

# Parish Newsletter

The Exaltation Of The  
Holy Cross  
Year A

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## A divine attribute...

Ten thousand talents today are estimated to be in the hundreds of millions! So it would be a foolish King who would allow a 'servant' to clock up debt to that mount (you would think!). Even though his debt is completely cancelled, the 'servant' is not so forgiving when it comes to his own household. One denarius would be the equivalent of the wages of a labourer for a day, so one hundred day's wages is a drop in the ocean in comparison. Those who witness these events are 'greatly distressed' and decide to protest. You don't have to look too far today to draw parallels to this parable.

Peter asks a vital question: how many times do you forgive? The answer may disturb some people but it can also liberate us if we allow it to: seventy-times-seven, i.e. an infinite number of times. This might seem idealistic and even ridiculous, but when we think more about it there is no other option. Without forgiveness we allow bitterness to engulf and torture us; zapping our energy; preventing us from being at peace with ourselves. When we only seek retribution, we enter into chaos.

'To forgive is to set a prisoner free and discover that the prisoner was you. When we forgive evil we do not excuse it, we do not tolerate it, we do not smother it. We call it what it is, let its horror shock and stun and enrage us, and only then do we forgive it.'

Lewis B. Smedes



St. Peter's Church, Milford	Eucharistic Adoration	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel
<p><b>Saturday 13th</b> 7: 30 pm Joe &amp; Maggie Crossan (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 14th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 11: 00 am Intention</p> <p><b>Tuesday 16th</b> 10: 00am Intention</p> <p><b>Wednesday 17th</b> 10: 00am Intention</p> <p><b>Thursday 18th</b> 10: 00am Intention</p> <p><b>Friday 19th</b> 7: 00pm Thanksgiving Mass for Fr. James</p> <p><b>Saturday 20th</b> 7: 30 pm Madge McPaul (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 21st 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 11: 00 am Intention</p>	<p><u>Tuesdays - Kerrykeel</u> 9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm</p> <p><u>Thursday's - Milford</u> 10: 00 am – 10: 00 pm (Directed Holy Hour from 9: 00 pm every second Thursday of the month)</p> <p><b>Confessions</b> <b>Milford</b> After 7: 30 pm Mass every Saturday</p> <p><b>Kerrykeel</b> 5: 30 pm on Saturday's</p>	<p><b>Saturday 13th</b> 6: 00 pm Hughie McBride (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 14th 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9: 30 am Mary &amp; John James Doherty (Anniv) &amp; Mary Doherty</p> <p><b>Saturday 20th</b> 6: 00 pm Deceased Gallagher Family Members</p> <p><b>Sunday 21st 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9: 30 am Intention</p>

**Please Remember in your Prayers:**

**Patrick Shiels**, Ballylar, Fanad, who died on Wednesday and whose funeral took place in Fanavolty on Saturday

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

Bridget McBrearty, Liam Peoples and Denis & Eddie Martin



**Scoil Mhuire Annual 10k Road Race**

Scoil Mhuire, Milford, Annual 10k Road Race will take place on Sat 20th September with a start time of 11am.

**Living With Suicide Day Retreat on Lough Derg, 24th September 2014**

This is a day for adults who have been affected by suicide, either through personal loss or with suicidal ideation, or for those ministering to the suicide bereaved or working in support services. For further info contact Maureen or Sharon on 071 9861518 (from NI 00353719861518) email: [info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

**Hospice Day - Coffee Morning**

Caryl and Samuel Anderson, Kerrykeel, will host a Donegal Hospice Day Coffee Morning on Thursday 18th September from 2pm till late. Everyone welcome.

**Jiving Classes**

Jiving classes will commence in Glenvar School on Monday 29th September at 8pm. Admission €6. Everyone welcome.

**Milford Bingo**

The Milford Bingo Committee would like to congratulate Margaret Gallagher on winning the snowball on Sunday night.

**Milford GAA—Dip For Donegal**

Milford GAA are holding a double dip for Donegal on Rathmullan Beach this Sunday 14th Sept at 6pm. Come along and show your support for your County. The event will be filmed by Donegal T.V. Wear your club or county colours.

**Thanksgiving Mass & Function**

A Thanksgiving Mass for Fr. James will take place in St. Peter's, Milford, on Friday 19th September at 7pm followed by a function in the Milford Hall. Everyone is invited to join in this celebration and to wish Fr. James well for the future.

A meeting will be held on Wednesday 17th at 8pm in the Oratory to organise home baking for the function. If you are unable to attend the meeting and would like to bake please contact Bridin on 086 8283153. Many thanks for all your help.

**Coffee Morning**

The Milford and District Over 65's Group are hosting a Coffee Morning, in aid of Donegal Hospice, on Fri 19th Sept from 11am to 2pm in the Milford Hall. Everyone welcome.

**Unifi 10 Year Reunion**

Former employees have organised a reunion in the Glenveagh Room of the Mt Errigal at 8 pm on Fri 10th October. Admission €15. All proceeds after costs go to the Donegal Hospice. Book your place at Unifi Reunion Facebook site, contact Majella 086 8301240, Noeleen on 087 9584355, Caroline on 086 9692104 or email [unifi2004@gmail.com](mailto:unifi2004@gmail.com). Anyone with memorabilia contact Danny or Ken to organise items/photos for display.

**Rathmullan & District Resource Centre**

Knitting and Crochet Classes and Interior Design classes to start shortly. For more info or to register contact Ursula on 9158724 or email [rdrc10@gmail.com](mailto:rdrc10@gmail.com). Parent & Toddler group begins Thurs 18th Sept at 10.30am.

**Retreats at Ards Friary**

St Francis of Assisi – a man of peace, love and freedom on Sat 4th October. Directed by Fr Kieran Shorten OFM Capuchin. To celebrate this special day, the retreat will explore the life and times of St Francis and his special love of nature and the Church. Commences 9.30am, concludes with Mass at 5pm and the cost is €35.

**Centenary Celebrations at Errigal College 1914-2014**

Errigal College will soon be celebrating their centenary and the school would love to hear from past students, teachers and other staff who may have photos, copybooks, textbooks or stories to share with the school as they prepare to formally mark the occasion. Contact can be made by phoning the school on 074 9121047, by calling in to the school or by email at [errigalcollege100@gmail.com](mailto:errigalcollege100@gmail.com). Any items contributed will be stored and returned to the owner after use. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

**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.

**Anniversary Masses in Milford**

An Anniversary Mass for those deceased for over 10 years can be arranged for a weekday morning Mass in Milford.

**Church Collections for last weekend were:**

**Milford:** €1,390.00  
**Kerrykeel:** €380.00

*Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.*

*Thought for the Week*

He is with us always, with His comfort and joy, if we will only ask.  
Dorothy Day

**Milford Hall Bingo**  
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.  
**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00  
**Second Snowball**  
€2,000. 00



*Church Ministries*



***Milford***

**Ministers of the Word**  
**Sat 20th September**  
F. McAteer & C. Dyke  
**Sun 21st September**  
W. Felle & G. McGee

**Ministers of the Eucharist**  
**Sat 20th September**  
E. Gillespie, B. O'Donnell, K. Logan & W. Friel  
**Sun 21st September**  
S. Lynch, K. Ferry & C. O'Sullivan

***Children's Liturgy***

**Sun 21st September Team C**  
Twenty Fifth Sunday in Ordinary  
Time  
Year A

**Sun 28th September Team A**  
Twenty Sixth Sunday In Ordinary  
Time  
Year A

***Kerrykeel***

**Ministers of the Word**  
**Sat 20th September**  
Joe Harkin  
**Sun 21st September**  
Joe Ferry

**Ministers of the Eucharist**  
**Sat 20th September**  
Noreen McFadden  
**Sun 21st September**  
Moira Stilvern