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THE DEEP END

In today's Gospel Mary Magdalen is highlighted as the woman who is the first witness of the resurrection. Mary and the two disciples must have been very confused and upset as they tried to understand what had happened to Jesus' body. Reading this story can bring many emotions for us: fear and confusion at death, or even a feeling of euphoria and joy at the realisation that death is not the end. If we have lost a loved one, we might feel comforted in the knowledge that we will be reunited with them once more. Jesus comes into situations of despair, disappointment and doubt and, as with Mary after this incident, comes in the form of a stranger, gently calling her name. The Risen Lord seems to meet us in familiar territory, where we least expect it.

We might ask the Lord today for the strength and courage to allow him to break into our lives once more, to help us to be free of whatever it is that causes 'death' in our lives, to help us to let go, to be open to recognising him in our most painful moments and in the most familiar places.

'God of openness, of life and of resurrection, come into this Easter season and bless me. Look around at the tight, dead spaces of my heart. Bring your gentle but firm love ... Open me. Open me. Open me. For it is only then I will grow and change, for it is only then that I will be transformed. For it is only then that I will know how it is. To be in the moment of rising from the dead.'

Joyce Rupp

HAPPY EASTER

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 15th Holy Saturday
7:00pm Easter Vigil
Sunday 16th Easter Sunday
6:15am Easter Dawn Mass Glenvar
11:00am Intention

No Weekday Masses

Saturday 22nd
7:30pm Enda O Donnell (Anniv)
Sunday 23rd Second Sunday of Easter
11:00am Frances Friel (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 15th Holy Saturday
9:00pm Easter Vigil
Sunday 16th Easter Sunday
6:15am Easter Dawn Mass Glenvar
9:30am Intention

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6:00pm Kathleen Mc Ginley (Anniv)
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Please Remember in your Prayers:

Sr. Tessa Mc Paul, Dublin/Cratlagh, whose funeral took place in Dublin during the week. (Sister of Eddie Mc Paul)

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Barney Marley, Simon & Alec Mc Ginley & Val Johnson.



Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

This is a dedicated confidential number, just leave a 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.

CE Vacancy

Milford Kerrykeel CE Project have a vacancy for a General Worker in Kerrykeel Church & Old School. Must be aged 25+ and in receipt of benefits for 1 year or more. For further information contact James on 086 8212778.

Trócaire Boxes

It would be appreciated if you would kindly change the contents of your Trócaire boxes and use envelope provided for the collection. Thank you.

Milford GAA Notes

Milford GAA will play their first home game in League Div 1 on Easter Sunday when they play Dungloe, Reserves at 12MD and seniors at 1.30pm. All support welcome".



Kerrykeel Country Market

Kerrykeel Country Market will run on Friday mornings for a trial period starting on Friday 21st April. Please let your family & friends know that our market day is now Friday from 11:00am til 12 noon, instead of Saturday.

Slimming World

Slimming World voucher in this weeks Best Magazine out on 12th of April you can join or rejoin for just €9. So come along to Mulroy Woods Hotel on Wednesdays 5:30pm-7:30pm. Contact Geraldine 0863348048.

Book launch in Knock

You're invited to a book launch in Knock Shrine bookshop on Saturday 22nd April at 2.30pm: "The Lamb Will Conquer: Reflections on the Knock Apparition" by Fr Nigel Woollen (curate of Knock), launched by Most Rev. Fintan Monahan, Bishop of Killaloe. Book also available (€10) on Knock Shrine and Veritas websites.

Milford/ Rathmullan Community Games

Milford/ Rathmullan Community Games Annual 5Km Run/Walk will take place on Friday 21st April. Registration Moyle View Park from 6:00pm with refreshments after in Clubhouse.

Entry Fee: €8 Runners & €5 Walkers

MUSINGS:

Easter is a Verb

Christians are Easter people. What that means to me is that we are dynamic: always growing, changing, moving, and engaging. Even those of us who cannot be 'in motion' physically – because of necessary employment, family responsibilities or health issues – can experience the interior 'movements' of the soul. Every day the Risen Christ invites us to move, to allow the breaking open that happens in a heart that is open to God and to all that divine love brings to us. We sense the inner movement, we listen to the voice of the Spirit, we pay attention to even fleeting emotions and responses that can be, in God's hands, tools for our ongoing creation.' (Vinita Hampton Wright, from her blog 'Days of Deepening Friendship')

Neither Peter nor John come to believe in the Resurrection without enduring confusion and uncertainty. But out of the confusion comes clarity. The empty tomb can only mean that Jesus is truly alive – raised and transformed by the Father. If Jesus is truly risen, then so are we. As we were one with him in his suffering, so are we now one with him in his risen joy. Alleluia!



Church Ministries



Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,075.00

Kerrykeel: €395.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

Often the best way to win is to forget to keep score.

Marianne Espinosa

Milford Hall Bingo

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

Snowball tonight is: €8,000. 00

Second Snowball €5,600. 00

Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 22nd April

P. Mc Laughlin & J. Mc Groy

Sun 23rd April

W. Felle

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 22nd April

M. E Gillespie, E. Dyke & H. Doherty

Sun 23rd April

S. O Donnell, K. Ferry, & C. O Sullivan

Children's Liturgy

Sun 23rd April Team A
Second Sunday of Easter

Sun 30th April Team B
Third Sunday of Easter

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 22nd April

K. Mc Groy & Laimis Samoska

Sun 23rd April

Aine Mc Ateer

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 22nd April

Brian Mc Garvey

Sun 23rd April

Moira Stilvern