

# Parish Newsletter

Sixth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Year A

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## The Deep End Going Deeper

This Sunday we have a third extract from the Sermon on the Mount. It can appear at first glance to be a series of moral statements and rules from Jesus. On closer reflection we can see Jesus' message here is the call for each of us to 'go deeper'. The Scribes and the Pharisees followed the letter of the law but without depth. Jesus is clear that he has not come to demolish the law, rather, this whole passage is a call to a more profound reflection on our lives; not ticking boxes but moving towards a deeper change of heart in dealings with others. Jesus gives many examples of how people might do this: warning against the hypocrisy of offering gifts and rituals at the altar when we may have huge anger and resentment towards another. Is the real sacrament not in reconciling that relationship first? Which offering is more life-giving? It is not enough to 'not murder', but we must watch our anger which can lead to violence. Jesus is calling on people to watch their thoughts which can lead to serious actions like murder and adultery.



When we encounter Christ, the grace that this experience brings can make us aware of what is not ok in our lives. We are called to a radical conversion, a change of heart. And so we read today's passage with our hearts, not our heads. It may help to recall a time when you felt God's grace bringing you to a deeper realisation about your life.

Jane Mellet

### St. Peter's Church, Milford

**Saturday 11th**  
7:30pm Maggie & Charlie Ferry (Anniv)  
**Sunday 12th**  
11:00am **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Intention

**Tuesday 14th**  
10:00am Mandy & Paddy Birney (Anniv)  
**Thursday 16th**  
10:00am Peggy Sweeney (Anniv)  
**Friday 17th**  
10:00am Intention

**Saturday 18th**  
7:30pm Paul & Anthony Peoples (Anniv)  
**Sunday 19th**  
11:00am **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Mary Ward (Anniv)

### 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 11th**  
6:00pm Francie Friel (Anniv)  
**Sunday 12th**  
9:30am **Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Intention

**Wednesday 15th**  
10:00am Intention

**Saturday 18th**  
6:00pm Madge Friel (Anniv)  
**Sunday 19th**  
9:30am **Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
Gallagher & Mc Ateer Families (Anniv)

## Please Remember in your Prayers:

Frank Crerand, The Lagg/ England, (Brother of Jimmy Crerand) whose funeral took place in Milford on Friday

Peggy Mc Ardle (Nee Grier), Glen Lower, whose funeral took place in Milford on Tuesday.

Edward Brogan, Glenalla, whose funeral took place in Rathmulan on Monday.

And also all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Francie Friel, Maggie & Charlie Ferry, Hugh Mc Devitt, Mandy & Paddy Birney, Patrick Griffin & Peggy Sweeney.

### 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.

### 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.

### Milford National School-Enrolment

Milford National School are holding their enrolment day on Wednesday 15th February between 1pm -3pm. Please bring Birth Cert, Baptismal Cert & PPS Number.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place between 22nd - 27th May 2017. For full information and booking forms contact Brenda as the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on 074 9125090. Cost per person €699 plus bus to Belfast airport.

### Dates to Remember—2017

**Ash Wednesday** - 1st March 2017.

**Easter Sunday** - 16th April 2017.

#### **Confirmation**

Saturday 1st April in St. Peter's Church, Milford @ 11am.

#### **Kerrykeel & Milford First Communion**

Saturday 13th May @ 11am in both Churches.

#### **Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery**

Sunday 30th July @ 3pm.

#### **Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery**

Sunday 6th August @ 3pm.

### U14 girls Soccer

Mulroy Soccer Academy are looking for girls who would be interested in playing U14 girls soccer this season. Training (which has begun) will initially be on a Wednesday night 6-7pm in Trialough. Come along on Wednesday night or for further information contact 086 8554181.

### Sponsored Walk

5K Sponsored Walk in aid of Syria crisis will take place on Sunday 19th February starting at 2pm. Registration at 1pm. Starts from "Ray Community Centre. Followed by refreshments and raffle. All money raised will be taken directly to the refugees.

### Raphoe Diocesan Society

You are encouraged to have your deceased relatives enrolled in the Society and you yourself are encouraged to become living members. Any person wishing to become a member of the Raphoe Diocesan Society apply to the Parochial House 074 9153236.

## MUSINGS

Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI has a beautiful way of explaining creation, which according to him should be understood not with the model of a craftsman, but with the creative mind and creative thinking. The Church places freedom and dignity at the heart of its message about the unrepeatable uniqueness of every person from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death. Human beings are not just mere individuals, but persons embodied with the gift of freedom. Life seems simpler if we blot out awareness of its mystery, but such a life is an impoverished one. Yes, there are the complexities of our human existence. There is a confusion and chaos where we cannot fully understand the meaning and events that make up our conscious experience – in relationships, in family, in faith, in prayer, in work, or whatever. But the swirls of events are the context wherein we discover a presence, a way, a possibility as cited in the last words of St Paul today, 'for the spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.'

Fr John Cullen

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,100.00

Kerrykeel: €280.00

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**  
€5,150.00



## *Church Ministries*



### *Milford*

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 18 February**

R. Mc Elwaine & A. Campbell

**Sun 19th February**

W. Felle & M. Mc Greevy

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 18 February**

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

**Sun 19th February**

T. Reynolds, S. Lynch & Bernie O Donnell

### *Children's Liturgy*

**Sun 19th Feb** Team D

Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

**Sun 16th Feb** Team A

Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

### *Kerrykeel*

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 18 February**

Phonsie Mc Ateer  
Eimear Clinton

**Sun 19th February**

Cabrini Friel

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 18 February**

Jacinta Callaghan  
**Sun 19th February**  
Moira Stilven