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## The Parable Experience – Engage

Parables are not simply a 'story with a moral'; they are much more than that. Parables speak to the heart and command an alertness to all that is said and all that is unsaid. We need to pay attention to the detail, but must also be careful not to miss the hidden meaning in the parable experience. And it is an experience. The parable does not end once we are finished hearing or reading it. It stays with us; disturbs us; forces us to ponder. Parables should awaken our senses.

Today's parable highlights the various ways that we do not allow God's word to penetrate deep into our hearts and minds. Jesus tells the disciples: 'The reason I speak to them in parables is that "seeing they do not perceive, and hearing they do not listen".' Jesus emphasises the enormous harvest that is waiting for those who really 'open their ears'. Recently, I saw a YouTube clip of a 40 year old woman who was able to hear for the first time thanks to cochlear implants. It was an emotional clip to watch and she cried and laughed and shouted with joy. She explained how 'the switch-on was the most emotional and overwhelming experience of my life'. If we are open to the parable experience, if the soil is truly receptive, perhaps the Word can affect us in the same way. In the coming Sundays we hear the parables of Matthew 13. Perhaps we can hear them again for the first time.

Jane Mellett



## MUSINGS

The First Reading today beautifully depicts the Word of God as a life-giving word going forth from heaven to water and give life anew to the earth, making it fruitful once more. How often in our daily lives do we silently wish that we could be replenished, rejuvenated, renewed? The ancient monastic practice of Lectio Divina encourages us to take a word or line of Scripture which speaks to us and make it our own, returning to it for nourishment during the week. It also speaks of repeatedly 'chewing' the Word. Which line of Scripture will be your oasis over the coming days?

Salvador Ryan

### St. Peter's Church, Milford

#### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

7: 30 pm Intention

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11: 00 am Intention

#### Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> St. Bonaventure

7: 00 pm Tony Connaghan (Anniv)

#### Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

10: 00 am Intention

#### Friday 18<sup>th</sup>

10: 00 am Intention

#### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

7: 30 pm Mena Begley (Anniv)

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11: 00 am 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: 00 pm every second*

*Thursday of the month)*

### Confessions

Milford

After 7: 30 pm Mass  
every Saturday

Kerrykeel

5: 30 pm on Saturday's

### Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel

#### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup>

6: 00 pm Shane Patton (Anniv)

#### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9: 30 am Intention

#### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup>

10: 00 am Intention

#### Saturday 19<sup>th</sup>

6: 00 pm Intention

#### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9: 30 am Intention

**Please Remember in your Prayers:**

**Ann O'Donnell**, Kerrykeel who died on Wednesday and whose funeral took place in Kerrykeel on Saturday

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

Shane Patton, Tony Connaghan, Mary Anne Ferry & Phonsie McGoldrick



**Local SVP number 086 0611040**

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

**Graveyard Masses**

**Tully Cemetery**

Sunday 27th July 2014 @ 3pm

**Milford Cemetery**

Sunday 3rd August 2014 @ 3pm

**Tax Relief Scheme Forms**

If you have not yet returned your form please do so as soon as possible.

**Art Farm Summer Art Camp**

Creative fun with sculpture, ceramic, glass painting and watercolours!! 4th-8th August and 11th-14th August 2014.

10 am-12 noon 7-12 years. €35 per week or €60 for family of two. Booking essential as places are limited, first in first served basis only.

**Rathmullan Heritage Tour**

During the months of July and August there will be a guided walking tour of Rathmullan on each Thursday afternoon at 3pm and each Saturday morning at 11.30am. The tours will depart from the Putting Green Hut and last approx. 1hr and 15 mins. Cost is €5.00 per person and accompanied children are free. Enquiries please call 086 2421008.

**Keep our Graveyards Clean**

While everyone is working hard to have the Cemeteries looking good at all times it would be appreciated if a special effort would be made to have them looking well for the annual cemetery Masses in the Parish which will take place in the next few weeks. Could everyone please ensure that they remove used wreaths and flowers from the graveyard and dispose of them at home. Please do not have old wreaths etc. left lying around the cemetery as it makes the place look untidy. Thank you for your cooperation

**Christian Mindfulness Meditation**

**8th,9th &10th August 2014**

“Entering the Cave of the Heart” Guided by Br Richard Hendrick, Capuchin Priest, who has taught contemplative prayer for the past 20 years. Cost is €160 which includes meals, accommodation and course. Ards Friary Retreat & Conference Centre, Creeslough, Co. Donegal. For more information contact 074 9138909 / 00353 74 9138909 or [info@ardsfriary.ie](mailto:info@ardsfriary.ie) [www.ardsfriary.ie](http://www.ardsfriary.ie)

**Rosary**

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

**Kerrykeel Country Market**

Do you love home produced goods but never have time to actually make them?? Then come along to Kerrykeel Country Market which opens on Saturday 12th July 2014 in the Old School in Kerrykeel from 11am until 12 noon and will be held every Saturday thereafter. There will be a large variety of stalls from local producers selling art, home baking, crafts, preserves and jams, crochet, plants, candles, meats, seafood, fruit and vegetables etc. First come, first served!!

**Kay C Designs**

Kathleen Callaghan, Fanad, will be launching Kay C Designs occasion wear at a fashion show in the Downings Bay Hotel on Friday 18th July at 8p.m. All proceeds on the night go towards the purchase of an AIRVO 2 machine for the Oncology Ward, Letterkenny General Hospital. Tickets on sale or pay at the door. All support greatly appreciated.



**Church Collections for last weekend were:**

**Milford:** €1416.00  
**Kerrykeel:** €335.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

*Thought for the Week*

Lord, when we are wrong, make us willing to change. And when we are right, make us easy to live with.

**Milford Hall Bingo**  
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.  
**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00  
**Second Snowball**  
€3,800. 00

*Church Ministries*



**Milford**

**Ministers of the Word**

**Sat 19th July**

R. Gallagher & E. Gallagher

**Sun 20th July**

S. Ramen & D. McCafferty

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Sat 19th July**

E. Gillespie, B. O'Donnell, K. Logan & W. Friel

**Sun 20th July**

S. Lynch, K. Hagan, K. Ferry & C. O'Sullivan

**Children's Liturgy**

The Children's liturgy are on holidays for the summer months and will resume in September.

**Thanks**

Thanks to all in each of the Liturgy Groups who worked hard over the year to ensure the Children's Liturgy takes place each weekend. Hope you all have a great summer.



**Kerrykeel**

**Ministers of the Word**

**Sat 19th July**

Kay McGrory

**Sun 20th July**

Cabrini Friel

**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Sat 19th July**

Brian McGarvey

**Sun 20th July**

Gretta McFadden