

# Parish Newsletter

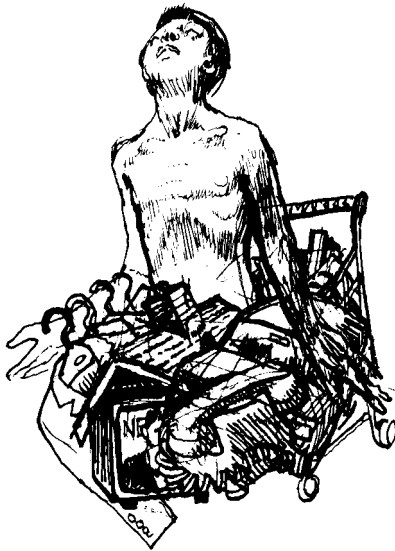
**Twenty-Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Year C**

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## The Deep End 'Counting the Cost'

Today's Gospel is troubling. Does Jesus really expect us to hate our families, friends and even ourselves in order to be his followers? Jesus is making a point here about how we attach ourselves to things and to people, even to images of ourselves. Attachment can cause all sorts of suffering in our lives. If we are to grow, we move on from the comfortable, we let go of the familiar, and that can often be painful. Today, we can ask ourselves: 'What is it that I need to let go of?'

The two parables in this story remind us to think things through and weigh up the cost involved. This Kingdom of God journey involves sacrifice and sometimes it feels like '20,000 against 10,000'. A disciple of Jesus must be ready to carry the burden not only of tensions with one's family but even the burden of legal consequences. This was the experience of Luke's community and it is still the experience of many Christians in the world today. So this passage is a call to conversion and we read it from the various forms of discipleship that we are in: parenting, advocacy, political life, social work, friendships, community building...

Jesus 'turned to them', he is speaking from experience. Jesus' words are harsh, but spend time with this text today; his words can be interpreted as passionate, urgent, and focused, and can even offer us a great freedom and encouragement in whatever journey of discipleship we are on.

Jane Mellett

### St. Peter's Church, Milford

#### Saturday 3rd

7:30 pm Intention

#### Sunday 4th Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am James Mc Bride (Anniv)

#### Tuesday 6th

10:00am Intention

#### Thursday 8th

10:00am Intention

#### Friday 9th

10:00am Intention

#### Saturday 10th

7:30 pm Kathleen O Donnell (1st Anniv)

#### Sunday 11th Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am Intention

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel

9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Thursday's - Milford

10:00 am - 10:00 pm

### Confessions

#### Milford

After 7:30 pm Mass  
every Saturday

#### Kerrykeel

5:30 pm on Saturday's

### Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel

#### Saturday 3rd

6:00 pm Intention

#### Sunday 4th The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary

9:30am Intention

#### Wednesday 7th

10.00am Intention

#### Saturday 10th

6:00 pm Intention

#### Sunday 11th The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary

9:30am Philip Stilvern (Anniv)

## Please Remember in your Prayers:

Michael Gallagher, Coole, who died recently.

And all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Patrick Mc Garvey, Kathleen Coyle, James Mc Bride, Michael Reynolds, Kathleen Mc Laughlin & Kevin Coll.



### Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

This is a dedicated confidential number, just leave a voicemail and a trained SVdeP volunteer will be in touch.

### Rosary

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

### Baptisms—Milford and Kerrykeel

Baptisms in Milford can be arranged for a Saturday at 4pm only and Sunday after 11am Mass. In Kerrykeel on a Saturday at 5pm.

### Children's Liturgy

The Children's Liturgy hope to resume on **Sunday 11th Sept.** A general meeting for all members will take place on **Monday 5th Sept at 8pm in the Oratory, St. Peters Church.** **More help urgently needed.**

### Slimming World

Every Wednesday Night Mulroy woods Hotel at 5:30pm & 7:30pm. We have another half price offer in this weeks Bella Magazine which allows you to join for €9 instead of €18. Bring the voucher inside to Slimming World and start our friendly group. Contact Geraldine on 086 3348048

### Knock Grandparents Pilgrimage

10th Annual National Grandparents Pilgrimage Knock Shrine Chief Celebrant – Archbishop Michael Neary. Sun 11th Sept, 2.30pm Anointing of the Sick / 3pm Pilgrimage Mass Information 098 24877

### Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta

Pope Francis will Canonise Blessed Mother Teresa of Calcutta in Rome on Sunday 4th Sept. You are invited to a Time of Prayer in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny on Today Sunday 4th September from 4pm—6pm.

### Swimming/Aqua Aerobics

A bus leaves top of the town, Milford at 10am Monday mornings for swimming, aqua aerobics/shopping to Aura Leisure Centre, Letterkenny. Returning at 1pm. New members welcome. Pick up service along the way. Contact Mary 074 9153279 or Bernie 074 91532947.

### Irish Dancing

Irish Dancing Classes held every Tuesday in Kerrykeel National School from 4:30-5:30 starting Tuesday 6th with Mc Cafferty School of Dancing. Contact Annemarie: 087 9267968.

### Meeting for Lay Missionaries

A meeting for lay missionaries/volunteers will take place on Thursday September 8th from 7.30pm-9.30pm at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre in Letterkenny. Any returned lay missionaries/volunteers who have worked overseas either in the recent or distant past are asked to contact Jim Farrell on 083 8422468 or by email [jim.farrell@amri.ie](mailto:jim.farrell@amri.ie). If you know of anyone who might be interested, please let them know.

### Pastoral Centre—Letterkenny

Please check notice board for list of up- coming events & courses in the Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny.

### Medjugorje Irish Centre Pilgrimages:

Airport Transport and 7 nights Apartment B&B €279 . 01 443 4510 or email: [reservations@med-irishcentre.com](mailto:reservations@med-irishcentre.com)

### Milford 10k- Mulroy College

Milford 10k in association with Mulroy College will take place on Sat 17th Sept @ 11.00 am. Entry fee €10. There will also be a 5k run/walk, entry fee €5. Registration from 09.30 am in Mulroy College, everyone welcome.

### Anam Cara Donegal

Anam Cara Donegal will be launching our Information Pack for Bereaved Parents on Wednesday September 7th in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny at 11am. Over 35 local organisations have already confirmed attendance, including eight from Northern Ireland and 6 religious (Catholic and Church of Ireland). If you have not yet confirmed but would like to attend, please RSVP to [h.harkin@anamcara.ie](mailto:h.harkin@anamcara.ie) before Tuesday 6th.

### Coffee Morning

The Over 65's Group will, once again, be hosting a Coffee Morning in aid of the Donegal Hospice on Friday 9th Sept from 11am to 2pm in the Milford Community Hall. Everyone is welcome, so please come along for a nice cuppa and a chat for this very worthy cause.

### Parish Envelopes

Anyone new to the parish who would like to receive parish envelopes please contact Fr. Adrian or Tommy.

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,330.00  
Kerrykeel: €265.00  
Tully Cemetery: €20.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

### Thought for the Week

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words, than words without heart.  
*John Bunyan*

### Milford Hall Bingo

Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.  
**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00  
**Second Snowball**  
€4,100. 00



## Church Ministries



### Milford

**Ministers of the Word**  
**Sat 10th September**  
F. Mc Ateer  
**Sun 11th September**  
L. Mc Bride

### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 10th September**  
M. E. Gillespie, E. Dyke,  
& H. Doherty  
**Sun 11th September**  
S. O Donnell, K. Ferry,  
& C. O Sullivan

### 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 10th September**  
Joe Harkin

**Sun 11th September**  
Brid Dougherty

### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 10th September**  
Brian Mc Garvey

**Sun 11th September**  
Gretta Mc Fadden