

Parish Newsletter

Eighteenth Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year A

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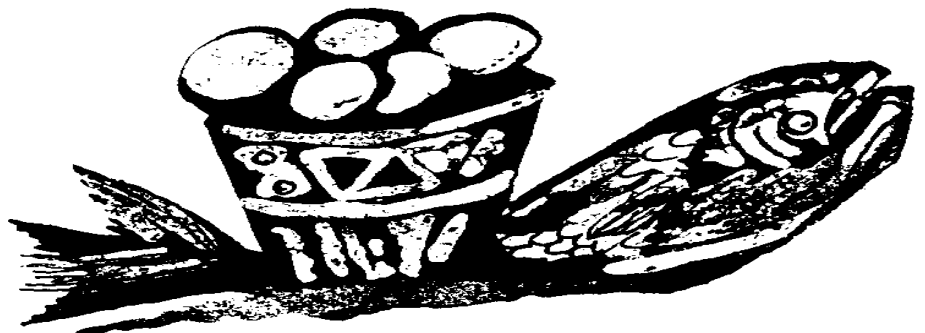
The Ripple Effect

You never know what impact a small act of kindness can have. The mental health crisis in Ireland has been widely reported upon in recent years; sadly, however, many people continue to suffer in silence, and hundreds of people die by suicide in this country every year. We have a long way to go before there is an open and positive attitude to mental health in our society. Earlier this year, the Green Ribbon campaign was launched with the aim of 'changing minds about mental health, one conversation at a time'. Their simple message, 'Time to talk', spread rapidly. Who knows how many lives were saved or transformed by the reminder that we should always be ready to listen and to help? It got me thinking about the ripple effect – how one kind word or act can make all the difference, or even save a life. What can we do to let people know we are available to help and to lend a sympathetic ear.

Today's Gospel sees Jesus taking pity on the crowds, even though he had planned some alone time, and in spite of the disciples' efforts to send them away. Are we like the disciples, sending people away when they need help? Or do we follow Jesus' example, acting with compassion and helping those we encounter?

The crowd had only five loaves and two fish, yet from this meagre beginning Jesus was able to feed five thousand people. The smallest gesture of help or kindness can multiply and bear a great amount of fruit.

Triona Doherty



St. Peter's Church, Milford	Eucharistic Adoration	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel
<p>Saturday 2nd 7: 30 pm Intention</p> <p>Sunday 3rd Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11: 00 am Intention 3: 00 pm Milford Graveyard Mass</p> <p>Tuesday 5th St. Mary Major 7: 00 pm Intention</p> <p>Thursday 7th 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p>Friday 8th St. Dominic 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p>Saturday 9th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross 7: 30 pm Joe Crossan (Anniv)</p> <p>Sunday 10th nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 11: 00 am Intention</p>	<p><u>Tuesdays - Kerrykeel</u> 9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm</p> <p><u>Thursday's - Milford</u> 10: 00 am – 10: 00 pm (Directed Holy Hour from 9: 00 pm every second Thursday of the month)</p> <p>Confessions Milford After 7: 30 pm Mass every Saturday</p> <p>Kerrykeel 5: 30 pm on Saturday's</p>	<p>Saturday 2nd 6: 00 pm Intention</p> <p>Sunday 3rd Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9: 30 am Intention 3: 00 pm Milford Graveyard Mass</p> <p>Wednesday 6th Transfiguration of the Lord 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p>Saturday 9th St Teresa Benedicta of the Cross 6: 00 pm Intention</p> <p>Sunday 10th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9: 30 am Intention</p>

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Lena Cheevers, Letterkenny, who died last weekend (Mother of Annraoi Cheevers, Principal of Milford National School)
Gerard Durning, Drumman, whose Months Mind Mass takes place in the family home on Monday at 7:30pm (All welcome)

And all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:

May Deeny, John Reynolds, Cissie O'Donnell, Margaret Sweeney, Kevin Begley, Deceased Members of the Gallagher Family, Sarah Brogan, Katherine McPaul, Con Barrett & Charlie Ferry



Local SVP number 086 0611040

Tax Relief Scheme Forms

If you have not yet returned your form please do so as soon as possible.

Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The Annual Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Saturday 16th August led by Most Rev. Philip Boyce, (OCD), DD, Bishop of Raphoe. If anyone from the Parish is travelling and would like to take part, doing prayers, readings, gifts etc. Please contact Fr. James as soon as possible.

Rosary

There is a rosary every Tuesday at 3pm in St. Peter's Church, Milford. All welcome, tea served

Irish Cancer Society's Care to Drive

The Irish Cancer Society's Care to Drive service is currently seeking volunteer drivers to drive local patients to and from their chemotherapy treatments. We are looking for volunteers from all over Co. Donegal to pick a patient up at their home, drive them to the door of the hospital, pick them up when they are finished their treatment and bring them home again. This service is free to the patient and all drivers expenses are paid. Telephone Gail on 01 2310 566 or email transport@irishcancer.ie

Money Found

A small sum of money has been found in the grounds of St. Peters, please contact the Sacristy

Flight of Earls Mass for Emigrants

A Flight of Earls Mass for Emigrants will take place on Sun 14th September in Rathmullan Church. If you want someone from the Parish included in the Mass please place their name, town-land they are from and where they are now living in the box provided in the Church. More details will follow.

Rathmullan Heritage Tour

During the months of July and August there will be a guided walking tour of Rathmullan on each Thursday afternoon at 3pm and each Saturday morning at 11.30am. The tours will depart from the Putting Green Hut and last approx. 1hr and 15 mins. Cost is €5.00 per person and accompanied children are free. Enquiries call 086 2421008.

Ramelton Heritage Tour

During the month of August there will be a guided walking tour of Ramelton on each Monday and Thursday morning at 11.30am. The tours will depart from Gamble's Square and last approx. 1hr and 15 mins. Cost is €5.00 per person and accompanied children are free. Enquiries call 086 2421008.

Irish Wheelchair Association

The Irish Wheelchair Association would like to thank everyone who contributed to their recent Church Gate Collection. A total of €140 was raised.

Kerrykeel Country Market

Kerrykeel Country Market takes place every Saturday in the Old School, Kerrykeel from 11am until noon. Featuring a wide array of locally produced items including art, crochet, home baking, plants/flowers, crafts, cooked meals, meat, jams, jewellery, eggs, honey, vegetables etc. Tea/Coffee room open also.

Co. Donegal Parents and Friends of People with Intellectual Disability Ltd.

The Church Gate Collection in aid of the above Association will take place on next Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th August. All support is greatly appreciated.

MUSINGS

Today's First Reading contains an invitation from a superabundant Lord to his people, and specifically those who have no money, to 'come, buy and eat ... without money or cost'. I thought of this reading when I first came across the 'Suspended Coffee' scheme last year. Begun in Naples and since spread to many countries, customers pay participating coffee shops in advance for an extra cup of coffee which is then 'donated' to someone else who may be unable to afford it. In some outlets the scheme has been extended to suspended sandwiches and soups. See www.suspendedcoffeeireland.ie for further details.

Salvador Ryan

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1055.00
Kerrykeel: €400.00

Tully Cemetery: €1042.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

If you are a Christian then you are a minister. A non-ministering Christian is a contradiction in terms.

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is: €8,000. 00
Second Snowball €3,950. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word
Sat 9th August

P. McCarron & M. Carr
Sun 10th August
S. Friel & S. Greene

Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat 9th August

W. Friel, M. McNulty,
O. Gallagher & M.E. Gillespie
Sun 10th August
C. O'Sullivan, C. McGettigan,
M. McFadden & M. McRory

Children's Liturgy

The Children's liturgy are on holidays for the summer months and will resume in September.

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word
Sat 9th July

Phonsie McAteer
Sun 10th July
Regina McGettigan

Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat 9th July

Jacinta Callaghan
Sun 10th July
Gretta McFadden