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I never knew that I meant anything to anyone

One day a teacher asked her students to list the names of the other students in the room on two sheets of paper, leaving a space between each name. Then she told them to think of the nicest thing they could say about each of their classmates and write it down. It took the remainder of the class period to finish their assignment, and as the students left the room, each one handed in the papers. That Saturday, the teacher wrote down the name of each student on a separate sheet of paper, and listed what everyone else had said about that individual.

On Monday she gave each student his or her list. Before long, the entire class was smiling. 'Really?' she heard whispered. 'I never knew that I meant anything to anyone!' and, 'I didn't know others liked me so much,' were most of the comments. No one ever mentioned those papers in class again. She never knew if they discussed them after class or with their parents, but it didn't matter. The exercise had accomplished its purpose. The students were happy with themselves and one another.

That group of students moved on.

Several years later, one of the students was killed in Viet Nam and his teacher attended the funeral of that special student. She had never seen a serviceman in a military coffin before. He looked so handsome, so mature.

The church was packed with his friends. One by one those who loved him took a last walk by the coffin. The teacher was the last one to bless the coffin. As she stood there, one of the soldiers who acted as pallbearer came up to her. 'Were you Mark's math teacher?' he asked. She nodded: 'yes.' Then he said: 'Mark talked about you a lot.'

After the funeral, most of Mark's former classmates went together to a luncheon. Mark's mother and father were there, obviously waiting to speak with his teacher.

'We want to show you something,' his father said, taking a wallet out of his pocket 'They found this on Mark when he was killed. We thought you might recognize it.'

Opening the billfold, he carefully removed two worn pieces of notebook paper that had obviously been taped, folded and refolded many times. The teacher knew without looking that the papers were the ones on which she had listed all the good things each of Mark's classmates had said about him.

'Thank you so much for doing that,' Mark's mother said. 'As you can see, Mark treasured it.'

All of Mark's former classmates started to gather around. Charlie smiled rather sheepishly and said, 'I still have my list. It's in the top drawer of my desk at home.' Chuck's wife said, 'Chuck asked me to put his in our wedding album.' 'I have mine too,' Marilyn said. 'It's in my diary.'

Then Vicki, another classmate, reached into her pocketbook, took out her wallet and showed her worn and frazzled list to the group. 'I carry this with me at all times,' Vicki said and without batting an eyelash, she continued: 'I think we all saved our lists'. That's when the teacher finally sat down and cried. She cried for Mark and for all his friends who would never see him again.

The density of people in society is so thick that we forget that life will end one day. And we don't know when that one day will be.

So please, tell the people you love and care for, that they are special and important. Tell them, before it is too late.

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 6th The Epiphany of the Lord

11:00am Intention
7:30pm Teresa Devine (Month's Mind Mass)

Sunday 7th The Baptism of the Lord

11:00am Margaret Friel (Month's Mind Mass)

Thursday 11th

10:00am Special Intention

Friday 12th

10:00am Intention

Saturday 13th

7:30pm Kathleen Smith (Month's Mind Mass)

Sunday 14th Second Sunday in Ordinary time

11:00am Teresa Mc Paul (Month's Mind Mass)
Bernard Mc Paul (Anniv)

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel

9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm

Thursday's - Milford

10: 00 am – 10: 00 pm

*(Directed Holy Hour
from 9: 00 pm the
second Thursday of
every month)*

Confessions

Milford

After 7: 30 pm Mass
every Saturday

Kerrykeel

5: 30 pm on Saturday's

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel

Saturday 6th The Epiphany of the Lord

6:00pm Mary Ferry (Anniv)

Sunday 7th The baptism of the Lord

9:30am John Mc Fadden (Anniv)

Saturday 13th

6:00pm Intention

Sunday 14th Second Sunday in Ordinary time

9:30am Intention

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Margaret Mc Daid, Fortstewart, whose funeral took place in Ramelton on Saturday.
Teresa Devine, whose Month's Mind Mass takes place in Milford this weekend.
Margaret Friel, whose Month's Mind Mass takes place in Milford this weekend.
And also all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:
 Mary Ferry, John Mc Fadden & Dan & Betty Mc Laughlin.



St. Vincent de Paul

The local SVdeP number 086 0611040 is a dedicated confidential number.

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.

Rosary

There is a rosary every Tues at 3pm in St. Peter's Church. All welcome, tea served.

Dancing Milford Hall

Two-hand and Ceili dancing every Thurs night in the Milford Hall from 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome, so come along and give it a try.

Items For Newsletter

Please submit all items for the weekly newsletter no later than 12 noon on a Thursday.

Eucharistic Adoration Milford

Eucharistic Adoration will resume in St. Peter's church on **Thursday 11th January**.

First Friday Calls

The monthly First Friday calls to the sick and housebound in the parish will take place on **Thursday & Friday 11th & 12th January**. Please note change.

Dates to Remember 2018

Ash Wednesday: 14th February
Easter Sunday: 1st April

First Communions

Kerrykeel: Saturday 28th April '18 @ 12pm.
Milford: Saturday 12th May '18 @ 12pm.

Confirmations

Milford: St, Catherine's Church, Oughterlin 19th May '18 @ 12:30pm.

Craoibhin Community Centre, Termon

Contact Craoibhin Community Centre, Termon 074-9119988
 Free Computer Classes for Beginners – Starts Tuesday - 23rd January
 Kurling – Fun way to exercise –designed for over 60's – Price €2.00 - 5 Week Course Monday 29th Jan 11am-12pm.
 Horticultural Classes - €20.00 for 6 classes – Starts 29th January – 11-1pm Mondays.
 Tea & Biscuits included with all classes free of charge.

Milford care of the Age

Milford care of the Age annual 25 Card Drive will take place on the 26th January 2018 in the Village Inn Kerrykeel starting at 8pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara Donegal, an organisation that supports bereaved parents, will hold its next monthly Parent Evening on Thursday 11th of January from 7.30pm-9:00pm in the Radisson Blu Hotel, Letterkenny. Anam Cara Donegal offers a safe and comfortable setting where you can 'drop the mask' and be yourself among people who understand. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether this was recent or not. For more information see anamcara.ie or call our Information Line on 085 2888 888.

Rinka Milford

Rinka Milford Now Enrolling For January Term Get your kids away from the screens and back into action in the New Year! Rinka Milford has a range of classes to suit all personalities from Bounce, Dramafit, Hijinx and lbop classes. January is the perfect time to start and we have limited places left in all classes. Check us out on Facebook "Rinka Milford" or call Teresa on 0860848312 to inquire about times and prices. Classes return January 8th.

Church Collections for last two weekend were:

Milford: €2,017.00
Kerrykeel: €555.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought of the week
The height of our love for God will never exceed the depth of our love for one another.
 P. Morley

Milford Hall Bingo
 Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
 €8,000. 00
Second Snowball
 €7,400. 00



Church Ministries



Milford
Ministers of the Word
Sat 13th January
 Patrick Mc Laughlin
Sun 14th January
 Louise Mc Bride

Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat 13th January
 M. E. Gillespie, E. Dyke & H. Doherty
Sun 14th January
 S. O Donnell, K. Ferry & C. O Sullivan

Children's Liturgy
Sunday 14th Jan Team A
 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Sunday 21st Jan Team B
 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B

Kerrykeel
Ministers of the Word
Sat 13th January
 Winnie Sandilands
Sun 14th January
 Eileen Mc Ateer

Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat 13th January
 Aine Mc Ateer

Sun 14th January
 Regina Mc Gettigan