

# Parish Newsletter

**Pentecost  
Sunday  
Year C**

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## Catching Fire

*Unless the eye catch fire,  
The God will not be seen.  
Unless the ear catch fire  
The God will not be heard.  
Unless the tongue catch fire  
The God will not be named.  
Unless the heart catch fire,  
The God will not be loved.  
Unless the mind catch fire,  
The God will not be known.*  
from 'Pentecost' by William Blake



The arrival of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was by no means a quiet or gentle event. First there was a powerful wind from heaven – so loud it filled not just the room the apostles were in, but the whole house. Tongues of fire came to rest on their heads, and they suddenly began to speak in foreign languages as they were 'filled with the Holy Spirit'. It must have been a chaotic, intense scene.

The poem 'Pentecost' by 19th century poet William Blake captures some of the power of the scene, with its repetition of the phrase 'catch fire'. When a piece of news or gossip gets around quickly, we say it 'spreads like wildfire'. By its very nature, fire jumps from one thing to another, burning more intensely the more it spreads.

The symbol of tongues of fire is apt, then. The arrival of the Holy Spirit propels the apostles from the room where they were huddled out into the street. They simply cannot contain themselves as they begin to preach and to spread the Good News far and wide – like wildfire.

Triona Doherty

## St. Peter's Church, Milford

**Saturday 14th**  
7:30 pm Frances Friel (Months Mind)

**Sunday 15th Pentecost Sunday**  
11:00 am Intention

**Tuesday 17th**  
10:00am Intention

**Thursday 19th**  
7:00 pm Mary Durning (1st Anniv)

**Friday 20th**  
7:00pm **St Mary's Church Site Lagg Mass**

**Saturday 21st**  
7:30 pm PJ Crerand (Anniv)

**Sunday 22nd The Most Holy Trinity**  
11:00 am Paddy Toye (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**  
6:00 pm Intention

**Sunday 15th Pentecost Sunday**  
9:30am Intention

**Wednesday 18th**  
10:00am Intention

**Saturday 21st**  
6:00 pm Intention

**Sunday 22nd The Most Holy Trinity**  
9:30am Intention

## Please Remember in your Prayers:

**Brigid Hannigan**, Forquar, whose funeral took place on Wednesday in Milford.  
**Frances Friel**, whose Months Mind Mass takes place this weekend in Milford.  
**Mary Durning**, whose 1st Anniversary Mass takes place in Milford on Thursday.  
**All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**  
James Doherty, Marjorie O Donnell, Jimmy Mc Monagle & Sarah Toland.



### 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.

### Baptisms—Milford and Kerrykeel

Baptisms in Milford can be arranged for a Saturday at 4pm only and Sunday after 11am Mass. In Kerrykeel on a Saturday at 5pm.

### Lough Derg Pilgrimage

A 3 day Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Deg will take place from the 4th July.  
More details later.

### Milford Care of the Aged

A date for the diary - Our Annual Summer Trip away will take place on Wednesday June 22nd, 2016. We are heading to East Donegal (Inishowen) Way with a few stops along the way to take in the beauty of this side of the County. We will give you more details over the next few weeks but if you would like to book, please call either Grace or Bridin on 91 53624 or 086 8283153.

### Dates To Remember:

#### **Mass in St. Mary's Church Site, Lagg**

Friday 20th May @ 7pm.

#### **Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery**

Sunday 31st July @ 3pm.

#### **Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery**

Sunday 7th August @ 3pm.

### CHILDRENS LITURGY

#### HELP URGENTLY NEEDED!

The Children's liturgy group urgently require new Adult helpers or we will not be able to continue under the Child Protection guidelines. It involves helping out once a month as part of the Children's liturgy team (no special skills required however training in provided within the teams) Children's liturgy first started in St Peters Church, Milford in 1997. We want it to continue so please consider offering your help. Please give your name TODAY to any member of the Children's Liturgy teams or to Fr Adrian/Tommy or contact Gretta Ferry Co-ordinator 086 8826664

### Our Lady One Day Retreat

A one day retreat in honour of Our Lady will take place in Donegal Town Parish Centre, Saturday 28th May 10am-4pm. Mass, Talks, Adoration, Confession, Rosary will be offered. Director Fr. Freddie Warner SMA. Please bring a packed Lunch. Tea/Coffee supplied. Call 085 1503003 for further info.

### Have You Ever Considered Priesthood?

A Vocations Information Day on Diocesan Priesthood will be held at 12 noon in Ards Friary, Creeslough, next Saturday, 21st May. For further information, please contact Fr. Rory Brady at 0879141606.

### Family Carers Ireland

Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Care Skills module in Donegal Town June 2016 and also in Letterkenny on the on the 12/05/2016. This is one of the mandatory modules off the full QQI Healthcare Award and is run one day a week for five weeks from 9.30am to 4.30pm. This Training is delivered by one of our qualified tutors with a nursing background. For more info or to express an interested kindly contact our training department on 05793 70221.



### **Confirmations**

Congratulations to the young people of our Parish who were confirmed in St. Catherine's Church, Oughterlin this weekend. Thanks to all the teachers for all their work with them over the past couple of months preparing the children and to their parents for helping out with the running of the Confirmation programme 'You shall be my witness...' in the parish. Hope you had a great and rewarding day and may you always be aware of the Holy Spirit in your lives and its presents with you.

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

**Milford:** €1,025.00  
**Kerrykeel:** €330.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

### Thought for the Week

*Man creates culture and through culture creates himself.*  
*Pope John Paul II*

### Milford Hall Bingo

Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.  
**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00  
**Second Snowball**  
€3,600. 00



## Church Ministries



### Milford

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 21st May**

R. Mc Elwaine & R.O' Reilly Duff

**Sun 22nd May**

S. Greene & A. Doherty

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 21st May**

K. Logan, M. Mc Nulty & O. Gallagher

**Sun 22nd May**

T. Reynolds, S. Lynch & Bernie O Donnell

### Children's Liturgy

**Sun 22nd May Team B**

The most Holy trinity  
Year C

**Sun 29th May Team C**

The most Holy Body and Blood of Christ  
Year C

### Kerrykeel

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 21st May**

Joe Harkin  
Patrick Gallagher

**Sun 22nd May**

Joe Ferry

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 21st May**

Brian Mc Garvey  
**Sun 22nd May**  
Moira Stilvern