

Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday
Of Advent
Year B

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'A witness to speak for the light'

There is so much darkness around us: in the Church, in the troubled parts of the world, in our own families and even in our own hearts. It is easy to become cynical. The Gospel today tells us that John the Baptist was someone who was 'a witness to speak for the light.' He gave hope to people. We can think of many people in society today who witness to the light. One that comes to mind is Malala Yousafzai. Malala was shot by the Taliban on her way to school in Pakistan. She was targeted for speaking out on the rights of women to education. She has said: 'We realise the importance of our voices only when we are silenced. I was shot on a Tuesday at lunchtime, one bullet, one gunshot heard around the world.' Malala was in her chemistry class when she heard she was to be the youngest ever recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. She celebrated by going on to a physics class.



Look around your families and communities and you will see many who witness to the light. We each have the capacity to do the same, however dark the situation may be. The Gospel challenge is to bring hope and good news. We should take example from the Malala's of the world.

'They bear witness to the rest of us that somewhere in the dark a light always shines, a light that darkness cannot overpower, and therefore we can all believe again.' Michel de Verteuil
Jane Mellett

MUSINGS

Our Second Reading today prays 'may God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through'. What does it mean to be 'sanctified', to be 'made holy'? We suffer today from some very skewed ideas about those who are 'holy': the caricature is of people who are otherworldly, excessively serious, and who suffer from bouts of 'holier-than-thou-ism'. Yet nothing could be further from the truth. To be holy is to be 'whole', 'well-rounded', exuberant with life ('rejoice always'). And, most importantly, to have hearts full of gratitude ('give thanks in all circumstances'). In the words of Ronald Rolheiser, 'the holiest person you know is the most grateful person you know'.
Salvador Ryan

St. Peter's Church, Milford	Eucharistic Adoration	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel
<p>Saturday 13th 7: 30 pm Intention</p> <p>Sunday 14th Third Sunday Of Advent 11: 00 am Nan & John McGinley (Anniv)</p> <p>Tuesday 16th 10: 00 am Peggy Mackin (R.I.P.)</p> <p>Thursday 18th 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p>Friday 19th 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p>Saturday 20th 7: 30 pm Intention</p> <p>Sunday 21st Fourth Sunday Of Advent 11: 00 am Kathleen Friel (Anniv)</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>Confessions Milford After 7: 30 pm Mass every Saturday</p> <p>Kerrykeel 5: 30 pm on Saturday's</p>	<p>Saturday 13h 6: 00 pm Jim Brougham (Months Mind)</p> <p>Sunday 14th Third Sunday Of Advent 9: 30 am Intention</p> <p>Wednesday 17th 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p>Saturday 20th 6: 00 pm Peter Doherty (Anniv)</p> <p>Sunday 21st Fourth Sunday Of Advent 9: 30 am Intention</p>

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Peggy Mackin, Manchester, who died during the week. Mass on Tuesday at 10am in Milford (Sister of Sophie Harrison)

Jim Brougham, Kerrykeel, whose Months Mind Mass takes place in Kerrykeel this weekend

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

Nan & John McGinley, Mick McDaid and Hugh McFadden whose anniversary Mass will be held in Rathmullan on Monday at 7pm.



SVdeP National Church Gate Collection

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul's National Church Gate Collection will take place this weekend, 13th - 14th December. Thank you for any donations in these difficult times; they are greatly appreciated and are used to help families in your local area. The local SVdeP number 086 0611040 is a dedicated confidential number, just leave 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.

Anniversary Masses in Milford

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

Rosary

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

Two Hand & Old Time Dancing

Two hand and old time dancing continues in the Milford Hall on Thursdays at 8pm. Admission €5. All welcome.

Pilgrimage To Fatima

The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Fatima will take place on the 10th July 2015, ex Dublin. A poster in on display in the Church and is now open for bookings.

Preparing for Christmas During Advent

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

Christmas Celebrations

As Christmas approaches special Carol Services will be held in Rathmullan, Milford, Kilmacrenan and Rossnakill. 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 will take place on Fri 12 Dec in the Saint Vincent de Paul Centre, Rathmullan. The second on Monday 15 Dec in the Town Hall, Milford. The third Tuesday 16 Dec in the Village Hall, Kilmacrenan. The fourth on Wednesday 17 Dec in Rossnakill Resource Centre. All starting at 7:30pm. Tea, coffee and mince pies will be served afterwards. All welcome.

Children's Nativity Play

In preparation for the children's Nativity play, the first rehearsal will take place after 11am Mass today Sunday 14th December. Any child interested in taking part is welcome.

Feast of The Holy Family - Special Mass

A special Mass will be held in Milford on Sunday 28th December- Feast of The Holy Family- at 11am for all those who have had children baptised in 2014. This Mass will also be held in Kerrykeel on Saturday evening 27th at 6pm.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

There will be No Newsletter printed for the week-end of Sunday 28th December

Anyone wishing to submit announcements/Anniversaries for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter for the next two weeks please do so before 1pm this coming Thursday 18th December.

Monster Bingo Parish Draw Ticket Results

€100 Cash - Aisling Cheevers, Letterkenny. Mc Gettigan's €100 Voucher - Mary Crerand, Lagg, Milford. Coffee Machine by Irwins Electrical - Rona Mc Glynn, Gortmacall, Milford. Half Ton Coal - Frances Mc Gee, Ballyconnell, Falcarragh. 1000 Ltrs of Oil by Whoriskeys of Ramelton - Emmy Shiels, Grey Rocks, Milford.

Parish Envelopes

Anyone new to the parish who would like to receive parish envelopes please contact Fr. Adrian or Tommy.

The Colmcille Gospel Choir

The Colmcille Gospel Choir will host its Annual Concert In Ramelton Town Hall on Friday, 19th December at 8pm. Admission €10, tickets available at McFadden's and Whoriskey's in Ramelton and at the door on the night.

Choir Practice—Kerrykeel

A choir practice will take place in Kerrykeel Church on Sunday evening at 7:30pm. All members please attend. New members welcome.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,585.00
Kerrykeel: €280.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

In prayer it is better to have a heart without words, than words without heart.
John Bunyan

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€2,600. 00

Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 20th December

P. McCarron & J. Gibbons

Sun 21st December

N. Harrison & L. McBride

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 20th December

M. McNulty, O. Gallagher, M.E. Gillespie & E. Dyke

Sun 21st December

C. McGettigan, M. McFadden, M. McRory & Bernie O'Donnell

Children's Liturgy

Sun 21st December Team D

Fourth Sunday of Advent
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Sun 28th December Team A

The Holy Family
Year B

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 20th December

Phonsie McAteer

Sun 21st December

Regina McGettigan

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 20th December

Winnie Sandilands

Sun 21st December

Gretta McFadden

