

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday
of Advent
Year A

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The Deep End

This second Sunday of Advent we are called to make straight paths for the coming of our Lord. How we prepare is important. We are waiting, and yes waiting can be frustrating. But waiting can also be a time of growth, of inspiration, of dreaming big dreams and imagining the endless possibilities that might come. We should try not to let go of that hope and inspiration.

John appeals to the community who have gathered to open their eyes, to take the opportunity that is at hand and deal with the spiritual crisis which surrounds them. John is calling for a radical change of heart. The decisive moment is coming where people must take a new path. What can we do to help build communities where leaders produce good fruit? What can we do to respectfully challenge those who do not? Today we pray that God's Spirit enlivens our heart, our work and our world.



Jane Mallet

Golden Jubilee –Fr. James Friel

Fr. James Friel will celebrate the Golden Jubilee of his Ordination with Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan on Thursday 8th December (Feast of the Immaculate Conception) at 7pm with refreshments afterwards in the St. Vincent de Paul Centre, Rathmullan

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 3rd
7:30 pm Charlie Sweeney (Anniv)

Sunday 4th Second Sunday of Advent
11:00 am George Crann (Anniv)

Tuesday 6th
10:00am Intention

Wednesday 7th
7:30pm Vigil Mass

Thursday 8th Feast of The Immaculate Conception
11:00am

Friday 9th
10:00am Intention

Saturday 10th
7:30 pm Intention

Sunday 11th Third Sunday of Advent
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 Willie & Kathleen Mc Elwee (Anniv)

Sunday 4th Second Sunday in Advent
9:30am James Francie Friel (Anniv)

Thursday 8th Feast of The Immaculate Conception
9:30am

Saturday 10th
6:00 pm Hughie & Jennie Shiels (Anniv)

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Please Remember in your Prayers:

George Donnelly, whose funeral took place in Ramelton on Wednesday.(Father of Caroline Mc Cleary)

Connie O Garra, whose funeral took place in Glencolmille on Thursday. (Brother of Josephine Gonzalez & Brother in law of Jim Ward)

Kay Reilly,Glasgow /Kerrykeel, who died in Glasgow recently.(Daughter of Agnes Herryty)

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Paddy Mc Bride, Willie & Kathleen Mc Elwee, Charlie Sweeney, James Francie Friel, Gerry & Liam Dolan, George Crann & Sally Sarsfield.



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.

Dancing Milford Hall

Dancing at the Milford Hall continues on Thursday evenings from 8:30-10:30pm.

Mass Cards

A selection of special Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available for Christmas €10.

Milford care of the age

Milford care of the age Christmas party will take place in the Silver Tassie hotel on Wed 7th Dec @ 1pm. We will be leaving at 12.30pm from the council office and will return here again after 5pm. The cost of the party is €15. This includes your lunch/bingo and music and travel to and from the venue. If you would like to join us for a fun afternoon call grace or Bridin on 91 53624 or 086 8283153 or see Helen in today's extra Milford.

Choir Practice—Kerrykeel

A choir practice will take place in Kerrykeel Church on Thursday evening the 8th December at 8:00pm. All members please attend. New members welcome.

Bambinelli Sunday—11th December

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib in their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus.

This year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at our Masses in Milford on Saturday 10th @ 7:30pm & Sunday 11th @ 11:00am and in Kerrykeel on Saturday 10th @ 6:00pm. All are invited to bring Baby Jesus figure from their homes to Mass to be blessed.

A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your "bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.

Loreto Community School Craft Fair

Loreto Community School, Milford are holding a craft fair on Sunday 11th December from 12 noon-4pm. All welcome, admission free. Anyone who would like to have a stall at the craft fair are asked to contact Donna Harkin on 9153399, the cost is €20 per stall.

Milford United

Milford United Under-18 team host Limerick side Aisling Annacotty FC in the 3rd round of the FAI Youth Cup on Sunday 4th December, kick-off 12 noon at Moyleview Park. All support welcome.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on Thursday 8th of December from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Mount Errigal Hotel,. 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.

Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny

The launch of our counselling service for children and young people from the age of five years upwards is now available at the Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny. Please contact the Pastoral Centre on 074 91 21853 for further information / bookings.

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Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,390.00

Kerrykeel: €265.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

The best way to prepare for the coming of Christ is never forget the presence of Christ.

W. Barclay

Milford Hall Bingo

Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.

Snowball tonight is:
€8,000.00

Second Snowball
€4,650.00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 10th December

M. Carr & D. Mc Garry

Sun 11th December

B. Ward & E. Toland

Ministers of

Sat 10th December

P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie
& B. O'Donnell

Sun 11th December

C. Mc Gettigan, M. Mc Fadden
& M. Mc Rory

Children's Liturgy

Sun 11th Dec Team B

Third Sunday
of Advent
Year A

Sun 18th Dec Team C

Fourth Sunday
of Advent
Year A

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 10th December

Kay Mc Grory

Sun 11th December

Joe Ferry

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 10th December

Noreen Mc Fadden

Sun 11th December

Eileen Mc Ateer