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The Deep End: 'Stretched out his hand...'

Jesus, in today's gospel, cures a leper by the healing touch of his hand. A leper was a Complete outcast from society, and still today there are many people in our own society who are completely alienated and stigmatised. Jesus is moved with pity for this man. What moves you with pity? Who do you pity? What alienates you from others? Who is alienated in our communities? Who is it that we need to reach out to? Jesus' 'pity' also conveys anger at the leper's situation. Jesus sends the man to the priests, as a testimony to them. It is the religious of Jesus' time who have alienated this man. What they are incapable of doing, Jesus has done by 'stretching out his hand' in love.



Jesus, in Mark's Gospel, is forever asking people to keep quiet and not tell anyone about what he does. Yet, after such a radical encounter with God which frees this man from all that keeps him trapped, of course he would be shouting from the roof tops. Why would Jesus want his miracles to be kept a secret? Jesus wants to be able to fulfil his mission without attracting the wrong kind of attention.

Eventually those who are against him will compile evidence but, for now, the less they know the better. We might think today of those who bravely speak out, even if it means they are punished in some way. May all of us have the courage, like the man who is healed in the gospel today, to proclaim the truth, even if it costs us.

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 10th
7:30pm Maggie Ferry (Anniv)

Sunday 11th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time
11:00am Intention

Tuesday 13th
10:00am Intention

Wednesday 14th Ash Wednesday
8:00am
7:00pm

Thursday 15th
8:00am Patrick Griffin (Anniv)

Friday 16th
8:00am Peggie Sweeney (Anniv)

Saturday 17th
7:30pm Paddy O Donnell (Anniv)

Sunday 18th First Sunday of Lent
11:00am Paul Peoples (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 10th
6:00pm Madge Friel (Anniv)

Sunday 11th Sixth Sunday in Ordinary time
9:30am Francie Friel (Anniv)

Wednesday 14th Ash Wednesday
10:00am

Saturday 17th
6:00pm Intention

Please Remember in your Prayers:

All those whose anniversaries occur at this time: Madge Friel, Maggie Ferry, Francie Friel, James Mc Intyre, Cassie Strain, Mary Mc Bride, Nellie Mc Goldrick, Patrick Griffin, Charlie Brogan, Johnnie Brogan, Marjorie Griffin, Mary O Connor, Patrick & Eddie Gallagher, Kath Cooney & Peggie Sweeney.



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.

Adoration—Holy Hour

The directed Holy Hour will continue EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT FROM 9PM-10PM DURING LENT in the Oratory of St. Peter's Church, Milford.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Divine Mercy Chaplet was given to St. Faustina by Jesus and he promised

"Oh what great graces I will grant souls who will recite this Chaplet."

You are invited to join in praying the Divine Mercy chaplet for nine days, after Mass on Monday 19th February and after every Lent Mass until Thursday 1st March.

Weekday Masses for Lent

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Mondays at 7:00pm

Tuesdays—Fridays at 8:00am

Our Lady of Lourdes, Kerrykeel

Tuesdays at 7:00pm

Wednesdays at 10:00am

Youth Pilgrimage To Medjugorje

7 night pilgrimage package departing from Dublin June 27th - 4th July (€639 pps) Accompanied by Fr. Rory Brady as Spiritual Director. €100 deposit before 14th February to secure place (seats limited) Cheques / drafts / postal orders made payable to Marian Pilgrimages. Contact Parochial House, Milford 9153236. Some fundraising events will be held in the Parish to help with costs.

Short Term Pledge for Lent

Many people choose to abstain from alcohol for the duration of Lent. Take this opportunity to help someone you love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Take the Short-Term pledge and make a difference to someone's life!

For information: www.pioneerassociation.ie

Fostering Ad

Looking for a rewarding experience!? Would you be interested in becoming a foster carer? Five Rivers Ireland fostering agency are looking for people with a caring nature, who have a spare bedroom and would like to make a positive difference to a child's life. Children of all ages need foster homes, some for as little as a few days, others for months, or some children require longer periods in foster care. A comprehensive package of support is provided to carer's. Families or individuals from all backgrounds are welcome to apply. If you would like to get more information about fostering contact Deborah Wilson 086 023 4062 or 01 866529 Your call come be the start of something amazing!

Volunteer In Africa

Humanitarian Volunteers are looking for volunteers to travel to Kenya on 17 June. The volunteers will work on a humanitarian project for two weeks. No experience required and no age restrictions. Supervision provided. Volunteers will also visit the resting place of the Venerable Edel Quinn. No large fundraising. Volunteers will pay their own costs. If you can assist teaching English, or assist with sports, games, arts, crafts or more, then you can make a real impact on the lives of the poorest and those without hope. Contact Denis Humanitarian Volunteers 086 8520271.

North West Simon Community

Make a Difference....

Host A Tea & Cake Day

Thurs 22nd Feb

If you are interested in Hosting a Tea/Coffee & Cake Day to Support Your Local Simon Community Please Contact Collette on 074 9121613/087 0552438

E: collette@northwestsimon.ie /

www.northwestsimon.ie

National Franciscan Pilgrimage

Holy Land

5th – 13th October 2018

Ex Dublin Airport

Led By Fr. Bernard Jones Ofm

Commissary To The Holy Land

Tel. 021-4277700

Donegal Special Olympics

Donegal Special Olympics Church Gate collection will take place 17th/18th Feb.

Church Collections for last two weekend were:

Milford: €915.00

Kerrykeel: €285.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought of the week
God has promised to keep his people, And he will keep His promise.

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€2,000. 00
Second Snowball
€7,650. 00



Church Ministries



Milford
Ministers of the Word
Sat 17th February
Rachel Mc Elwaine
Sun 18th February
Donal Mc Cafferty

Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat 17th February
K. Logan, M. Mc Nulty & O. Gallagher
Sun 18th February
T. Reynolds, S. Lynch & Bernie O Donnell

Children's Liturgy
Sunday 18th Feb Team B
First Sunday of Lent
Year B

Sunday 25th Feb Team C
Second Sunday of Lent
Year B

Kerrykeel
Ministers of the Word
Sat 17th February
Aine Mc Ateer

Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat 17th February
Jacinta Callaghan