

# Parish Newsletter

**Third Sunday of  
Easter  
Year C**

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## ‘Come and have Breakfast’

During these Easter weeks we read from St John’s Gospel. The passages are very deep and in today’s text there are many things going on. Perhaps we might focus on Peter and the journey he has made.

We all have experience of friendships and relationships that break down. When that happens it feels like a death – we grieve, we get angry, we have regrets, we wonder ‘what if?’ Three times Peter denied Jesus and today we hear Peter express his love for Jesus three times. Jesus welcomes Peter back into community with him. Peter experiences Resurrection; he is given new life. There is no situation, no matter how terrible, that Jesus cannot transform, forgive, welcome back, restore. Peter says to Jesus – ‘Lord you know everything’ and we too must remember that Jesus knows our hearts, as He knew Peter’s heart. The questioning here is perhaps so that Peter can hear it for himself. The relationship is restored and we, like Peter, are once more invited in to ‘Follow me!’

Lord, we thank you for people who have forgiven us, not a mean, calculating forgiveness, not harping on the ways in which we wronged them, but forgiving with the forgiveness of Jesus, so that it was like coming back from a hard night’s work, and seeing some bread there and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it and the very person we had hurt saying,

‘Come and have breakfast.’ And we not having to ask any questions because we knew that everything was forgiven.’

- Michel de Verteuil



Jane Mellett

## St. Peter’s Church, Milford

**Saturday 9th**  
7:30 pm Mary, Martin & PJ Buchanan (Anniv)  
**Sunday 10th** **Third Sunday of Easter**  
11:00 am James Mc Paul (1st Anniv)  
Seamus Mc Paul (Anniv)

**Tuesday 12th**  
10:00am Intention

**Saturday 16th**  
7:30 pm Jim Mc Devitt (1st Anniv)  
**Sunday 17th** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
11:00 am Enda O Donnell (Anniv)

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel  
9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Thursday’s - Milford  
10:00 am – 10:00 pm  
(Directed Holy Hour  
from 9:00pm—  
10:00pm every  
Thursday During Lent)

### Confessions

Milford  
After 7:30 pm Mass  
every Saturday

Kerrykeel  
5:30 pm on Saturday’s

## Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel

**Saturday 9th**  
6:00 pm Eddie & James Mc Fadden (Anniv)  
**Sunday 10th** **Third Sunday of Easter**  
9:30 am Kathleen Mc Ginley (Anniv)

**Saturday 16th**  
6:00 pm Intention  
**Sunday 17th** **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
9:30 am Intention

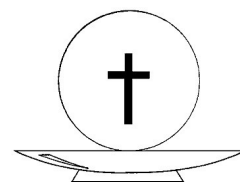
## Please Remember in your Prayers:

**Billy Curran**, Milford, whose funeral took place in Milford on Tuesday.

**James Mc Paul**, Milford, whose 1st Anniversary Mass takes place this weekend in Milford.

### And also all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Seamus Mc Paul, John Coyle, Eddie & James Mc Fadden, Mary, Martin & PJ Buchanan, Kathleen Mc Ginley, Eamon Gallagher.



### 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 at 12noon. In Kerrykeel on a Saturday at 5pm.

### Decoupage Craft Workshop

Rosnakill Resource Centre are introducing a new 3 hours workshop Monday 18th April 7pm. It will include all materials to create two pieces of decoupage. Cost is €25pp Contact [0863855363](tel:0863855363) for more details.

### Upcoming Parish Events

#### Croagh Patrick

We hope to take youth group to climb Croagh Patrick on Monday 2nd May. This trip is open to all ages interested. Under 12's must be accompanied by a parent/guardian. A free bus will be provided for this trip.

#### Lough Derg Pilgrimage

A 3 day Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Deg will take place from the 4th July. More details later.

### Dates to Remember

#### Service of Light

Sat 8th May in St.

Catherine's Oughtrelin @ 7pm .

#### Confirmation

Saturday 14th May in St. Catherine's, Oughterlin @ 11am

#### Kerrykeel & Milford First Communion

Saturday 23rd April @ 11am in both Churches.

#### Mount Marian Mass

Tuesday 10th May 7pm

#### Old Lagg Chapel Mass

Friday 20th May 7pm

#### Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery

Sunday 31st July @ 3pm

#### Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery

Sunday 7th August @ 3pm.

### Diocese of Raphoe

Visitation to the Diocese of Raphoe of Our Mother of Perpetual Help icon in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny.

#### Thursday 5th May

7:30pm Evening Mass

8:00pm-11:00pm Confessions

9:00pm Holy Hour with a Healing Service

All Night Prayer and Veneration

#### Friday 6th May

8:00am Mass

10:00am Mass

#### St. Vincent de Paul

The Annual Collection by St. Vincent de Paul for their mission in Uganda will be held on Sat/Sun 23rd & 24th April. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

### LECTIO MUSINGS

Lord when things go badly wrong on us we so often resort to the familiar. We have a daily groove where we feel happy and where the world can be kept at bay. No wonder after Golgotha that Peter and his friends took to fishing. The wind and sound of the waves, the sea breeze and the paying out of ropes and net all had a calming and centring effect. Perhaps there was a craving to return to the past, to live as if nothing had occurred. Lord I know that feeling so well. He dawn arose and with the light came the Master. He asked them questions but it was only when he suggested they cast again that something stirred the memory and heart of John. 'It is the Master' And then there was Easter breakfast on the shore. In feeding them the Master could then ask that they and we in turn reach out to feed others. Feed my sheep.

Lord urge us see your face in those who come with out-held hands or needy hearts. In our turn let us be your broken bread given for many. Let us like Simon Peter realise that it is in self abandonment into your love that we can only hope to be builders of your kingdom. In that spirit I hear your call as then 'Follow me'.

Fr Declan O'Loughlin

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,340.00  
Kerrykeel: €385.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

### *Thought for the Week*

Do not expect others to guess how you feel

#### Milford Hall Bingo

Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.

**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00

**Second Snowball**  
€3,050. 00



## Church Ministries



### *Milford*

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 16th April**

Louise Sterritt

**Sun 17th April**

Geraldine Mc Gee

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 16th April**

M.E. Gillespie, E. Dyke & Helen Doherty

**Sun 17th April**

S. O Donnell, K. Ferry & C. O Sullivan

### *Children's Liturgy*

**Sun 17th April Team A**

Fourth Sunday of Easter  
Year C

**Sun 24th April Team B**

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
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### *Kerrykeel*

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 16th April**

Phonsie Mc Ateer  
Tamzin Friel

**Sun 17th April**

Joe Ferry

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 16th April**

Jacinta Callaghan  
**Sun 17th April**  
Gretta Mc Fadden