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Truthfulness in Confession

A wealthy woman hired an author to write her biography. The author discovered that one of her grandfathers had died in the electric chair. The woman wanted that information written in such a way that it would not be obvious in her family's history.

So the writer described the grandfather in this way,

“Her grandfather occupied the chair of electricity in one of America's most noted institutions. He was very much attached to his position and literally died in the harness.”

When we confess our sins we will not be healed unless we are honest with the Lord.

Sin is a poison that kills the soul. In the Sacrament of Reconciliation it is best to tell everything. Do not be like the man who said in confession,

“Father, I have stolen a rope.”

He neglected to say that there was a cow at the end of the rope!

The more detail you tell, the more you will be healed. The more penance you do, the more the effect of sin will go.

This was told by [Fr Joseph Bill](#) during the healing retreat which he directed in St Patrick's College, Maynooth, August 1999.

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 9th
7:30pm Phyllis O Toole (1st Anniv)

Sunday 10th Second Sunday of Advent
11:00am Nan Mc Ginley (Anniv)

Monday 11th
7:00pm Hugh Mc Fadden (Anniv)

Tuesday 12th
10:00am Intention

Thursday 14th
10:00am Intention
7:00pm Scoil Mhuire Carol Service & Children's Liturgy Nativity

Friday 15th
10:00am Intention

Saturday 16th
7:30pm Jean Conlon (1st Anniv)

Sunday 17th Third Sunday of Advent
11:00am Intention

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel
9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm
Thursday's - Milford
10: 00 am – 10: 00 pm
(Directed Holy Hour from 9: 00 pm the second Thursday of every 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
6:00pm Siobhan Mc Cormack (Anniv)

Sunday 10th Second Sunday of Advent
9:30am Hughie & Jeannie Shiels (Anniv)

Wednesday 13th
10:00am Intention

Saturday 16th
6:00pm Peter Doherty (Anniv)

Sunday 17th Third Sunday of Advent
9:30am Intention

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Teresa Mc Paul, whose funeral Mass takes place in Milford this Sunday at 11am.

Phyllis O Toole, whose 1st Anniversary Mass takes place in Milford this weekend.

Cathal Ward, whose funeral took place in Glasgow last week. (Brother of Brendan Ward)

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Siobhan Mc Cormack, Hughie & Jeannie Shiels, Nan Mc Ginley, Mick Mc Daid, Ann Webster, Hugh Mc Fadden & Michael Mc Laughlin.



St. Vincent de Paul

The local SVdeP number 086 0611040 is a dedicated confidential number.

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 Tues at 3pm in St. Peter's Church. All welcome, tea served.

Dancing Milford Hall

Two-hand and Ceili dancing every Thurs night in the Milford Hall from 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome, so come along and give it a try.

Christmas with The Priests

The Priests' will bring their show 'Christmas with The Priests' to the Church of the Irish Martyrs on Friday, 29th December. Tickets, priced €25, are available to purchase at the Parochial House, Letterkenny, The Church Sacristy, Veritas & from Clarkes' Newsagent, L.Main St., Letterkenny.

Choir Practice—Kerrykeel

A choir practice will take place in Kerrykeel Church on Monday evening the 11th December at 7:30pm. All members please attend. New members welcome.

Rehearsal for the Children's Nativity Play

The children's nativity play has been rescheduled this year. It will take place in conjunction with the Christmas Carol service to be held in St Peter's Church at 7pm on Thursday 14th December 2017.

All children are welcome to participate and the various roles include : Joseph, Mary, Narrators, Innkeepers, Shepherds, Wise men, Angels etc. The first rehearsal will be held immediately after 11am Mass on Sunday 10th Dec. Please come along and help us tell the special story of the birth of baby Jesus.

Ray Outdoor School – True Spirit of Christmas Family Event

Ray Outdoor School in Ray, Rathmullan will host The True Spirit of Christmas, a festive family event for children of all ages on Wednesday 20th December at 3.30pm. This one day only event will take children and adults on an exciting journey through the Ray forest to explain the true origins of Christmas traditions as well as telling the stories behind St. Nicholas, the Poinsettia flower, the traditional Christmas tree and the birth of the baby Jesus. Entry is €5 per person and all proceeds will go towards the Ray of Sunshine Foundation. To book call Sally on 086 858 9339 or email sally@earlylearningschools.ie. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

Bambinelli Sunday—17th December

For the past several decades, each year on Gaudete Sunday the Third Sunday of Advent, children (and adults) bring their Baby Jesus figures from the crib in their homes to St. Peter's Square where the Pope will bless both the people and the figurines during the Angelus. This year we will celebrate "Bambinelli Sunday" at our Masses in Milford on Saturday 16th @ 7:30pm & Sunday 17th @ 11:00am and in Kerrykeel on Saturday 16th @ 6:00pm. All are invited to bring Baby Jesus figure from their homes to Mass to be blessed. A suggestion is, following the blessing, take your "bambinelli" home and place it in a gift box, wrap it, and save it for Christmas. Let this be the first gift your family opens on Christmas, when together place your Baby Jesus figure in the crib, and have a home blessing of the Nativity for your whole family.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

No Newsletter will be printed for Sun 31st Dec

Anyone wishing to submit Announcements or Anniversaries for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter for this week please do so before **12noon Thursday 21st December** and they will be included in the newsletter on Sun 24th Dec.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,245.00

Kerrykeel: €345.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

The Soul is in place where man's supreme and final battles are fought

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€7,250. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 16th December

Emma Mc Groarty

Sun 17th December

Brendan Ward

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 16th December

P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie & B. O'Donnell

Sun 17th December

C. Mc Gettigan, M. Mc Fadden & M. Mc Rory

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 10th Dec Team D

Second Sunday of Advent
Year B

Sunday 16th Dec Team A

Third Sunday of Advent
Year B

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 16th December

Aine Mc Ateer

Sun 17th December

Aisling Shiels

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 16th December

Winnie Sandilands

Sun 17th December

Gretta Mc Fadden