

# Parish Newsletter

First Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Year C

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## 'Trust the wilderness'

The temptations are not just an embarrassing episode in the life of Jesus but are an integral part of his mission. Jesus is tempted to eat when he is not supposed to eat, to take the easy route of power through exploitation, when that is not His way. Ultimately, God is in control here; this wilderness is 'Spirit' led. And so it is for us. When it comes down to it, each of the temptations are about the same thing, our ability to trust in God. This should not direct us towards complacency but to listening.

We listen to God's Word and this year's Trócaire campaign is urging us to listen to what God is saying through the Book of Creation; to trust in those signals and signs. Listening to the story of Teresina this year, we hear of an effect of climate change that is often overlooked: a family forced apart because of dry land. This past year we have seen large movements of refugees around the world. We know that the next generation of refugees will be climate refugees. It does not have to be this way. As we enter the 'wilderness' of Lent, let us spend time with the temptations in the Gospel today and hear the call to 'trust'. Trust what God is trying to tell us through the Book of Creation. It is in the wasteland that we find the signs of God's renewal.

'I urgently appeal for a new dialogue about how we are shaping the future of our planet. We need a conversation which includes everyone, since the environmental challenge we are undergoing, and its human roots, concern and affect us all'.  
Pope Francis, *Laudato Si'*, 1, 14.

Jane Mellett



**Lenten Trócaire Boxes are available in both Churches, please take one for your home**

### St. Peter's Church, Milford

**Saturday 13th**  
7:30 pm Annie Gibbons (Anniv)

**Sunday 14th First Sunday of Lent**  
11:00 am Maggie Ferry (Anniv)

**Monday 15th**  
7:45am Intention

**Tuesday 16th**  
7:45am Intention

**Wednesday 17th**  
7:45am Intention

**Thursday 18th**  
7:45am Intention

**Friday 19th**  
7:45am Special Intention

**Saturday 20th**  
7:30 pm Paddy O'Donnell (1st Anniv)

**Sunday 21st Second Sunday of Lent**  
11:00 am Paul Peoples (Anniv)

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel  
9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Thursdays - Milford  
10:00 am - 10:00 pm  
(Directed Holy Hour  
from 9:00pm -  
10:00pm every  
Thursday During Lent)

### Confessions

**Milford**  
After 7:30 pm Mass  
every Saturday

**Kerrykeel**  
5:30 pm on Saturday's

### Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel

**Saturday 13th**  
6:00 pm Madge Friel (Anniv)

**Sunday 14th First Sunday of Lent**  
9:30 am Intention

**Monday 15th**  
10:00am Intention

**Tuesday 16th**  
10:00am Intention

**Saturday 20th**  
6:00 pm Mc Ateer & Gallagher Families (Anniv)

**Sunday 21st Second Sunday of Lent**  
9:30 am Intention

## Please Remember in your Prayers

All those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:

Hugh Mc Devitt, Nellie Mc Goldrick, Madge Friel, Patrick Griffin, Annie Gibbons & Maggie Ferry.



### Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

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

### 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.

### Mass Cards

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

### Two Hand & Old Time Dancing

Two hand and old time dancing in the Milford Hall on Thursdays from 8:30pm—10:30pm Admission €5. All welcome

### Eucharistic & Word Ministers -Milford

Could any Eucharist/Word Minister who are available to help out at 7:45am Masses during Lent please give your name to Fr. Gavigan or Tommy.

### Holy Hour

A Holy Hour will we held in St. Peter's Oratory every Thursday from 9pm until 10pm during Lent.

### Milford National School

Milford National School are holding their enrolment day on Tuesday 16th February between 1pm -3pm. Please bring Birth Cert, Baptismal Cert & PPS Number.

### Milford Care of the Aged

We will be holding our first 25 Card Drive in aid of Milford Care of the Aged on March 4th 2016 in the Village Inn in Kerrykeel. It will be tables of 8 people each commencing at 8.30pm. Tickets are €25 each and the overall prize will be half the pot. Your support will be greatly appreciated.

### New Befriending Service

#### In Milford Rosguill & Fanad Area.

The Good Morning Service Co Donegal's telephone and befriending Service offers free and confidential support to people who are older, living alone or who are housebound due to illness or mobility issues. The new befriending Service matches a volunteer with a person who requires the service, the volunteer provides companionship, friendship and a supportive relationship that lessens the effects of isolation and loneliness. The volunteer befriender is garda vetted and receives training that supports them in carrying out their role as befriender. The befriender and befriender receives continuous support from the Befriending Organiser for the duration of the Service has been running in Inishowen for four years, it is now being extended out to two new Primary Care areas, Milford Rosguill & Fanad and Lifford & Castlefin. Volunteers also need in these areas.

Anne Marie Rodgers, Community Befriending Organiser is based in the offices of the Premier Services on, The Diamond, Milford. Please call Anne Marie: 086 1716984 or email: [annemariebefriending@gmail.com](mailto:annemariebefriending@gmail.com)

### St. Patrick's Eve - Fundraising Dance

The annual St. Patrick's Eve Fundraising Dance is, once again, taking place in the Milford Parish Parochial Hall from 9.00p.m. to Midnight on Wednesday 16th. This year all funds raised will be going to help our Olympian Brendan Boyce on the long road to Rio. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the craic. Anyone wishing to make a donation towards the hampers, please contact Mary on 9153723. Thank you for your support.

### The Chaplet of the Divine Mercy

The Nine Day Novena of The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy will be recited after morning mass from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> & Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> until Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February .

### Special Olympics Church Gate Collection

The Annual Church Gate collection for Donegal Special Olympics will take place this weekend at all Masses. Your support would be gratefully appreciated.

### Want to do something special for Lent? Weekday Mass times for Lent

#### Milford

Monday - Friday  
7:45am

#### Kerrykeel

Monday & Tuesday  
10am

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

**Milford:** €1,125.00  
**Kerrykeel:** €290.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

### Thought for the Week

*The receiving of the word consists of two parts: attention of mind and intention of will.*

### Milford Hall Bingo

Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.

**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00

**Second Snowball**  
€2,650. 00



## Church Ministries



### Milford

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 20th February**

J. Gibbons & A. Ferry

**Sun 21st February**

S. Friel & H. Good

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 20th February**

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

**Sun 21st February**

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

### Children's Liturgy

**Sun 21st Feb Team A**

Second Sunday  
of Lent  
Year C

**Sun 28th Feb Team B**

Third Sunday  
of Lent  
Year C

### Kerrykeel

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 20th February**

Brian Mc Garvey & Nina Friel

**Sun 21st February**

Cabrini Friel

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 20th February**

Jacinta Callaghan

**Sun 21st February**

Eileen Mc Ateer