

Parish Newsletter

The Baptism Of The
Lord
Year B

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Water of Life

Water, water everywhere! For a natural resource, water can be very controversial, even a political issue, as we have discovered in Ireland in recent years. After all, we need water to stay alive. And as we know, sadly there are people in many parts of the world for whom clean drinking water is a struggle.

Water is a powerful symbol throughout the Old and New Testament, from the story of creation and the crossing of the Red Sea, to the wedding feast at Cana and Jesus' encounter with the woman at the well. It is a symbol of life, an opportunity for God to teach us something, as well as a means of cleansing or purification.

Today, we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, when Jesus was baptised by John in the Jordan. This immersion in water marks the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Water a powerful symbol in Baptism; when the priest pours water over the child or adult being baptised, it is a sign that our sins are being washed away and that we are entering a new spiritual life. This gift is freely available to us throughout our lives. In today's First Reading we are invited: 'Come to the water all you who are thirsty'.



Triona Doherty

MUSINGS

'Being baptised is never a solitary act of "me", but is always necessarily a being united with all the others, a being in unity and solidarity with the whole body of Christ, with the whole community of his brothers and sisters. This fact that baptism inserts me into community breaks my isolation. We must remain aware of this in our being Christian.' (Lectio Divina of Pope Benedict XVI on Baptism, Basilica of St John Lateran, 11 June 2012) Salvador Ryan

St. Peter's Church, Milford	Eucharistic Adoration	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel
<p>Saturday 10th 7: 30 pm Intention</p> <p>Sunday 11th The Baptism Of The Lord 11: 00 am Intention</p> <p>Tuesday 13th 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p>Thursday 15th 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p>Friday 16th 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p>Saturday 17th 7: 30 pm Oliver Peoples (Anniv)</p> <p>Sunday 18th Second Sunday In Ordinary Time 11: 00 am Intention</p>	<p><u>Tuesdays - Kerrykeel</u> 9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm</p> <p><u>Thursday's - Milford</u> 10: 00 am – 10: 00 pm (Directed Holy Hour from 9: 00 pm every second Thursday of the month)</p> <p>Confessions Milford After 7: 30 pm Mass every Saturday</p> <p>Kerrykeel 5: 30 pm on Saturday's</p>	<p>Saturday 10th 6: 00 pm Intention</p> <p>Sunday 11th The Baptism Of The Lord 9: 30 am John McFadden (Anniv)</p> <p>Wednesday 14th 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p>Saturday 17th 6: 00 pm Intention</p> <p>Sunday 18th Second Sunday In Ordinary Time 9: 30 am Intention</p>

Please Remember in your Prayers all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:

John McFadden, John Bradley, Grace McConigley & Kathleen Toye



St. Vincent De Paul

The local St. Vincent De Paul number **086 0611040** is a dedicated confidential number, just leave a voicemail and a trained St. Vincent De Paul volunteer will be in touch.

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.

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 continues in the Milford Hall on Thursdays at 8pm. Admission €5. All welcome.

Operation Transformation National Walks

Day
Why not kick start your exercise regime for 2015 by taking part in an Operation Transformation walk from Ray Community Centre, Rathmullan on Saturday 17th January at 10am, registration from 9:30am. For further information contact Fiona Boyle on 087 2514790 / email fibboyle@gmail.com or contact Donegal Sports Partnership at 074 9116078/9 or email info@activedonegal.com

Anam Cara Donegal

Anam Cara Donegal is holding its first Parent Evening on Thurs 15th January at Dillons Hotel, Letterkenny, from 19:30 to 21:00. Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to all bereaved parents.

Pilgrimage To Fatima

The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima will take place on the 10th July 2015, ex Dublin. A poster is on display in the Church and is now open for bookings.

Dates to Remember in 2015

Ash Wednesday 18th February

Easter Sunday 5th April

Confirmation

Saturday 25th April in St. Peter's Milford @ 11am

Kerrykeel & Milford First Communion

Saturday 9th May @ 11am in both Churches.

Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery

Sunday 26th July 2015 @ 3pm

Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery

Sunday 2nd August 2015 @ 3pm

RDRG Classes

Parent & Toddler group takes place on Thurs from 10.30am – 12.30pm. Admission €2.50 per family. The Child & Family Health Clinic Tuesday's 2.00pm – 5.30pm and Thursday 11.00am – 5.30pm. Slimming & Weight Management has resumed as normal on Monday mornings (excluding bank hols) from 11.30am - 12.30pm. Cost: €5.00. Pilates on Wed mornings from 10.00am - 11.30am. The next Historical Society Meeting will take place in the centre on Tues 13th January at 8pm.

Pulsewave Ireland

Pulsewave Ireland are offering Bpro medically approved non-invasive heart & artery screenings in The Clanree Hotel on Thursday 15th January from 11am to 8pm. Approved by cardiologists in 36 countries, FDA & CE MDD approved. Call Jim on 087-7151623 or log onto www.pulsewaveireland.net. We offer the cheapest prices available in Ireland. €30 per adult and €50 per couple. Screenings are carried out by a qualified technician who will go through your results and provide you with a printout which you may discuss with your GP. Mention your parish newsletter on day of screening and a donation will be made to parish funds.

Adult Art Classes

10 week course costs €60 starting Tues 13th January at 10.30am and Thurs 15th at 7pm. All abilities welcome. Spaces limited. Contact Bernie on 087 2744974.

Slimming World

Do you want to achieve your weight loss dreams in 2015? Well now you can with our new streamlined extra easy plan even easier than before. If you would like to know more come along to one of our warm and friendly groups on a Tuesday at 5:30pm and 7:30pm in the Presbyterian Hall, Kilmacrennan Rd., Milford or contact Geraldine on 086 3348048. Look forward to seeing you soon.

Carers Association

The Carers Association are providing QQI (FETAC) Healthcare Support Major Award training in your area, for more information contact the training unit on 057 93 70221.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €2315.00
Kerrykeel: €595.00
(2wks collection)

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

People need love, especially when they don't deserve it.

(Unknown)

Milford Hall Bingo

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

Snowball tonight is:

€8,000.00

Second Snowball

€2,800.00



Church Ministries

Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 17th January

P. McLaughlin

Sun 18th January

A. Toland & B. Ward

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 17th January

M. McNulty, O. Gallagher,
M.E. Gillespie & E. Dyke

Sun 18th January

C. McGettigan, M. McFadden,
M. McRory & Bernie O'Donnell

Children's Liturgy

Sun 18th January Team D

Second Sunday

Ordinary Time

Year B

Sun 25th January Team A

Third Sunday

Ordinary Time

Year B

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 17th January

Phonsie McAteer

Sun 18th January

Regina McGettigan

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 17th January

Winnie Sandilands

Sun 18th January

Gretta McFadden

