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Is there such thing as a friendly ghost?

The ghost of the Prophet Samuel appears to King Saul, as recounted in chapter 28 of the First Book of Samuel (Nikolai Nikolaevich Ge, "The Witch of Endor", 1857) Fearful that her deceased ex-husband was haunting her, a woman went to see Fr. Vincent Lampert, the exorcist for the diocese of Indianapolis, Indiana. Ever since her ex-husband's death, there were strange goings-on in his old favourite room. The woman lived alone so when she found furniture moved around, there was no one to blame. It was especially unnerving that an old wedding picture kept showing up on a table. She would put it away only for it to later show up on the table again—sometimes face up, sometimes face down. The marriage had ended because of infidelity. When the man announced he was leaving for another woman, the wife had told him: "Rot in hell!"

Time passed and the man developed a terminal illness. Before his death, he repented of the adultery and asked for his wife's forgiveness. "Rot in hell!" was her response. She had no intention of forgiving him for the intense pain he had caused her and for destroying their marriage. But now, after his death, it seemed he was making his presence known to his ex-wife. Was he haunting her out of revenge? Or was he actually in hell now and somehow punishing her? After assessing the situation, Fr. Lampert believed that the man was in purgatory and in need of prayers. God was allowing him to make his presence known to his ex-wife. "I convinced her to forgive him," Fr. Lampert said. "I prayed for him together with her and everything stopped."

It's not the first time Fr. Lampert had encountered such hauntings. "I have celebrated Masses in locations where these types of things happen and that usually takes care of it," he said. "During the Mass, when we pray for the person and everything becomes quiet, then we know this is what was needed."

Does that mean that haunted houses are real? The spate of ghost hunter TV shows, movies, and books has been capitalizing on this notion. Many people do not believe in haunted houses while others blame them on activity from the devil. But is there such thing as a friendly ghost? "I believe that souls can act in this reality if they are in need of prayer and God permits it," Fr. Lampert said. How, though, can we know if it is a soul in purgatory causing mysterious activity in a house or if it is the work of the devil? "If everything becomes silent when we begin praying, then it's a soul in purgatory," Fr. Lampert said. "If it's evil, things will become more turbulent because a demon is being tormented by the prayer." Many people have come to Fr. Lampert reporting strange things happening in their homes. "If it's a soul that's trapped, it's seeking prayers and trying to get people's attention," he explained. "It needs those prayers to move on to where it needs to be." Before acting in a haunted house situation, Fr. Lampert said that he will investigate and spend time in prayer. "I'm usually pretty cautious before I agree to celebrate a Mass," he said. "I would say prayers to drive away evil but not hold a Mass. I don't want anything to happen that could profane the Eucharist." He explained that during an exorcism, if a demon manifests, the priest must take great care to protect the Eucharist.

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 11th

7:30pm Leo O Donnell (Anniv)

Sunday 12th Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am John Goudie (Anniv)

Tuesday 14th

10:00am Intention

Thursday 16th

10:00am Annie Hannigan (Anniv)

Friday 17th

10:00am James Osbourne (Recently deceased)

7:00pm Freda Smyth (Month's Mind Mass)

Saturday 18th

7:30pm Kathleen Mc Fadden (Anniv)

Sunday 19th Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Annie Mc Ginley (Anniv)

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Thursday's - Milford

10:00 am – 10:00 pm

(Directed Holy Hour
from 9:00 pm the
second Thursday of
every month)

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 Jim Brougham (Anniv)

Sunday 12th Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Intention

Wednesday 8th

10:00am Intention

Saturday 18th

6:00pm Enda Waters (Anniv)

Sunday 19th Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Intention

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Anna Mc Murray, whose funeral took place in Milford on Saturday. (Mother of Brenda Gibbons).

Freda Smyth, whose Month's Mind Mass takes place in Milford on Friday at 7:00pm.

James Ousbourne, recently deceased.

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Jim Brougham, Leo O Donnell, John Goudie, Sophie Bonner, Annie Hannigan, Margaret Quinn.



St. Vincent de Paul Thank You

The local SVdeP number 086 0611040 is a dedicated confidential number.

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.

Rosary

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

Items For Newsletter

Please submit all items for the weekly newsletter no later than 12 noon on a Thursday.

Dancing Milford Hall

Two-hand and ceili dancing every Thurs night in the Milford Hall from 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome, so come along and give it a try.

Milford GAA

Milford play Down champions, Rostrevor in the Athletic Grounds Armagh this Sunday 12th, throw in 2.30pm. Come along with flags and banners and show your support. A supporter's bus will travel, to book your seat contact Liam at 086-3536334.

LOTTO: Numbers this week were

4-17-22-24. 3 match 3 get €15 each

Joe & Bernie O Donnell, Gary & Dervla

Connaghan, Tommy & Ann O Brien and Ben

Folan. Jackpot next week is €1020."

Raphoe Diocesan Society

The month of November is a good time to remind you of the Raphoe Diocesan Society. You are encouraged to have deceased relatives enrolled in the society and you yourselves are encouraged to become living members. Any person wishing to become a member of the Raphoe Diocesan Society may apply to any of the Diocesan Clergy. The fee for enrolling members is €15.00 for each member. The Annual Mass for the deceased members of the Society will be celebrated in St. Mary's Church, Frosses on Tuesday 14th Nov @ 7:30pm.

Book Launch

The Milford & District Over 65's Group are delighted to be launching their book "Anything to Declare...." on Friday 17th at 7pm in the Milford Council Offices. This book recalls stories, tall and true, of clever methods used to smuggle back in the day. Everyone is welcome to come along and refreshments will be served.

Arthritis Information Talk

Arthritis Information Talk with guest speaker Dr. Miriam O'Sullivan Rheumatologist consultant on the 15th November 2017 at 7.30 pm in the Station House Hotel, Letterkenny, Co. Donegal. Admin is free. For more info contact 086 1750440.

Milford care of the age

Milford care of the age Christmas party will take place in the Silver Tassie hotel on Wed 6th Dec @ 1pm. We will be leaving at 12.30pm from the council office and will return here again after 5pm. The cost of the party is €15. This includes your lunch/bingo and music and travel to and from the venue. If you would like to join us for a fun afternoon call Grace or Bridin on 91 53624 or 086 8283153 or see Helen in today's extra Milford.

Milford/Kerrykeel CE Project

Milford/Kerrykeel CE Project require a General Worker for Kerrykeel Tidy Towns in the area of Grass Cutting, Strimming and General Maintenance. Usual Eligibility applies i.e. Over 21yrs and in receipt of Department of Social Protection Payment for a year or more. For further information contact James on 086 8212778.

Dates to Remember 2018

Ash Wednesday: 14th February

Easter Sunday: 1st April

First Communions

Kerrykeel: Saturday 28th April '18 @ 11am

Milford: Saturday 12th May '18 @ 11am

Confirmations

Milford: St, Catherine's Church, Oughterlin 19th May '18 @ 12:30



Church Ministries



Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,280.00

Kerrykeel: €290.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

We are all missionaries. Wherever we go, we either bring people nearer to Christ, or we repel them from Christ. (E. Liddell)

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€7,050. 00

Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 18th November

Moya Carr

Sun 19th November

Winnie Felle

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 18th November

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

Sun 19th November

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

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 12th Nov Team D

Thirty-Second Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year A

Sunday 19th Nov Team A

Thirty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year A

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 18th November

Kay Mc Groy

Sun 19th November

Aine Mc Ateer

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 18th November

Winnie Sandilands

Sun 19th November

Moira Stilvern