s Church, Miltown Malbay at 7pm directly after 6pm Mass. No cover charge. Come along and enjoy listening to your favourite carols played on traditional instruments!

ST. JOSEPH’S SECONDARY SCHOOL, SPANISH POINT
Well done to Mrs Whelan and the students from our Secondary School for the wonderful Carol Service on last Wednesday night.