

Parish Newsletter

Sixth Sunday
of Easter
Year B

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Pastoral Catechesis on Marriage and the Family.

Is the upcoming Referendum aimed at establishing equality and removing discrimination?

All people are equal before the law and in God's eyes. At the same time, people are different. A man and a woman have different but complementary gifts. Equality and human rights should be afforded to everyone, but it should be done without sacrificing the institution of marriage and the family. The Church respects an equality that recognises difference – not an equality that destroys all difference. To recognise the difference in the way we are made is not discrimination and it does not undermine equality.

Are same-sex couples at a disadvantage?

Civil partnership recognises same-sex unions and can give them legal rights, without changing the definition of marriage and the family. The Church teaches that people with homosexual tendencies "must be accepted with respect, compassion and sensitivity" (Catechism of the Catholic Church, No. 2358).

Are fathers and mothers necessary?

Fathers and mothers are most important. A man and a woman complement each other in a way that two men or two women cannot. At certain periods in a child's growth, a mother's love and care are of the greatest advantage; at other times, it is a father's love and strength and example that are most needed. We should not deliberately deprive children, yet to be born, of a father or a mother, leaving them fatherless or motherless by design. By voting for the so-called gender theory, as if there were no difference between a man and a woman in marriage, "we risk taking a step backward. The removal of difference in fact creates a problem, not a solution" (Pope Francis, 15 April 2015).

What would Jesus Say?

In the beginning "God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them: 'be fruitful and multiply'" (Gen. 9:27-28). The Lord Jesus said: "Have you not read that he who made them from the beginning made them male and female?... for this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife. And the two shall become one" (Mt. 19: 4-5).

Does the Referendum, if carried, affect children?

Yes, it would have serious implications. Every child, no matter what sexual orientation he/she may have, has the human right to a father and a mother. We should not vote to legalise intentionally a situation where a child would be fatherless or motherless, not able to say 'dad' and 'mummy' to two parents.

What about the family?

The Referendum aims at changing the meaning of "family" and "marriage". We are being asked to change our Constitution, so that marriage may be contracted in accordance with law by two persons without distinction to their sex. Yet, two persons of the same sex cannot procreate children. The reason why the State recognises and supports the family is precisely because of children. The future of a nation depends on them. We must affirm the right of children to grow up in a family, with a father and mother, in an atmosphere suitable for their development and emotional maturity.

Therefore, use your vote.

Can you with a clear conscience vote "yes"? No, I Cannot.

Are you voting "No"?

For the sake of marriage, for the sake of the family, for the sake of children, I am voting "NO"

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 9th

7:30pm Patrick Toyne (Anniv)

Sunday 10th Sixth Sunday of Easter

11:00 am Kathleen Sarsfield (Anniv)

Tuesday 12th

10:00am Intention

Friday 15th

10:00am Intention

Saturday 16th

7:30pm Jim Mc Devitt (Months Mind)

Sunday 17th The Ascension Of The Lord

11:00 am James Mc Paul (Months Mind)

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Thursdays - Milford

10:00 am – 10:00 pm

(Directed Holy Hour from

9:00 pm every second

Thursday of the month)

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 Intention

Sunday 10th Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:30 am Intention

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Please Remember in your Prayers:

Eithne Creadin, who died during the week. (Sister of Peggy Mc Gettigan)

All those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:

Patrick Toye, Kathleen Sarsfield, James Doherty & Charles Toye.



St. Vincent De Paul

The local St. Vincent De Paul number
086 0611040 .

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. For all other Anniversaries please book early to avoid disappointment.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

A pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 28th Aug—2nd Sept, led by Fr Paddy Hughes & Fr James Sweeney. Hotel Paradis 5 nights Ex Dublin €719 per person sharing, all cheques must be made payable to Pilgrimage Abroad—licence no. T0-052. For further details contact Fr James Sweeney 074 9737015

Grass Cutting

Milford parish would like to invite tenders for grass & hedge cutting around the parochial house and St. Peter's Church. Anyone interested contact Fr. Adrian 074 9153236.

Kerrykeel Country Market

Kerrykeel Country Market are holding a baby farm animal show on Sat 30th May, more information to follow.

Pilgrimage to Lourdes

23rd - 28th August
5 nights full board from Knock airport.
23rd – 28th August, €699 per person sharing. Spiritual director Fr. James Gillespie. For further details and to book please contact Kathleen McKeague on 91 21551. (Optional bus to and from Knock airport is extra).

Milford Community Playgroup

Milford Community Playgroup are running a summer camp at Moyle Park, football pitches for 2 weeks in July, 13th –17th and 20th –24th. Cost €50 per week per child. Age groups 3-4, 5-6, 7-8, 9-10. Deposit €20 is required to secure a place, a planned payment scheme is available . Contact 074 9153757 or 086 3818943 for further information.

Milford & Kerrykeel CE Project Ltd

Milford & Kerrykeel CE Project Ltd require a general worker for Rossnakill Tourism & Activity Centre to work 19.5hrs per week. Potential candidates must be unemployed and in receipt of benefit for one year or more and aged over 25. Apply to James Gibbons, Supervisor 086 8212778, forward your CV to James Gibbons, Public Services Centre, Milford or email milfordce94@gmail.com Please quote PPS number.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara is holding its monthly Parent Evening on Thursday 21st of May 2015 from 19:30 to 21:00 in Dillons Hotel, Main Street, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents.

Gaelic Fhánada

Gaelic Fhánada Lotto results.
Nos drawn. 1.4.5.8.13. B 3. No jackpot winner. €100 Kathleen Gallagher, Fanavolty. €50 Danny Shiels, Ballywhoriskey. Next week's jackpot €5,250. Seniors & Reserves play away this Sunday v [Realt na Mara G.F.C.](#) at [Gaelic Park](#), Bundoran @ 1:30p.m. & 3:00p.m. [U12s](#) play away to Gweedore next Wednesday 13th May.

Alzheimers Tea Day

Alzheimers Tea Day will be held in Rossnakill Tourism Activity Centre on Sunday 10th May 2015 from 10.30am until 2.30pm. Come along, enjoy a cuppa and support a worthy cause - unfortunately you never know when you will need their support!

Ray Community Centre

Have fun with Art and Drama at Ray Community Centre beginning Tuesday 12th of May, for children 7 to 12 years. From 3.30 to 4.40pm, cost 30 euro for 6 week. Please contact Bredgeen on 087 3920851 or 9158125 for further information or to book a place.

Gospel Concert

A Gospel Concert will take place in Kerrykeel Church Hall, Friday 15th May at 8pm Featuring: Ballybay Gospel Group, Mae Crooks and Local Artists. Admission by donation. Proceeds in aid of Rabs Park Community Centre, Kerrykeel.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,300.00
Kerrykeel: €345.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

The most important thing in communication is to hear what isn't being said.

Peter Drucker

Milford Hall Bingo

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

Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00

Second Snowball
€3,600. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 16th May

P. Mc Laughlin & V. Sweeney

Sun 17th May

Donal Mc Cafferty

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 16th May

M. Mc Nulty, O. Gallagher,
M.E. Gillespie & E. Dyke

Sun 17th May

C. Mc Gettigan, M. Mc Fadden,
M. Mc Rory & Bernie O Donnell

Children's Liturgy

Sun 17th May Team A

The Ascension
Of The Lord
Year B

Sun 24th May Team B

Pentecost
Sunday
Year B

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 16th May

Phonsie Mc Ateer
Sun 17th May
Regina Mc Gettigan

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 16th May

Jacinta Callaghan
Sun 17th May
Moirá Stilvern