

**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 Advent Year C 19<sup>th</sup> December, 2021**

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**In Miltown Malbay Church**

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

12.15 p.m. Mary Jo Fennell Clarke

**Next Sunday is the Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph Year C**

**LITURGIES FOR THIS WEEK:**

**Miltown:** ( [www.miltownmalbayparish.ie](http://www.miltownmalbayparish.ie) webcam)

**Monday:** 10 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**MASS:** 10 a.m. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday

**MASS:** 7 p.m. Friday – **Christmas Eve**

**MASS:** 12.15 p.m. Saturday – **Christmas Day**

**MASS:** 12.15 p.m. Sunday

**MOY:**

**MASS:** 9.15 a.m. Saturday – **Christmas Day**

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**REMEMBRANCE:** Our prayers are asked for the Repose of the Soul of John Lahiff, Spanish Point who died during the week.

Rest in Peace John

**ACT OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION:**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

**RECONCILIATION SERVICE for**

**Christmas** at all the Masses this weekend.

**CHRISTMAS MASS BOUQUETS:**

Signed Christmas Mass Bouquets are now available from the parish office. All proceeds from the Christmas Mass Bouquets will go to Missionvale South Africa.

**CHILDREN WITH AUTISM ATTENDING MASS:** A

Sensory Kit is available in each church for children attending Mass with autism. Please come to the sacristy before Mass to receive the kit. We thank Susan Crawford for making the kit available.

**RECONCILIATION PRAYER - SERENITY PRAYER:**

Lord, grant me the serenity to accept things that I cannot change,  
the courage to change the things that I can and the wisdom to know the difference.  
Living one day at a time;  
Enjoying one moment at a time;  
Accepting hardships as the pathway to peace.  
Taking, as Christ did, this sinful world as it is,  
Not as I would have it,  
Trusting that he will make all things right.  
If I surrender to his will;  
So that I may be reasonably happy in this life and supremely happy with him forever in the next. Amen

**REFLECTION:**

As Christmas approaches, our hopes rise.  
But we much take care that the substance of our hopes is not dictated by what the merchants promise.  
Those who pin their hopes on what the merchants promise will be disappointed,  
not because they promise too little,  
but too much – of the wrong thing.  
What our hearts long for is a taste of the 'great joy' the angels announced to the shepherds:  
'Today a Saviour has been born to you;  
He is Christ the Lord'.

**WEDNESDAY ON THE WEB** last Wednesday night is available on our web page under Recordings, it was a wonderful night of music and reflection.

**PRIESTS' CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** The Christmas Collection for the Priests of the parish will be taken up on Christmas Day. Envelopes are in our boxes.

**THANK YOU:** Sincere thanks to Robert and Ger for erecting the Christmas Tree and very special thanks to Eileen, Hazel and Majella for doing a great job in decorating the tree. Thanks also to Pat Twomey for erecting our wonderful Crib.

**GLASSES** found in the Church on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December – owner can contact the parish office.

## **JOIN OUR BIG FAMILY CHRISTMAS!**

By setting your place at the Mary's Meals Big Family Christmas table, you'll help to feed a hungry child for a whole school year for less than €20

You'll get a beautiful digital placemat, featuring the name of your friend or loved one, to email or print out and pass on. Go to [www.marysmeals.ie](http://www.marysmeals.ie) to set your place or call Patricia on 086 314 0814 Mary's Meals feeds over 2 Million children each school day in 19 of the world's poorest countries. At least 93% of all donations go directly to their charitable activities. Food changes the story, with your help they can make a difference.

## **PRAYER TO ST. ROCH:**

St. Roch by the ministry of an Angel, God gave you a promise engraved on a Tablet, that whoever would invoke your name, would be preserved from all contagious diseases and illnesses. St. Roch pray for us that we may be preserved from all contagious diseases and illnesses – especially the Corona Virus

## **CLARE SUICIDE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT**

Are you finding it difficult to cope with a death by suicide of a family member, relative or friend? It may help to talk to a Clare Suicide bereavement Support Volunteer. We offer confidential and free support to people who have experienced a death by suicide. Please phone or text 086 0565373 or 087 3698315

## **ST. ANNE'S ST. VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS APPEAL**

St Vincent De Paul St. Anne's that covers both Kilmurry Ibrickane Parish & Miltown Malbay Parish only, envelopes are available in the porch of each Church in the 2 Parishes, you can leave in the basket at Churches, mark any envelope 'SVP' or you could donate online to:

Conference Name:

St. Anne's Miltown Malbay Appeal

Conference Fundraiser Address:

Svp.ie/miltownmalbay

Bank details:IBAN: IE90 BOFI 904333 92861464

Or log onto: <https://www.svp.ie/miltownmalbay>

**LEGION OF MARY:** The Legion of Mary is on at 7pm every Tuesday and will be available to view on the webcam from St. Mary's Church, Mullagh. We would sincerely love for people to tune into these prayers by tuning into [www.kibparish.ie/webcam](http://www.kibparish.ie/webcam) it can be watched back by looking under the Recordings tab.

## **COUCH TO 5km WALKING & RUNNING PROGRAMME**

will begin on Tuesday 11th of January at 7.30pm in Mullagh Track. This programme will run for 8 weeks, every Tuesday evening. It is free to take part and all are welcome. Open to all who want to start running in a progressive manner, walkers are most welcome to join us. Bring a friend

## **Twelve Days of Christmas Candle Event**

"This coming festive season, the entrance to the Clare 250 Cancer Centre in Ballygriffey will be lit up by 150 votive candles, each one a kind prayer for a loved one who is ill or has sadly passed away.

Weather permitting, the candles will be lit from 6pm to 9pm from the 25th of December to the 5th of January. The name and homeplace of those who are to be remembered will be displayed on the plinth in front of the statue of Our Lady each night. One candle will cost € (with one name per candle) & you may purchase as many as you wish. For further details call 0656841600 or go to [www.clare250cancercentre.ie](http://www.clare250cancercentre.ie)."

## **FCJ SPIRITUALITY HOUSE** – Teach Spiorodálta, Spanish Point.

As we enter the last week of Advent, a huge thanks to all who welcomed, supported, visited, participated or otherwise encouraged us here in FCJ House in this new adventure. If you haven't been, know you're still very welcome. If you want to know what's coming up in 2022, please email or text to sign up for our monthly newsletter

( 087 447 9115 [info@fcjspiritualityhouse.ie](mailto:info@fcjspiritualityhouse.ie) )

Morning Meditation and Lectio Divina will continue up until Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>, and then we will close the house for 2 weeks til January 7<sup>th</sup>. Our Spring Program will be announced that week and we hope you'll find plenty to interest and inspire you!

## **COVID-19 SUPPORT LINE FOR OLDER PEOPLE**

ALONE manage a national support line and additional supports for older people who have concerns or are facing difficulties relating to COVID-19 (Coronavirus). If you or someone you know needs support this Christmas, please call our National Support and Referral Line on 0818 222 024 from 8am – 8pm, seven days a week. ALONE operates 365 days a year so we will be there to take your call when you need us most.

## **CLARE LIBRARY** upcoming online events for adults 18+ throughout Co. Clare

**Chair Yoga** classes with Trish Cleary will be taking place through zoom on the following dates: Thursdays 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> January 11am – 12 noon.

**Tai Chi** classes with Kevin Copeland will be taking place through zoom on Tuesdays 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> January 10.30am – 11.30am.

Classes are Free. Participants will need access to zoom. To book your place, contact Kilrush Library on 065 9051504 or email [kilrush@clarelibrary.ie](mailto:kilrush@clarelibrary.ie) Classes are funded by Healthy Ireland at Your Library.

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 065 7050199**  
**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749**  
**BASKET COLLECTION** – 12/12/2021 - €1,620  
**A VERY HAPPY & PEACEFUL CHRISTMAS EVERYONE**