

Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday
of Lent
Year A

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THE DEEP END: A Light in the Darkness 'Stand up. Do not be afraid.'

The disciples will need to remember this advice from Jesus. There are much darker days to come for them, and they will need every bit of courage they can muster. As Jesus moves ever closer to death, they will be scared and will desert Jesus, Peter even denying him. We will make this journey alongside the disciples on Good Friday.

But they will remember the brightness of this day. When Jesus is transfigured before them on the mountain, his face shines 'like the sun' and his clothes are 'as white as the light'. White is the colour of heavenly garments – it is a sign that it is God who is speaking. It is this light that will carry them onwards, during their time with Jesus and through the dark hours leading up to his death.

The Transfiguration is recalled later in Matthew's Gospel, after Jesus rises from the dead. When the women go to the tomb, they are greeted by an angel whose appearance is 'like lightning' and his clothing 'white as snow'. The disciples are once again directed to a mountain location, where Jesus appears to them to pass on their mission and assure them of his presence with them always. So we have two mountain tops, and two reassuring messages from Jesus. 'Do not be afraid.' 'I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

Triona Doherty



St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 11th
7:30pm Peggy Mc Ardle (Months Mind Mass)

Sunday 12th **Second Sunday of Lent**
11:00am Intention

Monday 13th
7:45am Intention

Tuesday 14th
7:45am Intention

Wednesday 15th
7:45am Intention

Thursday 16th
7:45am Intention
7:30pm Vigil Mass St. Patrick's Day

Friday 17th **St. Patrick's Day**
11:00am Ellen Friel (Anniv)

Saturday 18th
7:30pm Oliver Peoples (Anniv)

Sunday 19th **Third Sunday of Lent**
11:00am Intention

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

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6:00pm Intention

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Please Remember in your Prayers:

Fr. Pat Prendergast, Parish Priest, Glenties, whose funeral took place in Glenties on Thursday. (Former Curate in Milford).

Peggy Mc Ardle, whose Months Mind Mass takes place in Milford this weekend.

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Kathleen Doherty, Ellen Friel, Bernard Mc Laughlin, Grace Friel, John Patrick Mc Conigley & George Brogan.



Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

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

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.

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.

Shamrocks For Sale

Shamrocks will be on sale as you leave the Church at all masses in aid of the youth of the Parish going to Lourdes and Medjugorje.

Pioneer Lenten Challenge!

Many people abstain from alcohol and take the Short-Term Pledge for the duration of Lent. Make your Lenten pledge by visiting www.pioneerassociation.ie and joining online or by contacting your local Pioneer centre representative. Take this opportunity to help someone you know/love with an alcohol or drug problem by offering up your Lenten sacrifice as a prayer for their freedom and well-being. Go for it and make a difference to someone's life!

St. Patrick's Eve - Fundraising Dance

The annual St. Patrick's Eve Fundraising Dance is taking place in the Milford Parish Parochial Hall from 9pm to Midnight on Thursday 16th. This year all funds will be used to support Milford & District Over 65's Group. Entry is €8 and this includes a free prize draw. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the craic. Thank you for your support.

St. Patrick's Day Social Event

There will be a social event after Mass on St. Patrick's Day in the Milford Hall in Aid of the youth of the Parish going to Lourdes and Medjugore. On the day there will be traditional music, dance & singing, cake sale, free face painting, tea & coffee and a raffle. Donations of home baking would be greatly appreciated for our cake sale.

Table Quiz

A table quiz will take place in Carrs of the Diamond, Ballyare, every Wednesday night at 9:30pm, during Lent, all proceeds in aid of MS, Alzheimer's Association and Old Tully Cemetery Maintenance.

Happy St. Patrick's Day



MUSINGS

'Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John ...'

Lent is indeed how God draws us home as individuals, but it is also a very communal journey. We never journey alone, no matter how lonely we may feel. We are always journeying together. If we can experience our journey in communion with others, it makes it so much clearer that we are on a journey together. When we can share our experiences with a close friend or our worship community, we can enjoy support that allows grace to flourish. Let us pray for one another on this journey, especially for those who need and desire a change of heart on this pilgrimage to Easter joy. Choosing and acting Lent are so important because we are body-persons. We experience things with our senses, relish them with our imaginations and we share in God's own creative and loving activity when our hearts and hands work together for and with others.

Andy Alexander SJ & Maureen McCann Waldron, Praying Lent.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,110.00

Kerrykeel: €430.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from God

William Carey

Milford Hall Bingo

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

Snowball tonight is:
€8,000.00

Second Snowball
€5,350.00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 18th March

J. Gibbons & E. Toland

Sun 19th March

S. Friel & G. Riney

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 18th March

M. E. Gillespie, E. dyke & H. Doherty

Sun 19th March

S. O Donnell, K. Ferry & C. O Sullivan

Children's Liturgy

Sun 19th March Team D

Third Sunday of Lent

Sun 26th March Team A

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 18th March

Joe Harkin

Shaun Stelges

Sun 19th March

Joe Ferry

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 18th March

Jacinta Callaghan

Sun 19th March

Gretta Mc Fadden