

Parish Newsletter

**Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year C**

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The Deep End • 'The Lost Parables'

The three parables of things lost and found emphasise the unending forgiveness of God and God's rejoicing for those who return. In each of the situations there is a frantic search for that which is lost and a huge celebration when the lost is found.

In the third parable of the Prodigal Son there is much to reflect on. We hear that the younger brother eventually 'came to his senses'. We might pray today that God shows us the aspects of our lives in which we also need to 'come to our senses'.



As with all parables, we are left thinking and wondering, disturbed even. A sheep and a coin we can rejoice over, but when it is a person who has done us harm, hurt us in some way, it is a much deeper and more painful process. The elder brother in the third parable feels hard done by, is deeply hurt, full of anger and resentment. Luke, being the excellent storyteller that he is, does not tell us the outcome of the story; it is for us to finish for ourselves. The elder brother has two options: he can walk away full of resentment or he can try to let go of the anger he feels towards his brother. The latter is a more difficult path but it is the only one that leads to life, no matter how painful the journey may be. The father stands there pleading for the elder brother to come in.

'Forgiveness isn't about releasing someone from accountability for his actions. It is about us letting go of our anger and resentment.'

Jane Mellett

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 10th
7:30 pm Kathleen O Donnell (1st Anniv)
Sunday 11th Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 am James Mc Bride (Anniv)

Tuesday 13th
10:00am Intention
Thursday 15th
10:00am Intention
Friday 16th
10:00am Intention

Saturday 17th
7:30 pm John Ferry (1st Anniv)
Sunday 18th Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11:00 am Intention

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 10th
6:00 pm Intention
Sunday 11th The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary
9:30am Philip Stilvern (Anniv)

Wednesday 14th
10.00am Intention

Saturday 17th
6:00 pm John James & Mary Doherty
& Mary Doherty (Anniv)
Sunday 18th The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary
9:30am Donal Gallagher (Anniv)

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Tony Mc Cleary, whose funeral took place in Ramelton on Friday. (Brother of Willie Mc Cleary)

Sarah Mc Geever, Gortmacall, whose funeral took place last weekend. (Mother of Marion Peoples)

Kathleen O Donnell, Rossgarrow, whose 1st Anniversary Mass takes place this weekend in Milford.

And all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Philip Stilvern, Dr. Paddy Mc Garvey, Teresa Griffin, James Mc Bride & John Mc Gettigan.



Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

This is a dedicated confidential number, just leave a voicemail and a trained SVdeP volunteer will be in touch.

Parish Envelopes

Anyone new to the parish who would like to receive parish envelopes please contact Fr. Adrian or Tommy.

“Parental Support to Improve Children’s Learning”

19th Sept @ 7.30pm, Rossnakill Activity Centre. Topics covered: Improving Self Esteem, Challenging Behaviours, Sensory Issues, Autistic spectrum Down Syndrome etc. How children learn. General and Moderate Learning Difficulties.

Donegal Hospice-Coffee Morning

There will be a Coffee Morning in aid of the Donegal Hospice in the home of Joe and Marian McNulty on the Lough Road on Thurs 15th Sept from 10am until 2pm. Everyone Welcome.

Rathmullan Christmas Lights

Meeting this Monday (12th Sept) at 7pm at St. Joseph’s Church. Everyone welcome!

Hospice Coffee Morning

A coffee morning will be held in the home of Samuel & Carol Anderson, Kerrykeel on Friday 16th Sept @ 2pm-10pm. Everyone welcome.

Brendan Boyce-Thank you

Brendan Boyce, together with his family, would sincerely like to thank everyone involved in organising the homecoming and for the great show of support received from everybody last Friday, following a very successful Olympics in Rio. We realise that a lot of effort went into organising the event and truly appreciate the hard work put in by everyone involved. Onwards and Upwards.

Rinka Classes Milford

A range of exciting kids activity classes have started in Milford Parochial Hall on Mondays from 4pm and Thursdays from 4pm. Classes are for ages 3- 12 years for boys and girls. Classes available are BOUNCE (multi-activity class), DRAMAFIT (drama class) , RINKA (non competitive Irish dance) and IBOP (mixed dance class) Booking is Essential. Please contact Teresa on 0860848312 for more information. Drop in rates available.

Swimming/Aqua Aerobics

A bus leaves top of the town, Milford at 10am Monday mornings for swimming, aqua aerobics/shopping to Aura Leisure Centre, Letterkenny. Returning at 1pm. New members welcome. Pick up service along the way. Contact Mary 074 9153279 or Bernie 074 91532947.

Bright Beginnings Pre-school

Free pre-school are now available Bright Beginnings Care & Education Pre-School in the Adult Education & Training Centre, Milford. Contact 91 53056 for more information.

Ards Friary Retreat

Healing & Renewal Retreat, Ards Friary Directed by John Pridmore & St Patrick’s Community
Friday 16th – Sunday 18th Sept
John is an international speaker and author of 'From Gangland to promised Land' . An opportunity to be healed from the wounds of our past.
A weekend that can change your life! Commences: 6pm (Supper)
Concludes: 1pm (With lunch)
Cost: €160
Contact: Ards Friary Tel: 074 9138909, Email: info@ardsfriary.ie

Children’s Liturgy

Children’s Liturgy restarts this weekend. We welcome all children attending Primary School to join us.. Under Child protection rules your child must be registered each year to partake .Registration will take place in the Oratory, immediately after Sunday Mass on 11th and 18th September. Adults needed to help out. Please contact Fr Adrian/Tommy or any member of the Liturgy teams if interested. All help greatly appreciated.

Donegal Hospice Remembrance Service

The Donegal Hospice Remembrance Service will take place today Sun 2nd Oct @ 4pm in The Irish Martyrs Church, Letterkenny. This service is dedicated to any person who passed away since Donegal Hospice opened or who was under the care of the Hospice Homecare Team.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,310.00
Kerrykeel: €435.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

If we don't accept Jesus in one another, we will not be able to give him to others.

Mother Teresa

Milford Hall Bingo

Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€4,150. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word
Sat 17th September
Liam Ferry
Sun 18th September
Brendan Ward

Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat 17th September
P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie & B. O Donnell
Sun 18th September
C. Mc Gettigan, M. Mc Fadden & M. Mc Rory

Children's Liturgy

Sun 18th Sept Team B
Twenty Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year C

Sun 25th Sept Team C
Twenty sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
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Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word
Sat 17th September
Kay Mc Groy

Sun 18th September
Aine Mc Ateer

Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat 17th September
Noreen Mc Fadden

Sun 18th September
Eileen Mc Ateer