

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday
Of Christmas
Year B

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Putting down roots

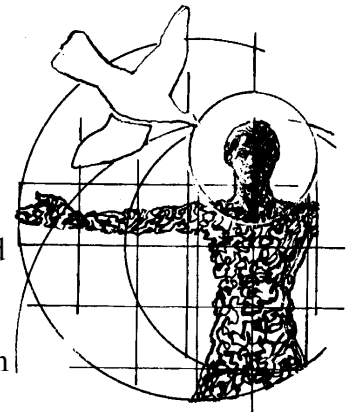
What does it mean to 'have roots'? We talk about having family roots as a way of describing our connection to a place or people. Having roots somewhere means we are part of that place. When we are ready to settle down, to become part of a community and maybe even start a family, we talk about 'putting down roots'. It means we are making this place our home.

It is a lovely metaphor from the plant world. A tree's roots represent its relationship with the soil it is planted in and with the elements around it. The deeper the roots, the more connected a plant is to its environment.

Today's First Reading speaks of the wisdom of God 'taking root in a privileged people'. It describes it another way as 'pitching a tent'. These images offer us a way into understanding the more complex language of today's Gospel, which talks about God's relationship with us when he sent his Son: 'The Word was made flesh, he lived among us'.

When God became man, he put down roots – not just in our physical world, but in humanity itself. He pitched his tent among us and became one of us. It is a connection that cannot be broken – the roots go too deep. This is the mystery we celebrate at Christmas. We are indeed a privileged people!

Triona Doherty



MUSINGS

The magi (wise men) have played a prominent role in the Christmas story since about the fifth century. Appearing only in the Gospel of Matthew, he doesn't tell us how many there were; the number three was later deduced from the reference to three gifts. Their later portrayal as kings riding camels was inspired by two passages in Isaiah - a reference to the nations which 'shall come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness' (Isa 60:3) and some lines further on, 'a multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah ... they shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord' (Isa 60:6). Salvador Ryan

St. Peter's Church, Milford	Eucharistic Adoration	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel
Saturday 3rd	<u>Tuesdays - Kerrykeel</u>	Saturday 3rd
7: 30 pm Noel Greenan (Anniv)	9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm	6: 00 pm Mary Ferry (Anniv)
Sunday 4th Second Sunday Of Christmas	<u>Thursday's - Milford</u>	Sunday 4th Second Sunday Of Christmas
11: 00 am Intention	10: 00 am – 10: 00 pm	9: 30 am Intention
Monday 5th	<i>(Directed Holy Hour from</i>	Tuesday 6th The Epiphany Of The Lord
10. 00am Intention	9: 00 pm every second	6: 00 pm Intention
Tuesday 6th The Epiphany Of The Lord	<i>Thursday of the month)</i>	Saturday 10th
11: 00 am John Sweeney (Anniv)	Confessions	6: 00 pm Intention
7: 30 pm Intention	Milford	Sunday 11th The Baptism Of The Lord
Wednesday 7th	After 7: 30 pm Mass	9: 30 am John Mc Fadden (Anniv)
10.00 am Intention	every Saturday	
Saturday 10th	Kerrykeel	
7: 30 pm Intention	5: 30 pm on Saturday's	
Sunday 11th The Baptism Of The Lord		
11: 00 am Intention		

Please Remember in your Prayers:

All those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:

Noel Greenan, Mary Ferry, John Sweeney, James Gallagher, Jim & Betty Scally.



St. Vincent De Paul

The local St. Vincent De Paul number **086 0611040** is a dedicated confidential number, just leave voicemail and a trained St. Vincent De Paul volunteer will be in touch.

Baptisms—Milford and Kerrykeel

Baptisms in Milford can be arranged for a Saturday at 4pm only and Sunday at 12noon. In Kerrykeel on a Saturday at 5pm.

Anniversary Masses in Milford

An Anniversary Mass for those deceased over 10 years can be arranged for a weekday morning Mass in Milford. For all other Anniversaries please book early to avoid disappointment.

Rosary

The Rosary which normally takes place on a Tuesday will resume on Tuesday 13th January at 3pm.

Two Hand & Old Time Dancing

Two hand and old time dancing continues in the Milford Hall on Thursdays at 8pm. Admission €5. All welcome.

Operation Transformation National Walks Day

Why not kick start your exercise regime for 2015 by taking part in an Operation Transformation walk from Ray Community Centre, Rathmullan on Saturday 17th January at 10am, registration from 9:30am. For further information contact Fiona Boyle on 087 2514790 / email fibboyle@gmail.com or contact Donegal Sports Partnership at 074 9116078/9 or email info@activedonegal.com

Gaeil Fhánada Lotto Result.

No jackpot winner. Numbers drawn were 03, 09, 12, 14, 18. Bonus 18. €100 winner Michael Shiels, Ballylar. €50 winner Patrick Blaney, Rosnakill. AGM on Saturday 21st Feb.

Anam Cara Donegal

Anam Cara Donegal is holding its first Parent Evening on Thursday 15th of January 2015 at Dillons Hotel, Main Street, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal from 19:30 to 21:00. Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to all bereaved parents.

Pilgrimage To Fatima

The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima will take place on the 10th July 2015, ex Dublin. A poster is on display in the Church and is now open for bookings.

Dates to Remember in 2015

Ash Wednesday 18th February

Easter Sunday 5th April

Confirmation

Saturday 25th April in St. Peter's Milford @ 11am

Kerrykeel & Milford First Communion

Saturday 9th May @ 11am in both Churches.

Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery

Sunday 26th July 2015 @ 3pm

Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery

Sunday 2nd August 2015 @ 3pm

SEEING YOUR LIFE THROUGH THE LENS OF THE GOSPELS

John 1:1-18

1. John opens his Gospel with a profound reflection on the meaning of creation, of life and of Jesus. Remember when you had a special awareness of the gift of life that filled you with gratitude to God for creation and the beauty and wonder of the world: 'All things came into being through him and without him not one thing came into being.'

2. We hear the gospel message frequently. Sometimes it goes in one ear and out the other. Then there are occasions when it made us feel more alive, times when it helped us see the way ahead, like a light that shines in the darkness. Recall when the gospel gave you hope in the midst of anxiety or sadness and helped you to see what action would be most life-giving for you and for others

3. Bring to mind people who have had a prophetic voice in the world – speaking the truth for the world to hear, like 'as a witness to testify to the light'. Some of these may have been public figures. Others were ordinary people who have helped you see the 'light' by the witness of their own lives and words.

4. 'No one has ever seen God. It is the only Son of God, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.' Jesus came to us to teach us about God and put a human face on God for us. For the people of his day, and for us, that was a mission of getting us to think again about how we see God and to believe in a God who is a God of love. Recall how the life and ministry of Jesus have changed your picture of God.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,425.00
Kerrykeel: €315.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

If we don't accept Jesus in one another, we will not be able to give him to others.
Mother Teresa

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€2,750. 00



Church Ministries

Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 10th January

R. Gallagher & E. Gallagher

Sun 11th January

S. Ramen & D. McCafferty

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 10th January

P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie,

B. O'Donnell & K. Logan

Sun 11th January

T. Reynolds, S. Lynch,

K. Ferry & C. O'Sullivan

Children's Liturgy

Sun 11th January Team C

The Baptism of the Lord
Year B

Sun 18th January Team D

Second Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year B

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 10th January

Rebecca Ward

Sun 11th January

Aine Mc Ateer

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 10th January

Noreen McFadden

Sun 11th January

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