ST. JOSEPH’S CHURCH MILTOWN MALBAY _ ST. MARY’S CHURCH MOY
CRIÓCHA CALLAN PASTORAL AREA
CHURCH OF IRELAND – CHRIST CHURCH SPANISH POINT

First Sunday of Advent  Year A  1st 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.    Maura O’Sullivan
12.15 p.m.  John G. Devitt

Next Sunday is the Second Sunday of Advent Year A  Friday is the First Friday of December

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 12 o’clock for Peter Haugh, Sp Pt.
(1st Anniversary)

Mass 6 p.m. – Grouped Anniversary
Masses
P.J. Gallagher, Lackamore & Ballard Road
Deceased Members of the Fitzgerald Family, Waterville
Mary & Siney Talty, Carhuduff
Johnny & John Killeen, Clonbony
Annie & Michael Hurley & Deceased Members of the Hurley & Murray Families
Pat & Mary Flynn, The Crescent
Martin Flynn, Carhuduff
Paddy Murrihy, London & Knockbrack
Patricia O’Connor, Dromin
Madge Sexton & Paddy Hehir
Nora Curtin, Poulawillin

Sunday: Mass 12.15 p.m

Moy: Reader for Next Sunday: Bridie Gallagher

Sunday: Mass 10 a.m.

CHRIST CHURCH, SPANISH POINT
Sunday: Morning Service 9.30 a.m. Sunday 8th Dec.

REMEMBRANCE: We extend our sympathy to the Lynch family on the death of Marion and to the Malone Family, Moybeg on the death of Robin Lacey, College Green Ennis, Husband of the late Ann Lacey née Malone of Moy, who died during the week. Rest in Peace Marion and Robin.

MASS SERVERS: MILTOWN MALBAY
Saturday 7th December 6 p.m.  Mass Group D
Sunday 8th December 12.15 p.m.  Mass Group D2

REFLECTION:
The weeks of Advent prepare for Christmas, all we associate with 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 like 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. Donal Neary SJ

DECEMBER GROUPED ANNIVERSARY MASSES MILTOWN
Saturday 7th Dec. 6 p.m.  Sunday 1st Dec. 12.15 p.m.
Saturday 21st Dec. 6 p.m.  Sunday 15th Dec. 12.15 p.m.

DECEMBER GROUPED ANNIVERSARY MASSES MOY
Sunday 1st Dec. 10 a.m.  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.
FIRST FRIDAY: Friday is First Friday. Mass at 10am on First Friday. Calls to the sick during the week

JOINT MEETING OF THE MULLAGH & MILTOWN PASTORAL COUNCILS in Mullagh Church Sacristy on Tuesday 3rd December at 8.30 p.m.

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. All are welcome.

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

AN ALL NIGHT-VIGIL will take Place in Knock on Dec 7th, the Eve Of The Immaculate Conception at 12 midnight with Confession, finishing with Concelebrated Mass at 4am. The Auberge Of Knock, Pilgrim Accommodation, are now taking bookings for this night. For bookings, contact 01 6430060 or 087 3387410.

BUS TO KNOCK SHRINE on the 7th of December. Contact Stephen Leahy @ 0861943960 to book your seat.

SPRAOI’S annual food appeal for SVdeP 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.

MISSIONVALE SOUTH AFRICA: Four students from our Secondary School in Spanish Point (Liam Lenihan, Ciara Burke, Alison O Loughlin & Diarmuid O Sullivan) will travel to Missionvale South Africa to work with Sr. Ethel Normoyle in a very deprived township. They will travel as part of a group of 42 people who will work in the township for a week. This weekend they will speak at Masses and ask for your support.

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.

BASKET COLLECTION Week Ending 24/11/2019 €1490 MILTOWN/MOY DEFIBRILLATOR 065-7050199 SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT de PAUL 086 2168749

CROCHA CALLAN CLUSTER: The next few years are going to bring enormous change in our Cluster. The present system that has held us in good stead over so many years is coming to an end. We will need to develop new ways of being church and new ways of developing a greater sense of community. Fr Michael Conway who lectures on Faith and Culture in St Patricks College Maynooth will reflect on community in the past and how we might develop new ways of being community in the future. He will speak in Miltown Malbay Community Hall on Wednesday 4th December at 7.30 p.m.

HEALING MASS at the Franciscan Church, Ennis Tuesday December 10th at 7.30p.m. followed by Veneration of St. Padre Pio’s Glove.

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.

CHURCH GROUNDS RESTORATION:
Following is the outline of costs incurred during the Tarmacking and Drainage of grounds:
Total Cost €26,343.59 including VAT of €3610.63
The cost of the works was reduced by the following
Income Retiring Collection - €6,640
Co. Council GMA Grant - €4,000
€10,640
€26,343.59 - €10,640.00 = €15,703.59
Sincere thanks to Terence O’Brien Builders who carried out the Drainage Works to a very high standard and to Cummins Tarmacadam for their professionalism in giving us an outstanding job of work.

We would ask you to respect and be aware of parking in the grounds for Mass especially at week-ends and allow the elderly and infirm first preference parking due to their disabilities.

SHOE BOX APPEAL A GREAT SUCCESS: The organisers of this year’s Christmas Shoebox Appeal would like to give a big thank you to everyone who contributed in any way to this year’s appeal. It was a great success with 247 shoeboxes being sent to the Team Hope Warehouse. A special word of thanks to Patsy Jones for her support, Marie and Michael Fox for gathering shoeboxes, thank you also to all the children and parents who have helped make this year’s Shoebox Appeal a great success, especially to all the primary schools who took part and contributed such fabulous shoe boxes to the appeal. Thanks to Kate and her team of helpers who checked all the boxes before they started on their journey to the warehouse in Ennistymon. The organisers of the appeal would ask any local groups / organizations and anyone who didn’t donate a shoebox this year to consider doing so next year and supporting this very worthwhile cause.

FAMILY TIME AT YOUR LIBRARY DURING DECEMBER: Join us at 11.30 am on Saturday 7th December at Miltown Malbay Library, when we will be showing the comedy children's movie 'Arthur Christmas' Suitable for all age groups. Free event and all welcome. Watch out for other Family Time at Your Library events throughout December on www.clairelibrary.ie Contact the library on 065-7084822 for further information.

ST. JOSEPH'S SECONDARY SCHOOL CHOIR, SPANISH POINT presents 'A Celebration of Joy', an evening of Christmas carols on Wednesday December 11th at 7.30pm. in St. Joseph’s Church, Miltown Malbay.