

# Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Third Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year A

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## ‘I shall be there with them’

Matthew 18 is a discourse on relations within the Christian community and today’s Gospel gives some very practical advice about a problem we all encounter: conflict. The beautiful phrase ‘you have won back your brother’ highlights the importance of resolving our differences with one another; love sometimes involves confrontation. We may involve others to help mediate but only when the first stage has failed. To seek help requires great humility and involving the wider community may seem harsh, but we should not be naïve, lasting peace sometimes requires mediation.

There is an unusual verse referring to tax collectors and Gentiles and the drastic steps that are taken in order to protect the community. Perhaps it is these groups of people who are calling on the community to face facts and to move forward.

Mediation is not an easy task, whether it be a parent dealing with conflict in the family; a diplomat brokering peace-keeping deals in conflict zones; a counsellor journeying with two people; conflict is all around us. Today’s Gospel urges dialogue, patience, perseverance and the space to allow grace to enter.



‘The conclusion of our meditation is not “Jesus tells us to do this,” but, “Let us celebrate Jesus at work in the world.” We recognise moments of grace when we ourselves lived this teaching, and celebrate the great people who by word and example taught us to live it.’

Michel de Verteuil

St. Peter’s Church, Milford	Eucharistic Adoration	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel
<p><b>Saturday 6th</b> 7: 30 pm John McGettigan (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 7th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 11: 00 am James McBride (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Monday 8th</b> 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p><b>Tuesday 9th</b> 10: 00am Intention</p> <p><b>Thursday 11th</b> 7: 00 pm Kathleen Hagan (Months Mind)</p> <p><b>Friday 12th</b> 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p><b>Saturday 13th</b> 7: 30 pm Joe &amp; Maggie Crossan (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 14th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 11: 00 am Intention</p>	<p><u>Tuesdays - Kerrykeel</u> 9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm</p> <p><u>Thursday's - Milford</u> 10: 00 am – 10: 00 pm (Directed Holy Hour from 9: 00 pm every second Thursday of the month)</p> <p><b>Confessions</b> <b>Milford</b> After 7: 30 pm Mass every Saturday</p> <p><b>Kerrykeel</b> 5: 30 pm on Saturday's</p>	<p><b>Saturday 6th</b> 6: 00 pm Kathleen Logue (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 7th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9: 30 am Philip Stilvern (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Saturday 13th</b> 6: 00 pm Hughie McBride (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 14th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9: 30 am Mary &amp; John James Doherty (Anniv) &amp; Mary Doherty</p>

**Please Remember in your Prayers:**

**Kathleen Hagan**, Mount Marian, whose Months Mind Mass takes place on Thursday 11th at 7pm

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

James McBride, Philip Stilvern, John McGettigan, Anthony Peoples, Kathleen Coyle, Katie Brogan & Kathleen McLaughlin



**Local SVP number 086 0611040**

**Rosary**

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

**Welcome Fr. Adrian Gavigan**

This weekend we welcome Fr. Adrian to our parish as our new curate in Milford and Kerrykeel. We offer him our prayers and best wishes as he takes up his appointment with us.

**Country Gospel Concert—Change of Date**

James Kilbane Country Gospel Concert will now take place at 7.30pm on Sunday 5th Oct in Ards Friary. Tickets €15. Doors open at 7.10pm. Please call 074 9138909 for tickets.

**Antenatal Classes**

Antenatal classes will commence in the Rathmullan Resource Centre on Tues 9th September at 3pm. For further details please call Ramelton 9151527, Rathmullan 9158322 or Milford 9153108.

**Milford And District Over 65's Group**

This group will re-start on Friday 12th Sept from 11am to 1pm in the Supper Room of the Community Hall, Milford. As always ideas for events/activities will be warmly welcomed and everything will be considered. Everyone is welcome to come along and new members are especially welcome. For further info please do not hesitate to contact Mary on 9153723. Here's to another successful year!

**Alison Quigley School of Irish Dancing**

Classes will resume in Milford Parochial Hall on Monday 8th September at 4:30pm. Beginners welcome.

**Milford Community Art Group**

Art Classes with local Artist Bernie Wilson will begin on Tuesday 9th September at 10.30am -12.30pm and on Thursday 11th September from 7pm - 9pm. The 12 week course costs €70. Booking is essential as places are limited. Contact Bernie on 087 27 44974 for more information.

**Scoil Mhuire Annual 10k Road Race**

Scoil Mhuire, Milford, Annual 10k Road Race will take place on Sat 20th September with a start time of 11am. Further details later.

**Flight Of Earls Mass For Emigrants**

A Flight of Earls Mass for Emigrants will take place on Sunday 14th September at 3pm in St Josephs Church Rathmullan. Please join us for this special occasion where we join with our parishioners across the world.

**Living With Suicide Day Retreat on Lough Derg, 24th September 2014**

This Retreat is an invitation to people to come to a safe place where they might find some sense of healing and peace in the midst of pain and struggle. It is a day for adults who have been affected by suicide, either through personal loss or with suicidal ideation, or for those ministering to the suicide bereaved or working in support services. For further info or book your place contact Maureen or Sharon on 071 9861518 (from NI 00353719861518) email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

**Farewell Fr. James**

A meeting will take place on Tues 9th Sept at 8pm in the Oratory of St. Peter's regarding the Thanksgiving Mass and function that will be held on the 19th Sept for Fr. James. People have started to call at your homes if you wish to make a voluntary contribution towards a presentation for Fr. James or you can drop your donation in to the Parochial House. All donations greatly appreciated. Everyone welcome.

**Coffee Morning**

The Milford and District Over 65's Group will be hosting a Coffee Morning, in aid of Donegal Hospice, on Friday 19th Sept from 11am to 2pm in the Milford Hall. Everyone is welcome, so please come along for a nice cuppa and a chat for this very worthy cause.

**Self Management Prog Epilepsy Ireland**

Be your own epilepsy expert. Epilepsy Ireland, North West, will start a six week self management programme on 6th October from 7pm to 9:30pm in the Epilepsy Ireland Office in Letterkenny. The programme includes Sharing Experiences, Interactive Group Environment and Peer Learning. For further information and to book a place please call Agnes Mooney on 074 9168725, or email [amooney@epilepsy.ie](mailto:amooney@epilepsy.ie)

**Jiving Classes in Glenvar**

The committee have been approached about the possibility of running jiving classes. This would entail 6 weeks of classes, two hours per night. If interested please contact Anthony on 9150809 or Marian on 9150020 (after 3pm).

**Church Collections for last weekend were:**

**Milford:** €1,213.00  
**Kerrykeel:** €405.00

*Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.*

*Thought for the Week*

It is our business to see that we do right: God will see that we come out right

**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 September**

M. Carr & P. McCarron

**Sun 14th September**

S. Greene & S. Friel

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Sat 13th September**

O. Gallagher, M.E. Gillespie, E. Dyke & P. Sweeney

**Sun 14th September**

M. McFadden, M. McRory, Bernie O'Donnell & T. Reynolds

***Children's Liturgy***

**Sun 14th September Team B**

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross  
Year A

**Sun 21st September Team C**

Twenty Fifth Sunday In Ordinary  
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***Kerrykeel***

**Ministers of the Word**

**Sat 13th September**

Phonsie McAteer

**Sun 14th September**

Regina McGettigan

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Sat 13th September**

Brian McGarvey

**Sun 14th September**

Eileen McAteer