

# Parish Newsletter

Second Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Year A

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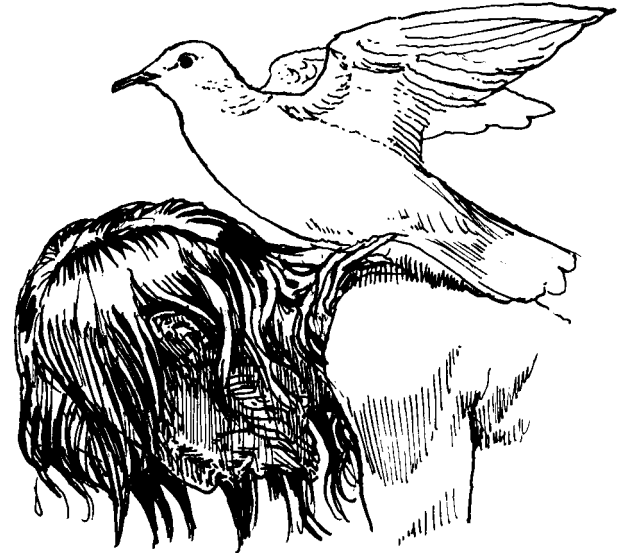
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## THE DEEP END

### Credible witness

It's hard to know what, or who, to believe any more. During the recent US presidential race, 'fact checking' became something of a buzzword. After each of the major debates, newspapers and news sites churned out articles investigating the validity of the candidates' claims. Research was rapidly carried out, sources were checked, statements from the past were dragged up to prove or disprove many a point. With the internet making it possible to 'fact-check' in mere minutes, it is so easy to be caught out. Those in public life have to be more careful than ever that they are speaking the truth, that they are not contradicting what they have said previously, and that they can back up their statements with authoritative evidence.



John the Baptist may not have been subject to such rigorous 'fact checking', but he was at pains to explain the source of his authority: 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven ... I have seen and I am the witness'. John knew that people might not immediately take him seriously, so twice he emphasised that he did not know Jesus himself. He was not out to trick or mislead people. We can believe what this first witness says about who Jesus is, because his words come directly from God.

Triona Doherty

### St. Peter's Church, Milford

**Saturday 14th**

7:30pm Intention

**Sunday 15th** Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Intention

**Tuesday 17th**

10:00am Intention

**Thursday 19th**

10:00am Intention

**Friday 20th**

10:00am Intention

**Saturday 21st**

7:30pm Jane Conlon (Month's Mind)

**Sunday 22nd** Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Bernard Mc Paul (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 14th**

6:00pm Intention

**Sunday 15th** Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Intention

**Wednesday 18th**

10:00am Intention

**Saturday 21st**

6:00pm Intention

**Sunday 22nd** Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Intention

## Please Remember in your Prayers:

**Barbara Mc Bride**, England, who died during the week. (Wife of Patrick Mc Bride).

### All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

James & Grace Mc Ginley , Jim & Betty Scanlon  
& Mickey Whoriskey.



### Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

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

### Rosary

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

### Dancing Milford Hall

Dancing at the Milford Hall continues on Thursday evenings from 8:30-10:30pm.

### New to the Parish?

If you are new to the parish and would like a box of envelopes to make a weekly contribution then please contact the Sacristy or the Parochial House, Milford on 074 9153236. Thank you.

### Anniversary Masses in Milford

An Anniversary Mass for those deceased over 10 years can be arranged for a weekday morning Mass in Milford. For all other Anniversaries please book early to avoid disappointment.

### 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.

### Church Gate Collection

The Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage Invalid Fund Church Gate Collection will be taken up at all Masses on the weekend of Sat 21st & Sun 22nd January. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

### Fr. Damien

Fr. Damien will be returning to the Parish the weekend of the **Saturday 28th & Sunday 29th January**. Anyone who wishes to receive his individual blessing can do so after Mass in Milford on the Saturday or Sunday. Fr. Damien regrets that due to the time frame between Masses he is unable to offer his blessing after Mass in Kerrykeel. All are welcome to receive his blessing in Milford.

### Dates to Remember—2017

**Ash Wednesday** - 1st March 2017.

**Easter Sunday** – 16th April 2017.

### Confirmation

Saturday 1st April in St. Peter's Church, Milford @ 11am.

### Kerrykeel & Milford First Communion

Saturday 13th May @ 11am in both Churches.

### Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery

Sunday 30th July @ 3pm.

### Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery

Sunday 6th August @ 3pm.

### St. Joseph's National School

St. Joseph's National School are holding an enrolment day on Friday 20th January from 1pm-3pm.

### Couch to 5km Trialough

Still not too late to join.

Starting Tuesday 10th January @ 8.15pm

Tues, Wed & Friday @ 8.15pm.

### Rosnakill Activity Centre

Jiving with Paul Mc Cahill  
Every Wednesday night @ 8.30pm.

### Pioneer Association

The Annual Pioneer Association Church Gate Collection will take place at church gates all over the Raphoe Diocese this weekend.

### **MUSINGS: Lamb of God**

Say a prayer today for the Church in Syria which is being decimated by five years of war. It was the Syrian Church in the seventh century that gave us the prayer Lamb of God which we recite three times at Sunday Mass. A timely prayer for mercy and peace to prevail in face of the pervasive warring 'sin of the world'.

Not the Lamb, 'meek and mild' of Blake's poem of Innocence, in Mass today, but the 'Lamb who was slain', mentioned thirty times in the Apocalypse, and identified by Philip in Acts 8 as the Suffering Servant for the benefit of the open minded and enquiring Ethiopian.

John the Baptist was the first to say Jesus is the Lamb of God, the first to say in a universalist way that Christ would take away not only Israel's sin but the sin of the whole world. His weapons are mercy and peace.  
Spread them widely.

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

**Milford:** €1,228.00

**Kerrykeel:** €300.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

### *Thought for the Week*

*In matters of style,  
swim the current.  
In matters of  
principles stand like  
a rock.*

*T. Jefferson*

### Milford Hall Bingo

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

**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000.00

**Second Snowball**  
€4,950.00



## Church Ministries



### *Milford*

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 21st January**

L. Sterritt & J. Ferry

**Sun 22nd January**

L. Mc Bride & D. Ferry

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 21st January**

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

**Sun 22nd January**

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

### *Children's Liturgy*

**Sun 22nd Jan** Team D

Third Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

**Sun 29th Jan** Team A

Fourth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

### *Kerrykeel*

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 21st January**

Phonsie Mc Ateer  
Orla Mc Ateer

**Sun 22nd January**

Brid Dougherty

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 21st January**

Jacinta Callaghan

**Sun 22nd January**

Eileen Mc Ateer