

# Parish Newsletter

Fifth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Year A

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## THE DEEP END

### Salt and Light

In today's Gospel we hear of two scenarios where salt is concerned: one is that we are called to be 'salt of the earth'. What salt does for food, Christians are called to do for the world – to give life 'taste'. You might recall someone who brought 'taste' to your own life, encouraging you on your journey, offering hope, a new insight or project, someone you followed and learned from. What gifts did they bring?

The other scenario in the Gospel today is where salt has lost its taste – how can it be restored? You might recall someone you placed great hope in, whether it be a family member, a public figure, a Church leader or politician; someone who had vision and inspired others. Yet the 'salt' or the 'taste' was lost. We see this all around us in our world, when someone's potential is lost.

There are many situations in our world today where people's light is not allowed to shine. It is controlled, hidden, prevented from being used for the benefit of all because of jealousy or perhaps others are afraid of the consequences. Jesus tells us that these lights must shine, for all, and then we can give glory to God in heaven for the fruits it may produce. To help lights shine and to give flavour to the world is our task today. Another way of putting it might be: how are the effects of our encounter with Jesus Christ evident in our lives?

Jane Mellet

### St. Peter's Church, Milford

**Saturday 4th**  
7:30pm Intention  
**Sunday 5th** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11:00am Intention

**Tuesday 7th**  
10:00am Intention  
**Thursday 9th**  
10:00am Intention  
**Friday 10th**  
10:00am Intention

**Saturday 11th**  
7:30pm Maggie & Charlie Ferry (Anniv)  
**Sunday 12th** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11:00am 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 4th**  
6:00pm Intention  
**Sunday 5th** Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:30am Intention

**Wednesday 8th**  
10:00am Intention

**Saturday 11th**  
6:00pm Francie Friel (Anniv)  
**Sunday 12th** Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
9:30am Intention

## Please Remember in your Prayers:

Frank Crerand, who died in England, (Brother of Jimmy Crerand) funeral arrangements to be confirmed.

And also all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Nan & John Gallagher, Cassie Strain, James Mc Intyre, Nellie Mc Goldrick, Corney Barrett, Kevin Barrett, Charlie & Johnnie Brogan, Marjorie Griffin, John & Bridget Mc Bride & John & Gracie Shields.

### 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.

### 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.

### Milford National School-Enrolment

Milford National School are holding their enrolment day on Wednesday 15th February between 1pm -3pm. Please bring Birth Cert, Baptismal Cert & PPS Number.

### Dates to Remember—2017

**Ash Wednesday** - 1st March 2017.

**Easter Sunday** – 16th April 2017.

### Confirmation

Saturday 1st April in St. Peter's Church, Milford @ 11am.

### Kerrykeel & Milford First Communion

Saturday 13th May @ 11am in both Churches.

### Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery

Sunday 30th July @ 3pm.

### Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery

Sunday 6th August @ 3pm.

### Women on the Move Programme

A very successful Women on the Move Programme is currently running in Rossnakill. We are delighted to be able to offer a 2nd programme starting in March in Rossnakill Resource Centre. Register your interest by calling 0749192926 Monday & Wednesday 8-9pm Rossnakill Resource Centre. Deposit is essential to secure your place €40.

### Rossnakill Activity Centre

New Art Class, starting Wed 15th Feb 8-10pm. All new members are welcome. Minimum numbers required for this class. Please come along. Contact 0749192926.

### U16 Girls Soccer

Mulroy Soccer Academy will hold a registration night for all girls interested playing U16 soccer this season, on Sunday 5th Feb 6-7pm in Rossnakill Tourism Activity centre. Registration fee is €10, please bring copy of birth cert along. Contact (086) 2240321.

### Kids Hip Hop

A 6 week course of Hip Hop classes for both boys and girls aged 6+ will take place in Rossnakill Tourism Activity centre on Tuesday 7th Feb 7-8pm. Cost is €40 for the 6 classes.

### Relay For Life Donegal

"Relay for Life" 2017 Launch Night this Tue 7th Feb at 7.30pm in the Mount Errigal Hotel. We need your help as we fundraise for a Research Project at Letterkenny University Hospital. Please come along on the night or contact Robert 087-2716344, Ena 087-9966096, Seamus 087-2482775.

### North West Simon Community

North West Simon Community are delighted to launch their Regional Tea & Cake Day at the Silver Tassie Hotel, Letterkenny on Fri, 24th Feb from 11am – 1pm. Contact the Silver Tassie Hotel (a member of Select Hotels of Ireland) to request your reservation: Tel: 074 9125619. If you, your friends, work colleagues, club, school or group wish to host your very own Tea Day & Cake Day in aid of your local homeless charity- North West Simon Community please register your interest by e mail to ring 087 05524785. Thank you for helping make a difference to your local Simon Community.

### Whoriskey Christmas Lights Kerrykeel

Michael and Mary would like to thank all who donated to our annual fundraising through our Christmas lights display at our home. Total donated to charity's this year amounted to €6,400. This year our chosen charity's were Pieta House Northwest and Mevagh fire service Carrigart, each received €3,200.

### CE Childcare Scheme

Little Rascals Community Playgroup Ltd, Rossnakill are currently looking for 1 CE workers from Feb 2017. In order to be eligible for the CE Childcare Scheme, participants must generally be over 21 years of age and be in receipt of a Social Welfare payment for at least 12 months. They must also be willing to undertake the QQI Level 5 Major Award in Early Childhood Care and Education. Contact Margaret Carlin on 0876354367 or Email her on [mcarlin@dldc.org](mailto:mcarlin@dldc.org)

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,420.00

Kerrykeel: €365.00

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**  
€5,100.00



## Church Ministries



### Milford

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 11th February**

Moya Carr & Emma Peoples

**Sun 12th February**

B. Ward & C. Atkinson

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 11th February**

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

**Sun 12th February**

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

### Children's Liturgy

**Sun 12th Feb** Team C

Sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

**Sun 19th Feb** Team D

Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

### Kerrykeel

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 11th February**

Brian Mc Garvey  
Una Clinton

**Sun 12th February**

Joe Ferry

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 11th February**

Winnie Sandilands

**Sun 12th February**

Eileen Mc Ateer