

# Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday  
Of Lent  
Year C

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## A New Creation

The parable of the prodigal son is so familiar to us, and when stories are familiar they can lose their meaning. But let us look a little closer at the context of the story. Jesus told this parable in response to some comments and complaints by the Pharisees and the scribes: 'This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.' What would these detractors have made of the story, flying as it did in the face of their traditional morality?

What about the so-called sinners? The 'tax collectors and sinners' were already at ease in the company of Jesus; they were seeking him out to hear what he had to say, and he in turn was welcoming them. How this parable must have spoken to them! It wouldn't have been much of a stretch for them to compare the generous welcome and forgiveness of the father in the story to the treatment they were already receiving from Jesus.

One sentence strikes me from today's second reading: 'For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation'. The 'sinners' with whom Jesus associated were made new by his presence, just as the son in the parable was surely a changed man after his reunion with his merciful father. He was 'dead and has come to life'.

This familiar parable is not just about how forgiving and merciful God is. It is about how his mercy brings us to new life. If we, sinners, return to him and let him welcome us back, we are new creations.

Triona Doherty



## St. Peter's Church, Milford

**Saturday 5th**  
7:30 pm Hugh Coll (Anniv)

**Sunday 6th Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
11:00 am Kathleen Doherty (Anniv)

**Monday 7th**  
7:45am Intention

**Tuesday 8th**  
7:45am Intention

**Wednesday 9th**  
7:45am Intention

**Thursday 10th**  
7:45am Intention

**Friday 11th**  
7:45am Intention

**Saturday 12th**  
7:30 pm Intention

**Sunday 13th Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
11:00 am Intention

## Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel  
9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Thursday's - Milford  
10:00 am – 10:00 pm  
(Directed Holy Hour  
from 9:00pm—  
10:00pm every  
Thursday During Lent))

## Confessions

Milford  
After 7:30 pm Mass  
every Saturday

Kerrykeel  
5:30 pm on Saturday's

## Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel

**Saturday 5th**  
6:00 pm Intention  
**Sunday 6th Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
9:30 am Mary Gibbons (Anniv)

**Monday 7th**  
10:00am Intention  
**Tuesday 8th**  
10:00am Intention

**Saturday 12th**  
6:00 pm Intention  
**Sunday 13th Fifth Sunday of Lent**  
9:30 am Intention

## Please Remember in your Prayers

All those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:

Kathleen Doherty, Hugh Coll, Pat, Tony & Kathleen Bradley, John Loughrey, Mary Gibbons, James Reynolds, Bobby Henderson.



### 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.

### The Garment of Suffering

Please leave any cloth you wish to have included in the Garment of Suffering at Easter in the baskets provided in each Church. All cloths to be left in before **Sun 20th March (Palm Sunday)**.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Want to do something different for Lent?

#### Friday 18th March

**Kerrykeel:** 9am-9 pm (12 hours)

**Milford:** 7pm -7 pm (24 hours)

*Sheets are available in both Kerrykeel & Milford Churches if you would like to sign up to take part in the 12 hour*

*Eucharistic Adoration on Friday 18th March in Kerrykeel @ 9.00am or the 24 hour*

*Eucharistic Adoration in Milford beginning on Friday 18th March @ 7:00 pm. Everyone welcome to take part.*

### Table Quiz

A table quiz will be held in Carr's of the Diamond. Every Wednesday night during lent starting at 9:30pm. Proceeds in aid of the upkeep of Tully graveyard. Your support would be appreciated.

### Upcoming Parish Events

#### St. Patrick's Day Social Event

There will be a social event after Mass on St. Patrick's Day in the Milford Hall in Aid of the youth of the Parish going to Lourdes and Medjugore. On the day there will be traditional music, dance & singing, cake sale, free face painting, free crisps and juice for the children, tea & coffee and a raffle. Donations of home baking would be greatly appreciated for our cake sale.

#### Croagh Patrick

We hope to take youth group to climb Croagh Patrick on Monday 2nd May. This trip is open to all ages interested. Under 12's must be accompanied by a parent/guardian.

#### Lough Derg Pilgrimage

A 3 day Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Deg will take place from the 4th July. All welcome. More details later.

#### Confirmation

Sat 14th May in St. Catherine's, Oughterlin @ 11am.

**Service of Light** Sat 8th May in St. Catherine's Oughtrelin @ 7pm .

#### Kerrykeel & Milford First Communion

Saturday 23rd April @ 11am in both Churches.

#### First Confessions

**Kerrykeel:** Tuesday 8th March @ 7:30pm

**Milford:** Wednesday 9th March @ 7:30pm

#### 5K Fun Run/Walk Croaghross N.S

The parents association of Croaghross N.S Portsalon are having a 5K Fun Run/Walk on Sunday 20th March starting at 3pm, registration from 2pm. Entry fee is €5 or €10 per family. Refreshments and draw in School afterwards.

### St. Patrick's Eve - Fundraising Dance

The annual St. Patrick's Eve Fundraising Dance is once again taking place in the Milford Hall from 9p.m. to Midnight on Wed 16th. This year all funds will be going to our Olympian Brendan Boyce as he prepares for the road to Rio. Music is by Christopher and Brian. Adm€8, which includes refreshments and a free prize draw. Get your St. Patrick's Day celebrations off to a great start. Everyone welcome to come along and enjoy the craic.

### Operation Transformation 2016

I would just like to say a massive congratulations to everyone who joined the OT programme this year in Fanad. We had a very successful program and already we are looking forward to next year. I would like to especially mention Paddy Shiels from Ripped PE who without his guidance and encouragement we would never have reached our goals. Thank you also to Stephen Coll Fanad Fitness, Patrick Sweeney Fanad United, Marine Harvest, Rosnackill Activity Centre Staff & Paul Mc Cahill who all contributed to making this program the success it was. A sincere thank you to everyone.

### Barn Dance & BBQ Night

A Barn Dance & BBQ Night will be held in Ripples Restaurant, Kerrykeel on Friday 11th Mar in aid of Rab's Park Community Facility & Sports Field, Kerrykeel. Music by Paul McCahill. Tickets 12.50 and can be purchased locally from Ripples Restaurant, committee member Fergus McAteer 086 4043532 or pay at the door on the night.

### Thought for the Week

*If you don't have a particular burden to carry, you might be meant to help others carry theirs.*

#### Milford Hall Bingo

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

**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00

**Second Snowball**  
€2,800. 00

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

**Milford:** €1,407.00

**Kerrykeel:** €395.00

*Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.*



## Church Ministries



### Milford

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 12th March**

R. Gallagher & O. Mc Gee

**Sun 13th March**

B. Ward & A.O Brien.

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 12th March**

M.E. Gillispie, Emma Dyke & Helen Doherty

**Sun 13th March**

S.O Donnell, Kate Ferry & Christine O Sullivan.

### Children's Liturgy

**Sun 13th Mar Team D**

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
Year C

**Sun 20th Mar Team A**

Palm Sunday  
Year C

### Kerrykeel

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 12th March**

Kay Mc Grory & Jack Gibbons

**Sun 13th March**

Regina Mc Gettigan

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 12th March**

Winnie Sandilands

**Sun 13th March**

Eileen Mc Ateer