

# Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Eighth Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year A

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## Black Tie Only

Weddings can be a stressful time. Have you ever seen the TV show 'Bridezilla', which pokes fun at the demands certain brides place on their families and wedding guests? Inevitably the bride ends up falling out with family and friends in her quest to organise the 'perfect' wedding.

Admittedly the wedding industry can be mind-boggling. Some wedding invitations even come with a dress code for guests. But it is difficult to imagine what sort of bride or groom, or their parents, would evict a wedding guest just for wearing the wrong style of clothing.

Yet here is Jesus telling us that the kingdom of heaven is just like that. Those who are not prepared for this banquet will find themselves 'thrown out'. It is hard to reconcile a loving, merciful God with such a heavy-handed approach. Except, it's not really up to God, is it? Look again at the reaction of the different groups to the king's generous invite. The first group were a no-show. The second group were not interested despite a reminder of the hospitality on offer, and some were openly hostile. And of those who accepted the invitation, some did not embrace the experience wholeheartedly. The guest who had no wedding garment was unprepared, and unappreciative of the gifts on offer. Perhaps his heart just wasn't in it. Triona Doherty



## MUSINGS

The First Reading from Isaiah today will be familiar to many, as it is often the reading chosen for funeral Masses. It promises a time of feasting when the tears of mourning will be wiped from our faces and death will be no more. When Gaelic Irish bardic poets spoke of heaven, they loved the idea of the wine-feast where 'cup-bearer never fails' and the hostess (the Virgin Mary) quickly fills up empty wine vessels. At that feast the only thing missing would be a bouncer at the door, for a hospitable God would not want to keep anyone away.  
Salvador Ryan

<b>St. Peter's Church, Milford</b>	<b>Eucharistic Adoration</b>	<b>Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel</b>
<p><b>Saturday 11th</b> 7: 30 pm Sean McMenamain (1st Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 12th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 11: 00 am Paul &amp; Patrick McGettigan (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Tuesday 14th</b> 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p><b>Thursday 16th</b> 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p><b>Friday 17th</b> 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p><b>Saturday 18th</b> 7: 30 pm Mary &amp; Bernard McLaughlin (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 19th 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 11: 00 am Frances &amp; Eddie Greene (Anniv)</p>	<p><u>Tuesdays - Kerrykeel</u> 9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm</p> <p><u>Thursday's - Milford</u> 10: 00 am – 10: 00 pm (Directed Holy Hour from 9: 00 pm every second Thursday of the month)</p> <p><b>Confessions</b> <b>Milford</b> After 7: 30 pm Mass every Saturday</p> <p><b>Kerrykeel</b> 5: 30 pm on Saturday's</p>	<p><b>Saturday 11th</b> 6: 00 pm Gerard McCarron (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 12th 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9: 30 am John Doherty (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Wednesday 15th</b> 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p><b>Saturday 18th</b> 6: 00 pm Annette McGinley (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 19th 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9: 30 am Intention</p>

**Please Remember in your Prayers:**

**Anne Crossan**, Drumbern, who died on Saturday and whose funeral took place in Milford on Tuesday

**Sean McMenamin**, Termon, whose first Anniversary Mass takes place this weekend in Milford

**And all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:**

Phil Friel, John Crerand Jnr., Paddy Ferry, Cissie Cannon, Patrick McGoldrick, Gerard McCarron, John Doherty & Patrick & Paul McGettigan



**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.

**Rosary**

There is a rosary every Tuesday at 3pm in St. Peter's Church, Milford. All welcome, tea served.

**Two Hand & Old Time Dancing**

Two hand and old time dancing in the Milford Hall on Thursdays at 8pm. Admission €5. All welcome

**Scripture Classes**

St. John's Gospel is often described as the most spiritual and theological of the four gospels, revealing wonderful insights into how the early Church understood both the identity and person of Jesus. The depths and wonder of the Gospel of John will be explored by Fr. James Friel on a weekly basis throughout the winter months. Starting Thursday 6th Nov 7:30 - 8:30 at the Diocesan Pastoral Centre, Cathedral Square, Letterkenny

**Rathmullan & District Resource Centre**

The Child & Family Health Clinic is open Tues 2.00 – 5.30 pm and Thursday 11.00 – 5.30pm There will be no Pilates on Wed 15th or 22nd October. Classes will resume on Wednesday 29th October at 10am. For more info call 074 9158724 or email rdc10@gmail.com

**October—The Month of Our Lady**

A Rosary will take place at Mount Marian Grotto on Monday evenings at 6pm during the month of October and at the Milford Bakery Grotto on a Wednesday at 6:15pm.

**Diversity Event - 16th October**

An event is being organised by the Diocese of Raphoe Justice and Peace group on Thurs October 16th, World Food Day, from 6.30pm – 8.00pm at the Regional Cultural Centre in Letterkenny. The purpose of this event is to celebrate the Diversity of Food, Culture, Song and Dance in the North West of Ireland. People are invited to bring along some food from their culture and share it with everyone. Join us and celebrate diversity with an evening of tasting different foods from many countries. Contact Jim Farrell 086 0566893.

**Scoil Cholmcille, Kerrykeel**

The Parents Association of Scoil Cholmcille, Kerrykeel are holding a Children's Halloween Disco in the Old School, Kerrykeel on Sat 25th October from 7pm - 9.00pm. Admission is €4.00. All Welcome.

**Open Evening**

There will be an open evening in McBride's Rossnakill on Sunday 12th Oct from 2-5pm with the sale of plants, shrubs, hedging etc, gardener Collette will be available. Also on sale will be army surplus clothing and boots.

**Milford Citizens Information**

If you need help accessing any of your social rights and entitlements call into the office in Milford or call on 07610 75450 for free impartial and confidential information.

**Children's Liturgy**

A meeting will take place on Tuesday evening 14th October at 8pm in the Oratory at St. Peter's for all groups involved in Children's Liturgy. New members welcome.

**Legion Of Mary Annual Retreat**

The Annual Retreat for the Legion of Mary will be held in Ards Friary on Sunday 26th Oct 2014 from 10am-6pm. The cost is €35. We are privileged to have the retreat led by Fr Vincent Twomey Professor Emeritus of Moral Theology at Maynooth. Legionaries, Auxiliaries & Non Legionaries welcome. To Book a place Contact Mary on 087-9449903 or Ethna on 074-9121530.

**Glenvar School**

Jiving classes continue every Monday night at 8pm. Admission €6. Everyone welcome. Cards commence in the school on Thursday 16th October at 7pm. Photography classes commence on Wednesday 22nd October at 7.30 pm. Intermediate computer classes begin on Thursday 23rd October at 7.30 pm. Numbers are restricted for computer classes. For more details please contact Teresa on 074 9150269.

**Mulroy Hoops Rossnakill**

Basketball Training for National School children continues this Friday 17th October in Rossnakill Hall. Beginning at 5.15 - 6.00pm for 5 year olds, 6 - 7.00pm for 6 and 7 years, 7 - 8pm for 8 and 9 years and 8-9pm for 10 years and over. Please bring your own water bottle.

**Church Collections for last weekend were:**

**Milford:** €1,530.00  
**Kerrykeel:** €420.00

*Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.*

*Thought for the Week*

O God Help us to be masters of ourselves, that we may be servants to others.

*A. Paterson*

**Milford Hall Bingo**  
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.  
**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00  
**Second Snowball**  
€2,200. 00



*Church Ministries*



**Milford**

**Ministers of the Word**

**Sat 18th October**  
P. McCarron & M. Carr  
**Sun 19th October**  
S. Friel & S. Greene

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Sat 18th October**  
P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie,  
B. O'Donnell & K. Logan  
**Sun 19th October**  
T. Reynolds, S. Lynch,  
K. Ferry & C. O'Sullivan

**Children's Liturgy**

**Sun 19th October Team C**  
Twenty Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
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**Sun 26th October Team D**  
Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time  
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**Kerrykeel**

**Ministers of the Word**

**Sat 18th October**  
Joe Harkin  
**Sun 19th October**  
Joe Ferry

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Sat 18th October**  
Noreen McFadden  
**Sun 19th October**  
Gretta McFadden