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THE DEEP END : Do not let your hearts be troubled

‘Worrying is carrying tomorrow’s load with today’s strength – carrying two days at once. It is moving into tomorrow ahead of time. Worrying doesn’t empty tomorrow of its sorrow, it empties today of its strength.’

Corrie ten Boom had plenty of cause for worry over the course of her lifetime. During World War II, she, along with her father and sister, provided a refuge in their home for a number of Jewish friends, playing a pivotal role in the Dutch ‘underground’ who sheltered Jews. Their home was eventually raided and the entire family arrested, her father dying in prison and her sister in a concentration camp. Corrie was sent to a series of camps but was released, and afterwards told her story in a book called *The Hiding Place*.



Corrie’s heart must have been troubled, often, but her strong faith sustained her and became the lens through which she viewed her life story: ‘Every experience God gives us, every person he puts in our lives is the perfect preparation for the future that only he can see.’

The majority of us will never have to deal with as desperate a situation as Corrie’s. But we have our own anxieties, whether big or small. None of us knows how the future is going to turn out, and that is precisely why we tend to worry. In today’s Gospel Thomas frets: ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ But Jesus has reassuring words. ‘I am the way.’ Hand in hand with Jesus, we can walk the road ahead.

Triona Doherty

St. Peter’s Church, Milford

Saturday 13th 7:30pm	Billy Cran	(Anniv)
Sunday 14th 11:00am	Fifth Sunday of Easter Paddy Toyne	(Anniv)
Monday 15th 7:00pm	John Mc Brearty	(Month’s Mind Mass)
Tuesday 16th 10:00am	Intention	
Thursday 18th 10:00am	Intention	
Saturday 20th 7:30pm	Una Marley	(1st Anniv)
Sunday 21st 11:00am	Sixth Sunday of Easter Bridget Hannigan	(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 13th 6:00pm	Intention	
Sunday 14th 9:30am	Fifth Sunday of Easter Intention	
Wednesday 17th 10:00am	Intention	
Saturday 20th 6:00pm	Willie & Hannah Peoples	(Anniv)
Sunday 21st 9:30am	Sixth Sunday of Easter Mary Durning	(Anniv)

Please Remember in your Prayers:

John Mc Brearty, Magheradrummond, whose Month's Mind Mass takes place in Milford on Monday Evening @ 7pm.

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Billy Cran & Paddy Toye.



Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

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.

Rosary

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

Exam Time

Prayer request for students from both schools who are doing exams will be brought forward at a special Youth Mass on Sunday 28th May, where the focus will be on youth and on those doing exams. At the end of the Mass then we will ask people to come forward to be a prayer sponsor, take prayer request sheets that a student has filled in and pray for that person during their exams.

Dates to Remember—2017

Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery

Sunday 30th July @ 3pm.

Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery

Sunday 6th August @ 3pm.

Antenatal classes

Antenatal classes will commence in The Ramelton Health Centre on Wednesday 24 May 2017 at 3pm. For further details please phone one of the Public Health Nurses at the following numbers. Ramelton 9151527 / Rathmullan 9158322 / Milford 9153108.

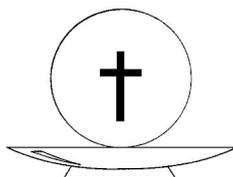
Youth Mass at Exam Time

A special youth Mass will take place in the Parish in St. Peter's Church Milford on Sunday 28th May at 11:00am. All youth are welcome especially, Leaving Cert and Junior Cert students.

First Holy Communion

Congratulations to all the children of the Parish who made their First Holy Communion, this weekend. Fifteen children made their First Communion in Kerrykeel and thirty four in Milford. A sincere thanks to all involved in the schools and Parish who prepared in any way for this great day for these children and their families. Thanks also to all parents/guardians of the children who took part in the 'Do This In Memory Of Me' programme each month.

May all the children and your families be blessed at all times by our loving God.



MUSINGS

The Gospel presents Jesus as the guide in life, the 'way, truth and life.' The Christian centre is the person of Christ.

Our work for Jesus and our love for people, no matter what our calling in life, flow from this. Mother Teresa was once asked why she did what she did, and she simply said 'for Jesus.' This centre always holds, it cannot be unhinged. It is a deeply personal relationship: we are led by Jesus 'one by one', known by name, not as one of a group.

Prayer is the way of keeping our centre of conviction and motivation strong. The Eastern approach to Jesus is very much the 'way'; while the African is the 'life'. The European stress is the 'truth'. In Europe we need to rediscover also the joy and vibrancy of the African and Latin American expressions of faith, and also the presence of God in all life's moods and journeys of the Indian and Eastern traditions.

We can get so caught up in small or even big truths and doctrines that we miss other centres of faith. All faith needs the balanced approach to Jesus – way, truth and life.

Recall people who guided you well in your life. Pray for them.

Jesus, our way, guide me in life; Jesus our truth, teach me your meaning of life; Jesus, our life, love me always.

From *Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew*

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,120.00

Kerrykeel: €440.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

God loves us the way we are, but he loves us too much to leave us that way.

Leighton Ford

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€5,800. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 20th May

Louise Sterritt

Sun 21st May

Geraldine Mc Gee

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 20th May

P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie & B. O'Donnell

Sun 21st May

C. Mc Gettigan, M. Mc Fadden & M. Mc Rory

Children's Liturgy

Sun 21st May Team A

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sun 28th May Team B

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 20th May

Joe Harkin

Sun 21st May

Brid Dougherty

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 20th May

Brian Mc Garvey

Sun 21st May

Gretta Mc Fadden