

## Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday  
of Advent  
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Ph. 074 91 50014Parish Website & live webcams of Milford & Rathmullan Churches: [www.mrparishes.ie](http://www.mrparishes.ie)**REJOICE!**

In his poem Japanese Maple, Clive James offers a heartrending description of some of the beauty he observes during what he believes are his final days.

*You feel the drain  
Of energy, but thought and sight remain:  
Enhanced, in fact. When did you ever see  
So much sweet beauty as when fine rain falls  
On that small tree  
And saturates your brick back garden walls*

Faced with his mortality, the poet was able to celebrate and take pleasure in the simplest of things. The poem radiates with acceptance and a certain contentment as he reflects on the world and its 'sweet beauty'. (A year later he wrote of his embarrassment at still being alive after the attention the poem garnered!)

Today is Gaudete Sunday; the day takes its name from the Latin Gaudete meaning 'Rejoice'. The first line of our Second Reading uses the word 'happy' twice and 'happiness' once. This happiness Paul speaks of is not a passing mood, but a deeper happiness and contentment, a peace of heart. Do we take the time to cultivate this deeper sense of happiness? It is something we can think about as we prepare for Christmas. It is not the gifts and festivities that will bring us true and lasting happiness.

Triona Doherty

**St. Peter's Church, Milford****Saturday 12th**

7:30pm Peggy Mackin (1st Anniv)

**Sunday 13th Third Sunday of Advent**

11:00 am Intention

**Tuesday 15th**

10:00am Intention

**Thursday 17th**

10:00am Intention

**Friday 18th**

10:00am Intention

**Saturday 19th**

7:30pm Intention

**Sunday 20th Fourth Sunday of Advent**

11:00 am Kathleen Friel (Anniv)

**Eucharistic Adoration**

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Thursdays - 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 12th**

6:00pm Sister Eugene Logue (Months Mind)

**Sunday 13th Third Sunday of Advent**

9:30 am Intention

**Wednesday 16th**

10:00am Intention

**Saturday 19th**

6:00pm Peter Doherty (Anniv)

**Sunday 20th Fourth Sunday of Advent**

9:30 am Intention

## Please Remember in your Prayers

**Peggy Mackin**, whose 1st Anniversary Mass takes place in Milford this weekend.  
**Sister Eugene Logue**, whose Months Mind Mass takes place in Kerrykeel this weekend.  
**Nancy Burke**, Longford who died last week. (Mother of PJ & Seamus Burke, Ballyare)  
**And also all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:**  
 Grace & James Mc Ginley & Margaret Mc Ginley.



### Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

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

### Mass Cards

A variety of Mass Cards signed by Fr. Adrian for deceased and also Mass Bouquets are now available at Parochial House, Milford.  
**A selection of special Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are also available for Christmas.**

### Scoil Mhuire Milford Christmas Production

Scoil Mhuire Milford will hold their school Christmas production in Mulroy College on Wednesday 16th December at 7pm. All welcome.

### Eucharist Ministers Rota

The new rota is available to be collected in the sacristy for all Eucharistic Ministers.

### Parish Monster Bingo –Thank You

A sincere thank you to all who made our recent Monster Bingo a success. A special thanks to our organising committee who made it all possible. A big thank you to our sponsors, Whoriskey Oil, John Scott TV Centre, Mc Gettigans Butchers, Mary Crerand and Travellers Inn.  
 We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who sold the parish draw tickets in both Kerrykeel and Milford, Mulroy Woods for the use of the hall and for everyone who helped on the night.  
 A total of €11,175 was raised.

### Milford /Kerrykeel Parish draw Winners

**1st -1000 litres of Oil**  
 Ms. Ann Mc Laughlin, Milford  
**2nd -1/2 Ton of Coal**  
 Ms. Ann Lee, Milford,  
**3rd - 22'TV**  
 K Mc Creery, Lough Road Milford,  
**4th -Mc Gettigans Voucher,**  
 Ms. Susie Mc Bride Milford  
**5th -€100 Cash** Mr. Charlie Barrett  
 Drumacloughan Ramelton.

### Confessions For Christmas

Confessions for Christmas will take place on  
 Monday 21st @ 7pm in Glenvar  
 Monday 21st @ 8pm in Kerrykeel  
 Tuesday 22nd @ 7pm in Ramelton  
 Tuesday 22nd @ 8pm in Milford  
 Wednesday 23rd @ 7pm in Kilmacrennan  
 Wednesday 23rd @ 8pm in Creeslough  
 Fr. Adrian and Fr. Michael will be hearing confessions on Mon night and there will be 5-6 priests on Tues and Wed night.

### Preparing for Christmas During Advent

**One way to prepare for Christmas is by going to Confession. Confession will take place after weekday morning Masses and on a Saturday in Kerrykeel from 5:30pm and in Milford at 7pm.**

### Choir Practice—Kerrykeel

A choir practice will take place in Kerrykeel Church on Sunday evening at 7:00pm. All members please attend. New members welcome.

### PARISH NEWSLETTER

**No Newsletter will be printed for Sun 27th Dec or Sun 3rd Jan**

Anyone wishing to submit announcements/Anniversaries for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter for these two weeks please do so before 12noon Thursday 17th December and they will be included in the last newsletter before Christmas on Sun 20th Dec.

### Christmas Celebrations In Rathmullan, Rossnakill And Milford

As Christmas approaches three special Christmas Carol Services will be held in Rathmullan, Rossnakill and Milford, These evenings will be opportunities to join in celebrating the real meaning of Christmas and the special birth of Our Lord in Bethlehem. The first Carol Service will be on Fri 11 Dec at 7.30pm in the Saint Vincent de Paul Centre in Rathmullan when there will be special Christmas music by talented musician and singer Ricky Henry. John Porter will share his thoughts about the Christmas story. The second Carol Service will be on Mon 14 Dec at 7.30pm in Rossnakill Resource Centre when Stanley and Mae Crooks will be the guest musicians and singers and Vincent Brown will share about the meaning of Christmas. The third Carol Service will be on Tues 15 Dec at 7.30pm in the The Town Hall, Milford. The guest musician and soloist will be talented pianist and singer Neil Shaw. John Mulhern will share a Christmas meditation. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served after the Carol Services.

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

**Milford:** €1,270.00  
**Kerrykeel:** €320.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

### Thought for the Week

*The best way to prepare for the coming of Christ is never forget the presence of Christ.*  
 W. Barclay

### 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 19th December**  
 E. Gallagher & E. O'Donnell  
**Sun 20th December**  
 S. Greene & D. Sweeney

### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 19th December**  
 M. E. Gillespie, E. Dyke & H. Doherty  
**Sun 20th December**  
 S. O'Donnell, K. Ferry & C. O'Sullivan

### Children's Liturgy Kerrykeel

**Sun 20th Dec Team C**  
 Fourth Sunday of Advent  
 Year C

**Sun 27th Dec Team D**  
 The Holy Family  
 Year C

**Ministers of the Word**  
**Sat 19th December**  
 Kay Mc Grory  
**Sun 20th December**  
 Joe Ferry

### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 19th December**  
 Winnie Sandilands  
**Sun 20th December**  
 Eileen Mc Ateer