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## Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Today we celebrate the dedication of the Basilica of St John Lateran, historically the oldest church in Rome. It was the residence of the Pope for centuries and remains his cathedral. It is considered the mother of all churches! Our Gospel passage for this feast almost seems to be in contradiction as it recalls Jesus cleansing the Temple in Jerusalem. The theology of the Temple was such that to get to God you had to qualify culturally, socially and in terms of 'purity'. The goods sold in the Temple markets were used in sacrifices so that people could meet the requirements to be 'closer' to God. You can understand why Jesus was angry and challenged this model. He tells people early on in John's Gospel that HE is God's Temple. God cannot be confined. Jesus' words are too controversial for his listeners and challenging such powerful structures comes at a price.



We can take away many reflections from today's feast: we celebrate the Church as a place of encounter with God; we are also reminded that God is not confined to one building or the structures placed around it. We gather as community in prayer and worship in our churches united with Christians all over the world, yet we remember that it is the people who gather there in Jesus' name who are the real Church. The Temple of God is the Christian community, the body of Christ with Jesus as its foundation. This is pre-echoed in the second reading today from St Paul when he says: 'For the Temple of God is holy and you are that Temple'. Jane Mellett

### MUSINGS

Today's feast commemorates the cathedral church of the Bishop of Rome (which, incidentally, is St John Lateran, not St Peter's). The popes lived at the Lateran for almost a millennium before they moved to the Vatican. However, there was an earlier feast celebrated on 9 November – that of the 'Passion of the Image of Christ' – which grew out of the legend of a violent attack of iconoclasm against a painting of Christ in Beirut. It's fitting, then, that we continue to remember the plight of Christians in the Middle East whose very existence in the region is under continued threat. Salvador Ryan

St. Peter's Church, Milford	Eucharistic Adoration Tuesdays - Kerrykeel	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel
<b>Saturday 8th</b> 7: 30 pm Leo O'Donnell (Anniv) Novena	9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm	<b>Saturday 8th</b> 6: 00 pm Kathleen McFadden (Anniv) Novena
<b>Sunday 9th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 11: 00 am Novena	<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>Sunday 9th 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9: 30 am Novena
<b>Monday 10th - Tuesday 11th</b> 7: 00 pm Novena for Deceased	<b>Confessions</b>	<b>Monday 10th - Tuesday 11th</b> 8: 00 pm Novena for Deceased
<b>Wednesday 12th</b> 10: 00 am Denis McCrossan (Anniv)	<b>Milford</b>	<b>Saturday 15th</b> 6: 00 pm Enda Waters (Anniv)
<b>Saturday 15th</b> 7: 30 pm Christopher Gallagher (Anniv)	After 7: 30 pm Mass every Saturday	<b>Sunday 16th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9: 30 am Intention
<b>Sunday 16th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 11: 00 am Annie McGinley (Anniv)	<b>Kerrykeel</b>	
	5: 30 pm on Saturday's	

**Please Remember in your Prayers:**

**John Goudie**, Kilmacrennan Rd., who died on Thursday and whose funeral took place on Saturday

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

Kathleen McFadden, Leo O'Donnell, Denis McCrossan, Teresa & Mick Kelly, Margaret Quinn, Margaret McBride, & Nellie Doherty



**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.

**Anniversary Masses in Milford**

An Anniversary Mass for those deceased over 10 years can be arranged for a weekday morning Mass in Milford.

**Rosary**

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

**Two Hand & Old Time Dancing**

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

**Mica Action Group**

A Public Meeting organised by the MICA Action Group into the incidence of cracking to houses/buildings due to defective blocks will be held in An Grianan Hotel, Burt on Monday November 17th at 7.30pm. For further info Email [micaactiongroup@outlook.ie](mailto:micaactiongroup@outlook.ie) or call 086 8648888.

**Milford Parish Monster Bingo**

The Milford Parish Monster Bingo will be held in the Milford Inn Hotel on Sunday December 7th starting at 7pm - doors opening at 6pm. All Welcome.

**Inner Healing Retreat Fri 14th - 16th Nov**

Directed by Sr. Josephine Walsh. Commences 6pm, concludes after lunch, cost €140. Contact Ards Friary on 074 9138909 or Email [info@ardsfriary.ie](mailto:info@ardsfriary.ie)

**Book & Fair-Trade Crafts Sale**

A books and fair-trade crafts sale will take place in Milford RP Church on Thursday, Friday and Saturday 13th-15th November from 11am - 5pm, also take time for a cup of tea! Everyone is very welcome.

**Mindfulness Meditation**

There will be a 6 week evening course with Learning To Exhale starting Wed 12th Nov in Letterkenny. Promotes relaxation, improves sleep and increases vitality. Beneficial for stress, anxiety & depression. Contact Suzanne at 087 192 9067.

**Eddie Stones Healing Retreat 22nd Nov**

Eddie works in the Healing Ministry, under the authority of Bishop John Kirby in the Diocese of Clonfert, Co. Galway. This healing day of prayer includes Rosary, talks, reconciliation, Mass and a Healing Service during which Eddie will pray with people individually. Commences at 11am, concludes at 5pm and the cost is €25 (includes lunch). Contact on 074 9138909 or Email [info@ardsfriary.ie](mailto:info@ardsfriary.ie)

**Christmas Lights Switch On**

Milford Christmas lights switch on will take place on Saturday 29th November 8pm approx (after Mass). Hopefully there will be an early appearance from the North Pole's most famous resident!

**Children's Liturgy**

Children's Liturgy need new people to help with liturgy at Sunday Mass. Anyone interested please give your name to any member of the liturgy group or to the Parochial House on 074 9153236.

**Rathmullan & District Resource Centre**

The Parent & Toddler group continues on Thursday mornings from 10.30 am –12.30pm. The group will host a Tiny Tunes workshop on Thurs 13th Nov. The playgroup will run the normal time with the workshop from 11 - 12. Come along and meet TINY TIM who welcomes all the children and have some fun with music, movement, singing games and rhymes. We look forward to seeing you all there. Admission €2.50 per family. The Child & Family Health Clinic opens Tuesday 2pm – 5.30 pm and Thursday 11 am – 5.30 pm. (drop in clinic from 12.30 – 2.30pm). The Irish Wheelchair Association – Carrigart Group, have produced a beautiful pack of Christmas Cards which are now on sale at €4. Contact Mary Toye on 074 9158140.

**Scor Na nÓg**

CLG Baile na nGalloglach will host one of the county semi-finals of Scor na nÓg in Milford Parish Hall on Saturday November 15th. Why not come along and enjoy a great nights entertainment and also support the acts which will be representing our own club. The show starts at 7:30pm. All welcome.

**Anam Cara**

Anam Cara is holding a bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 20th Nov from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny. The guest speaker is Brid Carroll and the topic is "Coping with loss when a child dies". All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents. Anam Cara need to confirm numbers for room set up, please RSVP to [info@anamcara.ie](mailto:info@anamcara.ie) before Tuesday 18th November or call us on 01 4045378.

**Church Collections for last weekend were:**

**Milford:** €1,210.00  
**Kerrykeel:** €370.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

*Thought for the Week*

Nothing that is God's is obtainable by money

Anon

**Milford Hall Bingo**  
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.  
**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00  
**Second Snowball**  
€2,400. 00



*Church Ministries*



***Milford***

**Ministers of the Word**  
**Sat 15th November**  
P. McCarron & J. Gibbons  
**Sun 16th November**  
N. Harrison & L. McBride  
**Ministers of the Eucharist**  
**Sat 15th November**  
P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie, B. O'Donnell & K. Logan  
**Sun 16th November**  
T. Reynolds, S. Lynch, K. Ferry & C. O'Sullivan

***Children's Liturgy***

**Sun 16th November Team C**  
Thirty-Third Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year A  
  
**Sun 23rd November Team D**  
Thirty-Fourth Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year A

***Kerrykeel***

**Ministers of the Word**  
**Sat 15th November**  
Phonsie McAteer  
**Sun 16th November**  
Regina McGettigan  
  
**Ministers of the Eucharist**  
**Sat 15th November**  
Noreen McFadden  
**Sun 16th November**  
Eileen McAteer