

Parish Newsletter

**Fifteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year C**

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A parable brought to life



**THE WORD
IS VERY NEAR**

Listeners to Joe Duffy's Liveline radio programme may have heard the story earlier in the summer of an American tourist who was beaten and robbed of his valuables during a violent mugging in Dublin. Forty-six-year-old Donnie Brown, who was travelling alone on his first holiday in Ireland, was attacked after stopping to ask a woman for directions back to his hostel. The gang held a knife to his throat and stole his wallet, bag, and phone, before leaving him lying bloodied in a lane.

Donnie recalled how he had found help in a local shop and from Gardai who drove him around the area in the hope of identifying his attackers. However, after his story was aired on the radio, he experienced a real outpouring of kindness. A bed and breakfast owner offered him free accommodation, and he received more than 40 offers of help from all over Ireland, including free use of a rental car. 'I feel like I've won the lottery,' he said afterwards.

It is extraordinary that such a horrific experience could end with someone feeling so blessed. The man in today's parable must have felt something similar, to be treated with such generosity, from an unexpected source, after his ordeal. Those who helped Donnie in Dublin didn't know him or have any reason to help him. Their kindness to a stranger was very much in the spirit of the Good Samaritan we hear about today.

Triona Doherty

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 9th

7:30 pm Tony Connaghan (Anniv)

Sunday 10th The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am Evelyn Meehan (1st Anniv)
John & Frank Meehan (Anniv)

Tuesday 12th

10:00am Intention

Saturday 16th

7:30 pm Intention

Sunday 17th The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am Charlie Mc Gettigan (1st Anniv)
Grace Mc Gettigan (Anniv)

Eucharistic Adoration

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

Thursday's - Milford
10:00 am – 10:00 pm

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 The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Intention

Wednesday 13th

10:00am Intention

Saturday 16th

6:00 pm Intention

Sunday 17th The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Grace Doherty (Anniv)

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Evelyn Meehan, whose 1st Anniversary Mass takes place in Milford this weekend and also Frank & John Meehan.

John O'Neill, Bunlin, whose Month's Mind occurs at this time.

And all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Tony Connaghan, Catherine, Frank & Tommy Mc Bride & Julia Kerr.



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 after 11am Mass. In Kerrykeel on a Saturday at 5pm.

Dates To Remember:

Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery

Sunday 31st July @ 3pm.

Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery

Sunday 7th August @ 3pm.

Cursillo 30th Anniversary

A special Mass will mark the 30th Anniversary of Cursillo in the Diocese of Raphoe will take place in Ards Friary on Thursday 14th July at 8pm. All welcome.

Blessing of cars—Note Change

Blessing of cars will take place on **Sunday 24th July** after 11am Mass in Milford.

The Donegal Hospice

The Donegal Hospice would like to thank all those who gave so generously to their church gate collection last weekend the 2nd and 3rd July. The amount raised in Milford was €370. They would also like to thank all those who helped with the collection.

Keep our Graveyards Clean

While everyone is working hard to have the Cemeteries looking good at all times it would be appreciated if a special effort would be made to have them looking well for the annual cemetery Masses in the Parish which will take place in the next few weeks. Could everyone please ensure that they remove used wreaths and flowers from the graveyard and dispose of them at home. Please do not have old wreaths etc. left lying around the cemetery as it makes the place look untidy. Thank you for your cooperation.

St Padre Pio Prayer Meeting

St Padre Pio prayer meeting is on second Thursday of every Month in new chapel in Letterkenny General Hospital. (14th July) Starting at 7.30pm, with Mass, Rosary, Benediction, veneration and blessing with first class relic. Everyone is very welcome.

Mulroy Hoops Summer Camp

Registration night on Monday 11th July 6.30-7.30 pm in Ray Community Centre for Mulroy Hoops Basketball Club running from Thu 11th to Sat 13th Aug. International Coaches. All levels including Beginners welcome - Junior & Senior Camps. Please contact Bernie on 087 958 7953 or Stephanie 087 298 0450.

Table Quiz

A table quiz will take place in The Beachcomber, Rathmullan on Wednesday 20th July @ 9:30pm. In aid of Donegal Society for the Prevention of cruelty to animals.

The Migraine Association of Ireland

The Migraine Association of Ireland has arranged a free, public; 'Approaches to Migraine Management' information seminar to which you are cordially invited. It will take place in Gallagher's Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal on the evening of Thursday the 21st of July from 6.30 pm - 9 pm.

National Novena to our Lady of Knock

National Novena to our Lady of Knock will take place from Sunday 14th August- Monday 22nd August. The theme this year is 'Merciful like the Father' in keeping with the Jubilee Year of Mercy. Ceremonies are at 3pm & 8:30pm and Workshops at 12noon & 6pm daily. For more information contact 094 9388100 or www.knockshrine.ie

MUSINGS

'Go and do the same yourself.'
(Luke 10:37b)

There's a story told of students who are learning how to preach. They are given the task of a homily on the Good Samaritan. Their eloquence knows no bounds. But, unknown to them, their tutor has positioned a homeless man outside the door they are to pass when their preaching was over. Most avert their eyes and run by, tripping along on the wings of their eloquence. One stops and spends time with the poor man. The prize for best preaching goes to that student.

For what good is eloquence if the preacher is not converted by his own message?

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,255.00
Kerrykeel: €400.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

To have God do his own work through us, even once, is better than a lifetime of human striving.

Milford Hall Bingo

Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€4,000. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 16th July
E. Gallagher & L. Mc Garvey
Sun 17th July
S. Ramen & R. O Reilly Duff

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 16th July
P Sweeney, E. Gillespie & B. O'Donnell
Sun 17th July
C. Mc Gettigan, M. Mc Fadden & M. Mc Rory

Children's Liturgy

The Children's liturgy are on holidays for the summer months and will resume in September.



Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 16th July
Joe Harkin

Sun 17th July
Aine Mc Ateer

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 16th July
Brian Mc Garvey
Sun 17th July
Eileen Mc Ateer