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### Blessing of the Advent Wreath

When the blessing of the Advent Wreath is celebrated in the home, it is appropriate that it be blessed by a parent or another member of the family.

*All make a sign of the cross as the leader says:*

**Our help is in the name of the Lord**

*Response: Who made heaven and earth*

***Then the Scripture is read:***

Listen to the words of the Prophet Isaiah:

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone. You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty –God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is the dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord Sabaoth will do this.

Reader: **This is the Word of the Lord**

*Response: Thanks be to God*

**With hands joined, the leader says:**

Lord our God,

We praise you for your Son, Jesus Christ: he is Emmanuel, the hope of the peoples, he is the wisdom that teaches and guides us, he is the Saviour of every nation.

Lord god, let your blessings come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath.

May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation.

May he come quickly and not delay .

We ask this through Christ Our Lord.

**Amen**

### St. Peter's Church, Milford

#### Saturday 2nd

7:30pm Charlie Sweeney (Anniv)

#### Sunday 3rd First Sunday of Advent

11:00am Terence Doherty (Month's Mind Mass)

#### Tuesday 5th

10:00am Intention

#### Thursday 7th

10:00am Intention

#### Friday 8th

7:00pm The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

#### Saturday 9th

7:30pm Phyllis O Toole (1st Anniv)

#### Sunday 10th Second Sunday of Advent

11:00am Nan Mc Ginley (Anniv)

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel

9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm

Thursday's - Milford

10: 00 am – 10: 00 pm

(Directed Holy Hour from 9: 00 pm the second Thursday of every month)

### Confessions

#### Milford

After 7: 30 pm Mass every Saturday

#### Kerrykeel

5: 30 pm on Saturday's

### Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel

#### Saturday 2nd

6:00pm James (Francie) Friel (Anniv)

#### Sunday 3rd First Sunday of Advent

9:30am James Friel (Anniv)

#### Wednesday 6th

10:00am Intention

#### Saturday 9th

6:00pm Siobhan Mc Cormack (Anniv)

#### Sunday 10th Second Sunday of Advent

9:30am Hughie & Jeannie Shiels (Anniv)

## Please Remember in your Prayers:

**Teresa Devine**, Milford. Who died on Thursday and whose funeral took place in Milford on Saturday.

**Ron Cunningham** whose funeral took place on Wednesday.

**Mary Gorman**, Annagry, who died during the week.

**Terence Doherty**, whose Month's Mind Mass takes place this weekend.

**All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** James Francie Friel, Charlie Sweeney, George Mc Glynn, Liam & Gerry Dolan & Kathleen & Willie Mc Elwee.



### St. Vincent de Paul

The local SVdeP number 086 0611040 is a dedicated confidential number.

### Farewell Mass Fr. Adrian

Fr. Adrian will return to the Parish on Friday 8th December to celebrate Mass in St. Peter's, Milford at 7pm. Tea will be served afterwards in the Oratory. Anyone who would like to contribute a gift, envelopes are available at the back of both Churches and can be returned to the boxes provided. Donations of home baking etc would be greatly appreciated on the evening.

### Kerrykeel Senior Citizens Christmas Party

Kerrykeel Senior Citizens Christmas Party takes place on Saturday 9th December in the Mulroy Woods Hotel at 7:30pm. All are welcome. If anyone who is new to the area and has not already been invited, please contact Greta on 086 8476686.

### St. Vincent de Paul annual Collection

The Annual St. Vincent de Paul Collection will take place on Sat 9th & Sun 10th December. Your support will be greatly appreciated. All money raised will go towards the needy in our community

### Advent Retreat in the Pastoral Centre

There is a special opportunity to prepare yourself and your family for the coming of Christmas: to welcome the child Jesus among us. The Advent Retreat will take place in the Pastoral Centre Wed 13th of Dec from 7pm-9.30 pm by Fr. Eddie Dowley, Some light refreshments will be served. No cost All welcome. Please book 074-9121853.

### Blessed John Henry Newman:

"Jesus knew his own purpose and his Father's purpose gradually to leave the world to itself. He contemplated the neglect of him which would spread even among his professed followers: the daring disobedience and the loud words, which would be ventured against him and his father by many whom he had regenerated and the coldness, cowardice, and tolerance of error which would be displayed by others, who did not go so far as to speak against him. He foresaw the state of the world and the Church, as we see it this day, when his prolonged absence has made it practically through that he never will come back in visible presence. And in the text he mercifully whispers into our ears not to trust what we see, not to share in that general unbelief, not be carried away by the world, but to take heed, watch, pray, and look out for his coming."

*Lord, may we be attentive to signs of your kingdom as it unfolds in our lives: keep us alive to your presence among us*

### Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Thursday 14th of December from 7:30 to 9:00 in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny (please note change of venue). This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

### Advent Challenge

Take the Short-Term Pledge for the season of Advent in preparation for Christmas. Contact your local Pioneer Centre Representative on or join online as [www.pioneerassociation.ie](http://www.pioneerassociation.ie)

### Christmas Carol Services 2017

You are Warmly Invited to Christmas Carol Services 2017

Christmas Music by Talented Musicians  
Christmas Meditations by Special Guests

#### **Monday 11 December at 7.30pm**

Rosnakill Resource Centre  
Ricky Henry and John Porter

#### **Tuesday 12 December at 7.30pm**

The Town Hall, Milford  
John Mulhern and Neil Shaw

#### **Wednesday 13 December at 7.30pm**

Saint Vincent de Paul Centre, Rathmullan  
John Mulhern and Neil Shaw  
Admission Free. Events for the whole family.  
Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served after the Carol Services.

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,255.00

Kerrykeel: €250.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

### Thought for the Week

*In matters of style, swim the current.*

*In matters of principles stand like a rock.*  
T. Jefferson

**Milford Hall Bingo**  
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm in the Hall.  
**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00  
**Second Snowball**  
€7,200. 00



## Church Ministries



### Milford

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 9th December**

Patrick Mc Laughlin

**Sun 10th December**

Louise Mc Bride

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 9th December**

M. E. Gillespie, E. Dyke & H. Doherty

**Sun 10th December**

S. O Donnell, K. Ferry & C. O Sullivan

### Children's Liturgy

**Sunday 3rd Dec Team C**

First Sunday of Advent  
Year B

**Sunday 10th Dec Team D**

Second Sunday of Advent  
Year B

### Kerrykeel

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 9th December**

Joe Harkin

**Sun 10th December**

Joe Ferry

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 9th December**

Noreen Mc Fadden

**Sun 10th December**

Moira Stilvern