

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday
of Advent
Year C

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BE A SIGNPOST

How is your Advent going? We're a week in already. Less than three weeks to Christmas and so much still to be done! Where to start?

If we have time to listen, there are some pointers in our readings today. Following the example of John the Baptist, our Advent task is to 'prepare a way for the Lord'. Of course in these busy weeks we have shopping to do, presents to buy, parties and festive gatherings to organise; these are important parts of our Christmas celebrations. But how are we preparing to meet Jesus this Christmas? Can we create space amid the hustle and bustle? And not just in our own personal lives – we are also called to be witnesses, to be the people who 'cry in the wilderness', announcing the good news to others. We must be signposts, our words and actions pointing towards Christ. Our task this Advent is to make Jesus known. In our dealings with others as we count down to Christmas, let us try to be like John the Baptist, pointing always towards Christ. Saint Paul's prayer in today's Second Reading is that our love for one another may increase more and more. Let love be your guide.

Triona Doherty



Parish Monster Bingo Today
Mulroy Woods Hotel @ 7pm
All welcome

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 5th 7:30pm	Charlie Sweeney	(Anniv)
Sunday 6th	Second Sunday of Advent	
11:00 am	Nan Mc Ginley	(Anniv)
Tuesday 8th 11:00am 7:00pm	The Immaculate Conception	
	Rita Gallagher	(Anniv)
	Intention	
Thursday 10th 10:00am	Intention	
Friday 11th 10:00am	Siobhan Mc Cormack	(Anniv)
Saturday 12th 7:30pm	Peggy Mackin	(1st Anniv)
Sunday 13th	Second Sunday of Advent	
11:00 am	Intention	

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel
9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Thursdays - Milford
10:00 am – 10:00 pm
(Directed Holy Hour
from 9:00 pm every
second Thursday of
the month)

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	James Francie Friel	(Anniv)
Sunday 6th	Second Sunday of Advent	
9:30 am	Hughie & Jennie Shiels	(Anniv)
Tuesday 8th 9:30am	The Immaculate Conception	
	Intention	
Saturday 12th 6:00pm	Sister Eugene Logue	(Months Mind)
Sunday 13th	Second Sunday of Advent	
9:30 am	Intention	

Please Remember in your Prayers

Fr. Seamus L. Gallagher, who died in Killybegs on Thursday.

Peter Friel, Kent, formally of Gortnattraw, Fanad, whose funeral takes place in Kent on Friday. (Uncle of Eilish Toye)

And also all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:

Sally Sarsfield, Siobhan Mc Cormack, Liam & Gerry Dolan, William Brogan, George Mc Glynn, Cassie & Hugh Toland,

James Francie Friel, Charlie Sweeney, Rita Gallagher, Hughie & Jennie Shiels,

Nan Mc Ginley & Kathleen & Willie Mc Elwee.



Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

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

Two Hand & Old Time Dancing

Two hand and old time dancing has recommenced in the Milford Hall on Thursdays from 8:30pm—10:30pm Admission €5. All welcome

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 at 12noon. In Kerrykeel on a Saturday at 5pm.

Mass Cards

A variety of Mass Cards signed by Fr. Adrian for deceased and also Mass Bouquets are now available at Parochial House, Milford.

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

Milford & Kerrykeel Parish Monster Bingo

The Milford & Kerrykeel Parish Monster Bingo takes place **Today Sunday 6th December** in the Mulroy Woods Hotel (Milford Inn) at 7pm. Doors open at 6pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated. All welcome.

Little Rascals Christmas Experience

Santa is open for bookings. We have limited availability and spaces are filling up very fast. Santa will be there for 2 days only. 12th & 13th Dec. Check out our facebook page Little Rascals Christmas. Call 0868513870 to book.

St. Vincent De Paul Annual Appeal

The St. Vincent de Paul Annual Appeal will be held on Sat/Sun 12th, 13th. Your generosity and support is appreciated by our community.

Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Play

We invite all children to take part in the Children's Christmas Nativity play at 7pm on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals begin Sunday 13/12/2015 directly after 11 am Mass. Roles include narrators, Joseph, Mary, Innkeepers, Shepherds, King Herod, Wise men etc. Come along and join in this special Mass to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

Steps Parent and Toddler Group

Steps Parent and toddler group every Friday in the Rossnakill Resource centre 11.30 – 12.30 Pre-school children welcome (including playgroup kids) Cost 3 euro per child or 5 euro per family.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

No Newsletter will be printed for Sun 27th Dec or Sun 3rd Jan

Anyone wishing to submit announcements/ Anniversaries for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter for these two weeks please do so before 12pm Thursday 17th December and they will be included in the last newsletter before Christmas on Sun 20th Dec.

Cancer Care West

Cancer Care West wishes to thank you for your generous support for our church gate collections on Nov 21st and 22nd. €286.60 was collected at Milford and is gratefully acknowledged. All of Cancer Care West's services are provided at no cost to patients and their families and we rely heavily on charitable fundraising and donations to meet the cost of these services. For more information on Cancer Care West please contact Grainne on 087 2649103.

Bambinelli Sunday—13th 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 12th @ 7:30pm & Sunday 13th @ 11:00am and in Kerrykeel on Saturday 12th @ 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.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,158.00
Kerrykeel: €285.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

Work as if you were to live 100 years;
Pray as if you were to die tomorrow.

Milford Hall Bingo

Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€2,200. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 12th November
P. Mc Laughlin & E. Hiemstra
Sun 13th November
S. Ramen & A. Mc Bride

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 12th November
K. Logan, M. Mc Nulty & O. Gallagher
Sun 13th November
T. Reynolds, S. Lynch & Bernie O Donnell

Children's Liturgy

Sun 13th Dec Team C
Third Sunday
of Advent
Year C

Sun 20th Dec Team C
Fourth Sunday
of Advent
Year C

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 12th November
Joe Harkin
Sun 13th November
Regina Mc Gettigan

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 12th November
Noreen Mc Fadden
Sun 13th November
Gretta Mc Fadden