

# Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday  
Of Advent  
Year B

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## Prepare a Way

John the Baptist is an interesting character. He wasn't someone who kept up with the latest fashion. We are told he wore strange clothes, ate insects and lived in the desert. And yet John was very popular as we hear that 'all of Judea' came to him. There was obviously something very attractive about John. People could see something in him; something that inspired them; something that gave them hope. John is clear that he is not the one they are looking for; rather he is someone who is pointing to the one they are looking for. John shows the way for people, he is a signpost to God.



The world says to God, 'we no longer need you, we know what is best'. And then we look at the wilderness of our modern world and hear the voice of one crying, 'Prepare a way'. How do we prepare for welcoming God's love into our hearts? God is crying out for us to welcome him again and again. It is us who are blocked; we put so many things in the way. John is urging us to clear the path, to let go of all the things that are preventing us from experiencing God's love. John is calling people out from despair into hopefulness. Jane Mellett

### MUSINGS

Today's First Reading contain words of comfort and tenderness for the people of Jerusalem, words which assure them that their time of hard service is at an end and their sins paid for. It reminds me of that beautiful scene from Les Misérables when the convict Jean Valjean is returned by police to the bishop of Digne, whose silver he has stolen. Seeing Valjean's state, the bishop assures police that there has been a misunderstanding – the stolen silver had been a free gift all along, and addresses Valjean, 'but you forgot the candlesticks – here take these as well!' God's mercy is always superabundant. Salvador Ryan

**Monster Bingo  
Today  
Milford Inn  
@ 7pm  
All welcome**

St. Peter's Church, Milford	Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays - Kerrykeel 9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel
<b>Saturday 6th</b> 7: 30 pm John Goudie (Months Mind) <b>Sunday 7th Second Sunday Of Advent</b> 11: 00 am Sr. Angela Coyle (R.I.P.) <b>Monday 8th The Immaculate Conception</b> 11: 00 am Intention 7: 00 pm Intention <b>Tuesday 9th</b> 10: 00 am Siobhan McCormack (Anniv) <b>Thursday 11th</b> 10: 00 am Intention <b>Saturday 13th</b> 7: 30 pm Intention <b>Sunday 14th Third Sunday Of Advent</b> 11: 00 am Intention	<b>Thursday's - Milford</b> 10: 00 am – 10: 00 pm (Directed Holy Hour from 9: 00 pm every second Thursday of the month)  <b>Confessions</b> <b>Milford</b> After 7: 30 pm Mass every Saturday <b>Kerrykeel</b> 5: 30 pm on Saturday's	<b>Saturday 6th</b> 6: 00 pm Cassie & Hugh Toland (Anniv) <b>Sunday 7th Second Sunday Of Advent</b> 9: 30 am Hughie & Jennie Shiels (Anniv)  <b>Monday 8th The Immaculate Conception</b> 9: 30 am Intention 8: 00 pm James Francie Friel (Anniv) <b>Wednesday 10th</b> 10: 00 am Intention  <b>Saturday 13th</b> 6: 00 pm Jim Brougham (Months Mind) <b>Sunday 14th Third Sunday Of Advent</b> 9: 30 am Intention

**Please Remember in your Prayers:**

**John Goudie**, Kilmacrennan Rd., whose Months Mind Mass takes place in Milford on Saturday

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

Cassie & Hugh Toland, Hughie & Jennie Shiels, Sr. Angela Coyle, James Francie Friel, Siobhan McCormack, Neil McBride, Sally Sarsfield, Willie & Kathleen McElwee, William Brogan, Anna Kilmartin, Nan & John McGinley, & Michael McLaughlin



**SVdeP National Church Gate Collection**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's National Church Gate Collection will take place next weekend, 13th - 14th December. Thank you in advance for any donations you can make in these difficult times; they are greatly appreciated and are used to help families in your local area. The **local SVdeP number 086 0611040** is a dedicated confidential number, just leave voicemail and a trained SVdeP volunteer will be in touch.

**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 Tuesday at 3pm in St. Peter's Church, Milford. All welcome, tea served.

**Billy Patterson—Napoleon and Donegal**

Billy Patterson (of Highland Radio and the Pattersons fame) will give a talk followed by discussion on the little known connection between Napoleon and Donegal. This will be the first of a series of multi media evenings on music and history. Fri, 12th Dec. 8pm. at the Plaza Bunrana. Adm €10. For further info 087 419 6045.

**Preparing for Christmas During Advent**

**One way to prepare for Christmas is by going to Confession. Confession will take place after weekday morning Masses during Advent and on a Saturday in Kerrykeel from 5:30pm and in Milford at 7pm.**

**Rathmullan District Resource Centre**

Anyone interested in participating in a Building Self Esteem course starting January 2015 please contact the RDRC centre on 074 9158724 or email [rdrc10@gmail.com](mailto:rdrc10@gmail.com). The course will run dependent on interest. Some areas covered will be confidence building, communication, and listening skills. Open to male and females over 18. The last yoga class of 2014 was on Monday 1st December. Yoga will resume in the New Year.

**Gaeil Fhánada Lotto results**

There was no jackpot winner. Numbers drawn were 01,06,11,12,15, bonus 06. €100 winner Brid McAteer, Fanad Lodge, €50 winner Colette Shiels, Tria Locha. Next week's jackpot is €4,150. Recent Gaeil Fhánada C.L.G. 100 Club Draw Winners were 1st Ken Dempsey, 2nd Michael Sweeney, Doaghbeg, 3rd Lawrence & Patricia Shiels, Fanavolty.

**Adoration Notice**

Eucharistic Adoration will not take place this coming Thursday in St. Peter's due to the Milford Community Care of the Aged Christmas Party.

**Pilgrimage To Fatima**

The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima will take place on the 10th July 2015, ex Dublin. A poster in on display in the Church and is now open for bookings.

**Two Hand & Old Time Dancing**

Two hand and old time dancing continues in the Milford Hall on Thursdays at 8pm. Admission €5. All welcome

**Kerrykeel Country Market**

Kerrykeel Country Market will hold their market as usual on Saturday 13th December in the Old School, Kerrykeel from 11am until noon. This is one of your final chances to secure that unique product for Christmas. Market will also be held on 20th December and will be the final market for 2014. Orders are being taken at the market for those wishing to secure particular produce for Christmas. Winner of the 'Win the Value of Your Shopping Back' draw for November was Mary Connor. Kerrykeel Country Market is also bringing a Christmas market to Rathmullan for one night only on Saturday 13th December from 7.30pm until 9.00pm in the SVP Centre. Featuring their fantastic range of crafts and exquisite food products, this is a festive occasion not to be missed. Refreshments will be served including some festive cheer!

**Milford Foroige**

There will be an information evening on Wednesday 10th December in the Oratory of St. Peter's at 7:30pm. Anyone interested in volunteering, please attend.

**Milford Parish Monster Bingo**

The Milford Parish Monster Bingo takes place today Sunday in the Milford Inn Hotel at 7pm. Doors open at 6pm. Your support would be greatly appreciated. All welcome.

**Choir Practice—Kerrykeel**

A choir practice will take place in Kerrykeel Church on Wednesday 10th December at 8pm. All members please attend. New members welcome.

**Church Collections for last weekend were:**

**Milford:** €1,260.00  
**Kerrykeel:** €270.00

*Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.*

*Thought for the Week*

What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.  
*Ralph Waldo Emerson*

**No Milford Hall Bingo this Weekend due to Bingo in Milford Inn Hotel @ 7pm**

*Church Ministries*



***Milford***

**Ministers of the Word**  
**Sat 13th December**  
P. McLaughlin  
**Sun 14th December**  
B. Ward & Anita Toland  
**Ministers of the Eucharist**  
**Sat 13th December**  
P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie, B. O'Donnell & K. Logan  
**Sun 14th December**  
T. Reynolds, S. Lynch, K. Ferry & C. O'Sullivan

***Children's Liturgy***

**Sun 14th December Team C**  
Third Sunday of Advent  
Year B  
  
**Sun 21st December Team D**  
Fourth Sunday of Advent  
Year B

***Kerrykeel***

**Ministers of the Word**  
**Sat 13th December**  
Rebecca Ward  
**Sun 14th December**  
Aine McAteer  
  
**Ministers of the Eucharist**  
**Sat 13th December**  
Noreen McFadden  
**Sun 14th December**  
Moira Stilvern

