

# Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday  
of Advent  
Year A

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## THE DEEP END

Jesus asks the crowd in today's Gospel why they ran to see John the Baptist. Sometimes when we go to hear a famous speaker or go to someone we admire we are looking for answers. Our expectations are often not grounded in reality. Jesus asks the people what did they expect when they went to see John. Were they looking for someone nicely dressed? No, they were looking for a prophet and John was the greatest of these. Jesus's words are almost like a eulogy for John.

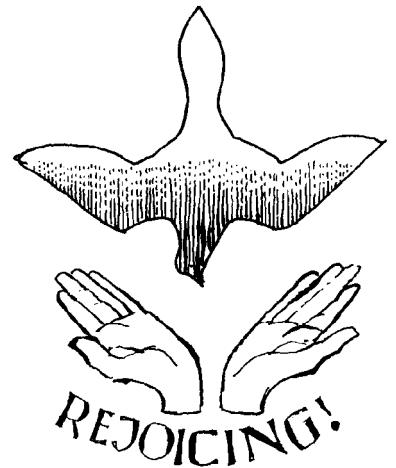
John announces and makes way for Jesus, marking the end of one era and the beginning of another. John announces a new time. John names the question we so often ask when a new exciting leader comes on the scene: Is this the one? Is this the person we've been waiting for? And if it is, how will we know? Our expectations can often be so great because we are constantly in need of renewal. Where in your life today do you need to experience fresh hope and newness?

The Gospel ends with a paradox: John is the greatest that has ever been born; yet the people who are considered the 'lowest' or the 'least' in this world are considered even greater than John by God. A statement that no doubt would have left a few people scratching their heads.

'O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, come forth from deep within me with Christmas luminous beauty. For my heart has become the sacred crib, the birthing place of God among us.'

Edward Hays (Prayers for a Planetary Pilgrim)

Jane Mellet



### St. Peter's Church, Milford

#### Saturday 10th

7:30 pm Intention

#### Sunday 11th Third Sunday of Advent

11:00 am Intention

#### Tuesday 13th

10:00am Intention

#### Thursday 15th

10:00am Intention

#### Friday 16th

10:00am Intention

#### Saturday 17th

7:30 pm Intention

#### Sunday 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent

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 Hughie & Jennie Shiels (Anniv)

#### Sunday 11th Third Sunday in Advent

9:30am Susan Logue (Anniv)

#### Wednesday 14th

10:00am Intention

#### Saturday 17th

6:00 pm Peter Doherty (Anniv)

#### Sunday 18th Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:30am Intention

## Please Remember in your Prayers:

Eileen Duffy, who died last week. (Mother of Fiona Heena)

### All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Hughie & Jennie Shiels, Susan Logue, Siobhan Mc Cormack, Anna Kilmartin, William Brogan, Brendan Harkin & Margaret Mc Ginley.



### 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.

### Dancing Milford Hall

Dancing at the Milford Hall continues on Thursday evenings from 8:30-10:30pm.

### Mass Cards

A selection of special Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available for Christmas €10.

### New to the Parish?

If you are new to the parish and would like a box of envelopes to make a weekly contribution then please contact the Sacristy or the Parochial House, Milford on 074 9153236. Thank you.

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

#### No Newsletter will be printed for Sun 1st Jan

Anyone wishing to submit Announcements or Anniversaries for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter for this week please do so before **12noon Wednesday 21st December** and they will be included in the newsletter on Christmas Day on Sun 25th Dec.

### Whoriskey Christmas Lights Kerrykeel

Michael and Mary Whoriskey are having their annual quiz night in the Beachcomber bar, Rathmullan on THURSDAY 29th DECEMBER at 9.30pm

All proceeds in aid of Pieta house Northwest and Mevagh Fire service Carrigart .

### Craft Fair - Loreto Community School

Loreto Community School Milford are hosting a Christmas Craft Fair on today Sunday 11th December from 12.00 - 5.00pm. There will be a wide selection of craft stalls and for the younger visitor there will be lego building, storytelling and Santa's Grotto. The school choir will be performing carols and the students are putting on their own "Late Late Toy Show" between 4 -5pm!! Please come along and support this fun event.

### Children's Christmas Eve Nativity Play

We invite all children to take part in the Children's Christmas Nativity play at 7pm on Christmas Eve.

Rehearsals begin today Sunday 11 December directly after 11am Mass. Roles include Joseph, Mary, Angels, Narrators, Innkeepers, Shepherds, and Wisemen etc. Come along and join in this special Mass to celebrate the birth of Jesus

### Citizens' Assembly Submission re the 8th Amendment

Abortion kills babies and hurts women but together we can retain the 8th Amendment which protects both the mother and her unborn child by writing a brief submission to the Citizens' Assembly. We invite all Catholics to make a submission in order to make their voice heard.

A brief submission (500 words max) can be emailed to [info@citizensassembly.ie](mailto:info@citizensassembly.ie) or by post before Monday 12th. December to: Citizens Assembly, 16 Parnell Square, Dublin 1. Submission closing date is: 16th December 2016. OR alternatively please sign the prepared submission by Donegal Pro Life available at the rear of the Church today and encourage others to do likewise. It is vital we do all we can to protect unborn human life from abortion.

### Ordination of Reverend Damien

Please remember in your prayers Rev. Damien who is being ordained to the Priesthood today for our Diocese at 3pm in St. Eunan's Cathedral.

### New Years Day - Special Mass

A special Mass will be held in Milford on Sunday 1st December- at 11am for all those who have had children baptised in St. Peter's Church in 2016.

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,275.00

Kerrykeel: €310.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

### Thought for the Week

*The best way to prepare for the coming of Christ is never forget the presence of Christ.*

W. Barclay

**Milford Hall Bingo**  
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm in the Hall.  
**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00  
**Second Snowball**  
€4,700. 00



## Church Ministries



### Milford

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 17th December**

R. Mc Elwaine & G. Riney

**Sun 18th December**

W. Felle & J. Mc callum

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 17th December**

K. Logan, M. Mc Nulty & O. Gallagher

**Sun 18th December**

T. Reynolds, S. Lynch & Bernie O Donnell

### Children's Liturgy

**Sun 18th Dec Team C**

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**Sun 25th Dec**

No children's Liturgy today

### Kerrykeel

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 17th December**

Brian Mc Garvey

**Sun 18th December**

Cabrini Friel

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 17th December**

Winnie Sandilands

**Sun 18th December**

Moira Stilvern