

**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 Lent (Mother's Day) Year C 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2022**

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**In Miltown Malbay Church**

**Readers for Next Sunday:** 6 p.m. Bernie Mee  
12.15 p.m. Flann O'Keefe

**Next Sunday is the Fifth Sunday of Lent 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: 11 a.m. Friday** - Confirmation

**MASS: 6 p.m. Saturday** for Tony Egan, Ballinoo  
(1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary)

**MASS: 12.15 p.m. Sunday – Grouped Anniversary**

**Masses**

Ettie Carroll, Ennistymon Road  
Mary, Jay & John Sexton, Ballard  
John Curtin, Caherogan  
Sonny & Anna Green & Deceased Members  
of the Hogan & Green Families  
Berry McGee, Main Street  
Bridget & Peter Egan, Breaffa South

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

**SYNOD:** The Church throughout the World is presently engaged in a Synod to find out the needs of Parishes at this point and into the future. Our Synod Committee drawn from the two Pastoral Councils of Miltown and Kilmurry Ibrickane have put together a Parish Survey that is attached to this newsletter. We would love if you took time to fill it out and return it to us in the boxes provided in Miltown or Moy Church, your local Post Office or in Supervalu, Miltown Malbay. We would love to hear from you even if you have drifted away from Church Practice. The Survey is confidential and we deeply appreciate you taking the time to fill it so that we can plan for the future. At the Mass on next Sunday there will also be an opportunity to fill out the Survey. We thank you in advance for your help. This Survey can also be done on line at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WZFBCWS>

**RECONCILIATION FOR EASTER** at all Masses on next weekend, why not come along and make peace with God and others to prepare for Easter.

**REFLECTION** No Woman, No Cry

So you're a mother and it's Mother's Day. In a Church which sanctifies motherhood and a society cherishing the relationship between mother and child, you're a star.

Accidentally or intentionally, for better or worse, you brought a child into the world. And that fact forges a bond with another woman who gave birth in a stable and is still revered two thousand years later as the mother of all mothers.

But if you're not a mother on mother's day, what then? Does it hurt, not being a mother? Are you angry your body let you down? Or maybe, it was his body and you wonder if it might have been different with someone else.

It could just be that it just didn't work out for you. You never met the father of your unborn child or you met him and he was committed to someone else. Or he had a phobia about commitment which messed up your life, though your biological clock is ticking, you're too scared and too tired to try to make it right with someone else.

You may have had a mother who put you off the idea of motherhood for life. Or you decided early on that you, at least, would not be clogging up an already overpopulated world. But you feel defensive, somehow, everyone expects that you aspire to motherhood simply because you're a woman. Some newspapers claimed last year that female suicide outstrips male suicide on just one day of the year: Mother's Day. The day when so many women receive flowers from childish hands and cards with childish sentiments of love. And so many women don't.

**CONFIRMATION:** Confirmation for the Young People of Miltown and Rineen Schools will take place on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April at 11 a.m. The Ceremony will be available on the parish webcam.

**No 10 a.m. MASS on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of April**

**WEDNESDAYS ON THE WEB:**

Please join us on Wednesday night next 30th March for The Turfshed at 8pm for some wonderful music.  
[www.miltownmalbayparish.ie/web-cam](http://www.miltownmalbayparish.ie/web-cam)

### **A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE:**

God of peace and justice,  
We pray for the people of Ukraine today.  
We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.  
We pray for all those who fear for tomorrow,  
that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.  
We pray for those with power over war or peace,  
for wisdom, discernment and compassion  
to guide their decisions.  
Above all, we pray for all your precious children,  
at risk and in fear,  
that you would hold and protect them.  
We pray in the name of Jesus, the Prince of Peace.  
Amen

### **LENTEN TALKS SERIES 2022**

Noticing God along the road with us  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> March at 7.30pm – Diarmuid O’Murchu  
– Adult Faith in 2022

This online talk series is organised by the Críocha Callan Cluster and FCJ Spirituality House, Spanish Point. Booking: email [info@fcjspiritualityhouse.ie](mailto:info@fcjspiritualityhouse.ie) or [office@kibparish.ie](mailto:office@kibparish.ie) to register. Queries: KIB Parish office 085 1872212 / FCJ House 087 4479115

### **FCJ Spirituality House, Teach Spiorodálta, Spanish Point.**

Thanks to all who have been joining us for discussion, reflection, meditation and movies. After a short break, we are back to normal:

- We are delighted to join with your parishes to host the final of three online **Lenten talks** with Diarmuid O Muruchu on Tuesday, March 29<sup>th</sup>.  
**Movie Night** are back on Tuesdays this week at 7pm with Songs of the Sea. Always a lovely, relaxing night in pleasant surroundings!  
The **Wednesdays of Lent** return, with candlelit Evening prayer (7-730pm) and Lectio Divina (8-9pm).
- Finally, we are delighted to offer a monthly Saturday **‘Come to the Water’**. This is in response to many requests for calm, restful days which might allow people time and space after such a busy and stressful time.

More details on all these events at:

<https://www.eventbrite.ie/o/fcj-spirituality-house-spanish-point-35764429733>. Call or text 087 447 9115 or email [info@fcjspiritualityhouse.ie](mailto:info@fcjspiritualityhouse.ie) for more information.

**CONCERT:** Seán Keane in Concert in Moy Church on Good Friday (15<sup>th</sup> April) at 8 p.m. in aid of Moy Community Centre. Adm: €25 Tickets from 087 9013884

**TAI CHI SESSIONS** at GAA Club House on Thursdays 10 a.m. – 11 a.m. Cost €30 for 6 sessions payable at the first session on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

**NEWLY MARRIED:** Congratulations to Helen Burke and Kevin Troy who were married recently also warm Congratulations to Brendan O’Brien and Darina Lynch who were married recently.

### **SUMMER TIME:**

Clocks go forward one hour on this Saturday night.

**UKRAINE APPEAL:** Many thanks to all who donated to the collection for Ukraine. A massive €6,408 was the total. This was above and beyond all expectations. May God reward the people of Moy and Miltown who gave so generously. This money was lodged to Red Cross International to help the devastated Ukrainians who are forced from their land and their homes. Míle Buíochas Aris

### **COMMUNITY WELLBEING & SUICIDE AWARENESS MEETING IN MARCH:**

| <b><u>DATE</u></b>      | <b><u>WHERE</u></b>                | <b><u>TIME</u></b> |
|-------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> | Miltown Malbay<br>Community Centre | 7-9pm              |

Join us for a chat around wellbeing and see what supports and courses are available. Enquiries to: [westclaremha@mentalhealthireland.ie](mailto:westclaremha@mentalhealthireland.ie)  
Phone 065 9062329 Mobile 085 8559511

### **PARKINSON’S AWARENESS TALK:**

To mark Parkinson’s Awareness Week, Kilrush Library are hosting a talk on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> April at 2.30pm by Nicola Thompson, Parkinson’s Nurse Specialist. Nicola has a wide experience and knowledge of the condition, which she is delighted to share with people either living with Parkinson’s or their carers, family members and friends. This talk will be followed by a Q+A. There is also an open invitation for a patient to come and tell their story on the day. Tea and coffee will be served. A Healthy Ireland at Your Library.

### **UKRAINE FUNDRAISER** - Wednesday March 30<sup>th</sup>

A 24 Hour Badminton Blitz will be held at Miltown Community Centre Wednesday next, starting at 5p.m. to raise much needed funds for the people of Ukraine. Both adults and children will be participating and we’d really appreciate your support, so please do call in. Donations can be made online at [www.idonate.ie/badmintonblitz2022](http://www.idonate.ie/badmintonblitz2022) or at the community centre from 5p.m. Wednesday through to 5 pm on Thursday. Thank you for your support!

### **MILTOWN MALBAY COMMUNITY CENTRE** will

hold a table tennis taster evening on March 29<sup>th</sup>, from 8-9pm all welcome, Contact 0851496963 for more information.

**ACCORD** is recruiting interested people to assist in the provision of Marriage Preparation Programmes.

Application forms are available by contacting [marriagepreparation@accord.ie](mailto:marriagepreparation@accord.ie)  
Selections will take place in June of this year with training commencing in September

**MOTHER’S DAY:** A Very Happy Mother’s Day to all our Mothers on this week-end.

**BEST OF LUCK** to the Clare Footballers as they play Down this week-end

**MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 065 7050199**  
**SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749**  
**BASKET COLLECTION** – 20/03/2022 - €2,150  
**SIA COLLECTION** - €600