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### Watching and Waiting

We do not like to wait. Listening to a radio discussion recently about the ever-increasing role technology plays in our lives, one panellist described how her smartphone had become almost like an extension of her arm. We don't know how to be alone or to have free time anymore, she lamented. If we're waiting for a friend or family member, the slightest delay has us reaching for our phones to catch up on emails, social media or the latest news. Delayed flights, or food that doesn't arrive promptly in a restaurant, can make us impatient and jittery. We have lost the art of waiting.

Yet Jesus regularly emphasises the importance of waiting. But it is clear that it is not the sort of waiting where we can sit around scrolling through our phones – there is an art to it. We must be awake and dressed for action and have our lamps lit, ready to go. We must be ready to open the door to the master when he knocks.

The 'waiter' described in today's Gospel is a devoted servant, eagerly awaiting his master's return. We don't know when Jesus will return, but we are called to live in constant vigilance and readiness. Let us not be found asleep on the job, or distracting ourselves with the trivial things in life!

Triona Doherty



### St. Peter's Church, Milford

**Saturday 6th**  
7:30 pm Kathleen Hagan (Anniv)  
**Sunday 7th The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
11:00 am Intention  
3:00pm Graveyard Mass Milford Cemetery

**Tuesday 9th**  
10:00am Intention

**Thursday 11th**  
10:00am Intention

**Friday 12th**  
7:00pm Eddie Shiels (Month's Mind)

**Saturday 13th**  
7:30 pm Intention

**Sunday 14th The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
11:00 am Lena Duffy (Month's Mind)

### 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 6th**  
6:00 pm Intention  
**Sunday 7th The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:30am Intention

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

**Saturday 13th**  
6:00 pm Intention  
**Sunday 14th The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
9:30am Intention

## Please Remember in your Prayers:

**Eddie Shiels**, whose Month's Mind Mass takes place this Friday 12th @ 7pm in Milford.

**And all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**

Kathleen Hagan, John Reynolds, George Brogan, Joe & Cissie O Donnell, James Friel, May Deeney, Ryan Coyle & Kevin Begley.



### 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.

### Baptisms—Milford and Kerrykeel

Baptisms in Milford can be arranged for a Saturday at 4pm only and Sunday after 11am Mass. In Kerrykeel on a Saturday at 5pm.

### Dates To Remember:

#### Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery

Today Sunday 7th August @ 3pm.

### Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on the 20th August. Led by Bishop Philip Boyce. Mass in Basilica at 3pm. Anointing of the sick during Mass. Confessions from 11am. For more information: [www.knock-shrine.ie](http://www.knock-shrine.ie)

### Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Geraldine Mc Carron & Patrick Shiels who were married in Our Lady of Lourdes, Kerrykeel this weekend.

### Welcome

We would like to welcome Deacon Reverend Damien who will be serving in the Parish for the next few months.

### Knock - Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

Bus to Knock for Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal on 10th & 11th September & also on 17th & 18th September for Padre Pio. Each weekend Cost €120 for overnight stay, accommodation, meals & bus to be paid one week in advance. Tel.0749320734 or 0892245598.

### Donegal Pro Life Church Gate Collection

Donegal Pro Life will hold a Church Gate Collection on Saturday and Sunday the 13th and 14th Aug '16.

### St Anthony's Retreat Centre, Burnfoot

4 day Directed Retreat  
Led by Breige O Hare,  
Fr. Neal Carlin & Josephine Stroker  
Finding God in silence meditation.  
Enjoy gently guided sessions of prayer and reflection and one to one Spiritual Direction  
August 17th -21st 2016  
Cost €225/£195  
A few places still available  
For more information and booking form  
Contact: 0749368370 or  
Email: [sarce@eircom.net](mailto:sarce@eircom.net)

### Family Carers Ireland

Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Safety and Health at work module in Buncrana on the 07/09/2016, QQI Level 5 Care Support module in Letterkenny and Care Skills in Donegal Town in September 2016, 1 day a week for five weeks per module. To express an interest kindly contact 0579370221.

### Guided Nature Walk - Rathmullan Beach

Tuesday 16th August 16 @ 7pm  
By Aengus Kennedy, Nature Northwest  
Tel: 0868123019, Everyone Welcome.

### **MUSINGS**

'If the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house.' (Luke 12:39)

I used to think this line on the Gospel was fanciful, or that it belonged to another age. Thieves are more discreet than that, I thought, breaking in not through a wall but via an unguarded door or an open window.

That was until I saw the first ATM robbery, when a bulldozer was used to break down the wall of a bank and remove the banklink machine, with all its money intact. It struck me then that the scriptures were well rooted, that the avarice in people's hearts is timeless – as are the actions it leads to.

People are not so different now from the folks Jesus observed. Then, as now, some begin with enthusiasm, but fall back to their former ways. And some come late in the day to the conclusion that Jesus was right, and act accordingly.

Lord, teach me wisdom. Keep me from the avarice that leads to wrongdoing.

*Fr Bernard Cotter*

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

**Milford:** €1,090.00  
**Kerrykeel:** €430.00  
**Tully Cemetery:** €1,215.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

### Thought for the Week

God does not ask about our Ability or our Inability, but our Availability.

### Milford Hall Bingo

Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.  
**Snowball tonight is:** €8,000.00  
**Second Snowball** €4,200.00



## Church Ministries



### Milford

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 13th August**  
L. Ferry & D. Sweeney  
**Sun 14th August**  
B. Ward & M. Nash

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 13th August**  
Kathleen Logan, M. Mc Nulty & O. Gallagher  
**Sun 14th August**  
T. Reynolds, S. Lynch & Bernie O Donnell

### Children's Liturgy

The Children's liturgy are on holidays for the summer months and will resume in September.



### Kerrykeel

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 13th August**  
Joe Harkin

**Sun 14th August**  
Aine Mc Ateer

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 13th August**  
Brian Mc Garvey

**Sun 14th August**  
Moira Stilvern