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The Deep End: The Mountain Top

In the Scriptures, the mountains are often places where people encounter God. Jesus takes the disciples up to the mountain top to pray, to a quiet place, away from all the attention and the crowds. They have the most wonderful experience as we read in the Gospel today.

Can you recall a place where you have felt deep peace or a sense of experiencing God? In nature or in the places you go for some 'time-out' for yourself? Perhaps it is in special moments with family and friends; times of joy or sorrow. These 'mountain-top' experiences nourish us, can bring us insights or help us to deal with difficult periods in our lives. They can bring feelings of euphoria, deep joy and blessing and often sustain us in life. No wonder the disciples wanted to build 'three dwellings' so that Moses, Elijah and Jesus would stay with them like this forever. However, we cannot remain in those experiences forever. Jesus' way involves both time for encounters with mystery but also coming down from the mountain and continuing on life's journey and mission.

Can we carve out these moments of quiet in our busy days to be with the Word, to create the space to listen and make room for these encounters with the Lord? This week, imagine yourself in this story as you read 'Jesus took me with him and went up on the mountain to pray ...'

'To pray the scriptures is to descend to the level of the heart and find God'



Episcopal Ordination

Monsignor Alan Mc Guckian

Today, Sunday 6th August, Monsignor Alan Mc Guckian will be ordained as Bishop of Raphoe at 3pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny.

Please pray for him as he prepares to take up this great and challenging role.

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 5th

7:30pm Damien Strain

Sunday 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord

11:00am Intention

1:00pm Milford Graveyard Mass

Tuesday 8th

10:00am Intention

Friday 11th Intention

10:00am

Saturday 12th

7:30pm Kathleen Hagan (Anniv)

Sunday 13th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Kathleen Magee (Anniv)

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 5th

6:00pm John Mc Laughlin (Anniv)

Sunday 6th The Transfiguration of the Lord

9:30am Intention

1:00pm Milford Graveyard Mass

No weekday Mass

Saturday 12th

6:00pm Intention

Sunday 13th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Intention

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Eric Mc Elhinney, Tirhomin, whose funeral took place on Saturday.

Damien Strain, who died recently.

And also all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: John Mc Laughlin, John Reynolds, Charlie Ferry, James Friel, Kevin Begley, Joe & Cissie O Donnell, Mary & Pat Ferry, Dan Mc Bride, Deceased Members of the Gallagher Family, Brian & Catherine Mc Bride & Teague Mc Gee.

Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

Emergency Calls

As Fr. Gavigan is away please contact Fr. Martin Colum in Rathmulan in the case of an emergency on 074 9158156. The secretary will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday between the hours of 10am & 2pm, or just leave your number and a message on our voicemail and we'll get back to you.

Baptisms—Milford and Kerrykeel

For the next few month's Baptisms can be arranged in

Milford: Saturday only at 4pm

Kerrykeel: Saturday only at 5pm.

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on the 19th August. Led by Most Rev. Philip Boyce, Bishop Emeritus of Raphoe. Mass in Basilica at 3pm. Anointing of the sick during Mass. Confessions from 11am.

Milford GAA Notes:

Milford Play St Michael's at home this Monday 7th August Reserves at 1.30pm and seniors at 3pm. All support welcome. LOTTO Jackpot this week is € 3,020.

New Bishop-Mass in Rathmulan

Our new Bishop Alan Mc Guckian will celebrate Mass in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmulan on Friday 11th at 10am. All welcome.

Milford Graveyard—New Policy

As we have now moved to the new part of our graveyard we have put a new policy in place regarding surrounds on graves. While having a headstone erected on your loved ones grave, it is our policy that **No surround** is to be erected to any grave in the new part of our graveyard. Your co-operation regarding this policy would be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

Relic Of Saint Teresa Of Calcutta

A Relic Of Saint Teresa Of Calcutta, formerly known as Mother Teresa is visiting Ireland. On Tues 8th Aug the Relic will arrive into St Eunan's Cathedral at 5 pm and will leave at 2 pm on Wed 9th Aug. We will have Guided Hours of Prayer and an All Night Vigil during the visit.

Ballyare 10K

The Ballyare 10k Road Race and 5K Fun Walk takes place on Friday 11th August at Carr's of the Diamond, Ballyare, with the walk starting at 7:00pm and the Road Race starting at 7:30pm. Proceeds this year go towards the Acquired Brain Injury Unit (Donegal) and North West Special Olympics (Donegal). Sponsor Cards are available from Carr's of the Diamond or any committee member. For further information telephone 086 6052087.

Being Transfigured


From the event of the Transfiguration I would like to take two significant elements that can be summed up in two words: ascent and descent. We all need to go apart, to ascend the mountain in a space of silence, to find ourselves and better perceive the voice of the Lord. This we do in prayer. But we cannot stay there! Encounter with God in prayer inspires us anew to 'descend the mountain' and return to the plain where we meet many brothers and sisters weighed down by fatigue, sickness, injustice, ignorance, poverty both material and spiritual. To these brothers and sisters in difficulty, we are called to bear the fruit of that experience with God, by sharing the grace we have received.

Pope Francis


Like Jesus, we need places where we hear the words 'you are my son, daughter, and the beloved'. We know too that if we believe that, our lives will be challenged. Whenever we climb the mountain of the Lord, make any journey with him, we are changed. As every mountain is different, every moment with the Lord is well worthwhile! Someone said, 'Every time I pray I think of ... and I know I must be kinder!'

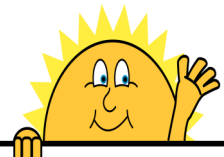
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<p>Church Collections for last weekend were:</p> <p>Milford: €1,140.00 Tully Cemetery: €960.00 Kerrykeel: €380.00</p> <p><i>Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.</i></p>	<p><i>Thought for the Week</i></p> <p><i>The Soul is in place where man's supreme and final battles are fought</i></p> <p>Milford Hall Bingo Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm in the Hall. Snowball tonight is: €8,000. 00 Second Snowball €6,400. 00</p>
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Church Ministries



<p style="text-align: center;">Milford</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ministers of the Word</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sat 12th Aug Moya Carr Sun 13th Aug Donal Mc Cafferty</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ministers of the Eucharist</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sat 12th Aug P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie & B. O Donnell Sun 13th Aug C. Mc Gettigan, M. Mc Fadden & M. Mc Rory</p>	<p>Children's Liturgy</p> <p><i>The Children's liturgy are on holidays for the summer months and will resume in September.</i></p>  <p style="font-size: 2em;">Summer Vacation</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kerrykeel</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ministers of the Word</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sat 12th Aug Phonsie Mc Ateer</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sun 13th Aug Regina Mc Gettigan</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Ministers of the Eucharist</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sat 12th Aug Brian Mc Garvey Sun 13th Aug Gretta Mc Fadden</p>
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