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The Deep End: Back to the Mountain Top

Jesus once again goes to the mountain-top to pray. We too are encouraged to carve out space and time out in our everyday lives for quiet, for reflection for prayer or meditation; for whatever it is that we do to nourish that deeper spiritual heart of ourselves.

It is so important.

The famous story of Jesus walking on the water follows in the Gospel today. What a shock the disciples must have received! Initially Peter is so brave and enthusiastic. Peter is able to walk on the water until he notices the wind, then fear takes over and he begins to sink.

If you have read the book *The Shack* (and if you haven't I highly recommend it!) you might remember a scene where the main character, Mack, is led onto the water by Jesus and they walk together on the lake. Mack, like Peter in today's Gospel, is full of fear, mostly about what might happen in the future. Jesus is clear to Mack that he lives in the present and that we waste time trying to play God and control what might happen in the future: 'You neither believe I am good nor know deep in your heart that I love you. You sing about it, you talk about it, but you don't know it' (*The Shack*, p. 151) Jesus' message for Mack in the story; for Peter in the Gospel and for all of today is 'Why did you doubt?' What eliminates our awareness of the love of God? We are urged to keep our eyes fixed on him. It is in the present that Jesus lives, not in our fears about the future or worries about the past.

Jane Mellet

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 12th

7:30pm Kathleen Hagan (Anniv)

Sunday 13th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Kathleen Magee (Anniv)

Monday 14th

7:00pm Vigil Mass

Tuesday 15th

10:00am The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Friday 18th Intention

10:00am

Saturday 19th

7:30pm Denis Lawlor (RIP)

Sunday 20th Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Intention
7:00pm Ricky Mc Ginley (1st 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 12th

6:00pm Intention

Sunday 13th Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Denis Deeney (Anniv)

Tuesday 15th

7:00pm The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Saturday 19th

6:00pm Kathleen, Frank & Francie Friel (Anniv)

Sunday 20th Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Cassie Mc Fadden (Anniv)

Please Remember in your Prayers:

John Diver, Gortmacall, who died on Tuesday and whose funeral took place in Milford on Thursday.
Christiane LeGrand-Keyzer, Cratlagh, whose funeral took place in Milford on Wednesday.
And also all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Kathleen Hagan, Kathleen Magee, Denis Deeney, George Brogan & Joe Crossan.



Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

Emergency Calls

As Fr. Gavigan is away please contact Fr. Martin Colum in Rathmulan in the case of an emergency on 074 9158156. The secretary will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday between the hours of 10am & 2pm, or just leave your number and a message on our voicemail and we'll get back to you.

Baptisms—Milford and Kerrykeel

For the next few month's Baptisms can be arranged in

Milford: Saturday only at 4pm

Kerrykeel: Saturday only at 5pm.

No Rosary-Tuesday 15th

There is no Rosary on Tuesday 15th of August. Will resume next Tuesday 22nd of August.

Items For Newsletter

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

Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine

The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine will take place on the 19th August. Led by Most Rev. Philip Boyce, Bishop Emeritus of Raphoe. Mass in Basilica at 3pm. Anointing of the sick during Mass. Confessions from 11am.

Milford Graveyard—New Policy

As we have now moved to the new part of our graveyard we have put a new policy in place regarding surrounds on graves. While having a headstone erected on your loved ones grave, it is our policy that **No surround** is to be erected to any grave in the new part of our graveyard. Your co-operation regarding this policy would be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

The Irish Cancer Society

The Irish Cancer Society operates a free Volunteer Driver Service that is available to patients attending the following hospitals for chemotherapy treatments; Letterkenny General Hospital; Mayo General Hospital & Sligo Hospital. Volunteer drivers will pick a patient up at the door of their home, drop them at the hospital door and then when finished treatment, pick them up and drop them home again. All volunteer expenses are paid. Patients wishing to avail of this free service should contact their healthcare professional, visit the website at irishcancer.ie or contact the Irish Cancer Society for more information on 01 2310 522.

Milford Eucharistic Ministers – Rota

A new rota is available for collection in the Sacristy for all Ministers of the Eucharist.

MUSINGS:

Looking at Jesus

I'm fascinated by the first step of Peter as he climbed over the side of the boat. He was looking at Jesus, not at the water. His mind was charged with Jesus' invitation 'Come.' So often the way out of depression, fear or anxiety is not a thought or a consideration but a physical step. I take a risk and find myself strong enough to walk forward, keeping my eyes on the Lord.

From Sacred Space – The Prayer Book 2017 www.sacredspace.ie Messenger Publications

There is an African American saying that we are always either going into a storm, in a storm, or coming out of a storm. Disciples are those who are learning to call on Jesus the Son of God in all three conditions. When our boat is battered by waves, we can call on Jesus. When our boat is far from land, we can call on Jesus. When our boat has the wind against it, we can call on Jesus. He knows our sufferings. He is approaching. He is present and able to offer assistance. He has been here all along. The question is, how are we going to respond to that knowledge? Are we going to keep focusing on the wind and the waves, or on the outstretched hand of our Lord?

Alyce M. McKenzie



Church Ministries



Milford
Ministers of the Word
Sat 19th Aug
 Francie Mc Ateer
Sat 20th Aug
 Brendan Ward

Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat 19th Aug
 K. Logan, M Mc Nulty & O. Gallagher
Sat 20th Aug
 T. Reynolds, S. Lynch & Bernie O Donnell

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

Summer Vacation

Kerrykeel
Ministers of the Word
Sat 19th Aug
 Joe Harkin
Sat 20th Aug
 Joe Ferry

Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat 19th Aug
 Noreen Mc Fadden
Sat 20th Aug
 Eileen Mc Ateer

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €735.00
Milford Cemetery: €2,785.00
Kerrykeel: €230.00

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
 €6,450. 00