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### THE DEEP END

#### The Generous Sower

Can you picture it? I love the image of Jesus sitting in a boat, addressing the crowds on the beach. He certainly knew how to hold their attention. And he knew they would understand him more clearly if he used the language of stories. Those listening would have been familiar with the cycle of planting seeds and waiting for them to produce a crop. One of the purposes of parables is to challenge the hearers to reflect and respond with faith. So this parable of the sower requires Jesus' audience to decide what kind of soil they are. There is a message of judgment for those who are hardened like the rocky soil, and a message of hope for those who are receptive like the rich soil.

The figure of the sower is important too. The sower does not confine the seeds to soil that is fertile and ready for growth. Rather, the seeds are scattered everywhere – on the path, patches of rock, and among thorns. Jesus does not discriminate. His love is given out for all. He knows that some of it may be rejected, or accepted only on a superficial level, but he offers it anyway. That offer of love is never withdrawn. It might take a while to bear fruit, but it is always there.

‘Always there are doors that are not closed. Look for the doors that are at least a little bit open, enter and talk about common things and go on. Step by step.’

Pope Francis

Triona Doherty

### St. Peter's Church, Milford

#### Saturday 15th

7:30pm Margaret & Paddy Doherty (Anniv)

#### Sunday 16th Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Helena Duffy (1st Anniv)

#### Tuesday 18th

10:00am Intention

#### Friday 21st

10:00am Intention

#### Saturday 22nd

7:30pm Mena & Kevin Begley (Anniv)

#### Sunday 23rd Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Charlie & Grace Mc Gettigan (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

6:00pm Grace Doherty (Anniv)

#### Sunday 16th Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Intention

No weekday Mass

#### Saturday 22nd

6:00pm Intention

#### Sunday 23rd Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Intention

**Please Remember in your Prayers:**

**Tony Mc Gill**, who died recently (Brother of Helen Doherty).

**Helena Duffy**, whose 1st Anniversary Mass takes place in Milford this weekend.

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

Grace Doherty, Margaret & Paddy Doherty, Phonsie Mc Goldrick, Hughie Cannon & Beatrice Curlionis.



**Local SVdeP number 086 0611040**

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

**Emergency Calls**

As Fr. Gavigan is away please contact Fr. Martin Colum in Rathmulan in the case of an emergency on 074 9158156. The secretary will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday between the hours of 10am & 2pm, or just leave your number and a message on our voicemail and we'll get back to you.

**Dates to Remember—2017**

**Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery**

Sunday 30th July @ 3pm.

**Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery**

Sunday 6th August @ 1pm. **Please note change of time.**

**Graveyard Mass Milford -Time Change**

Due to our new Bishop being installed to our Diocese on Sunday 6th of August our Graveyard Mass in Milford this year will take place at the earlier time of 1pm that day.

**Please bring a small bottle of holy water along to the graveyard Masses in both Tully & Milford for the blessing of the graves.**

**Milford Graveyard—New Policy**

As we have now moved to the new part of our graveyard we have put a new policy in place regarding surrounds on graves. While having a headstone erected on your loved ones grave, it is our policy that **No surround** is to be erected to any grave in the new part of our graveyard. Your co-operation regarding this policy would be greatly appreciated. Thank You.

**Keep our Graveyards Clean**

While everyone is working hard to have the Cemeteries looking good at all times it would be appreciated if a special effort would be made to have them looking well for the annual cemetery Masses in the Parish which will take place in the next few weeks. Could everyone please ensure that they remove used wreaths and flowers from the graveyard and dispose of them at home. Please do not have old wreaths etc. left lying around the cemetery as it makes the place look untidy. Thank you for your cooperation.

**Church Ministries**

If any ministers of the Word or Eucharist are unable to attend Mass on the day you are scheduled on your respective rotas, could you **please** arrange with another minister to provide cover for you. Thank you.

**Special Collection – After Communion**

The Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference has announced that special collections at all Masses will take place across Ireland on the weekend of 22 and 23 July to fund life-saving aid for people currently affected by the devastating hunger crisis in east-Africa. The money raised will be donated to Trócaire, the overseas development agency of the Catholic Church in Ireland, which is delivering emergency food, water and health care to the 25 million people affected.

**Milford And District Adventure Race**

Notice To Residents living along main roads: Kerrykeel, Killavie, Knockalla, Glenvar, Aughterlin, Garygort, Glenalla, Rathmullan, Ray, Lagg Road and main Milford Road. The MAD- Milford And District Adventure Race (cycling) will take place on the above roads on Saturday 22nd July from 8.30am to 3pm approximately. Residents and motorists are asked to be mindful of cyclists at the above times. The routes will be signed beforehand and marshals will be on duty throughout the day.

**Glenvar Community Employment Scheme**

A vacancy on the community employment scheme will arise in the next few weeks in Glenvar. If interested please contact Anthony Murphy on 086 8131654 with P.P.S. No. and Date of Birth.

<p><b>Church Collections for last weekend were:</b></p> <p>Milford: €990.00</p> <p>Kerrykeel: €315.00</p>	<p><i>Thought for the Week</i></p> <p><i>If God exists, Everything is Possible: If there Is no God, Everything is Permitted.</i></p>
<p>Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.</p>	<p><b>Milford Hall Bingo</b> Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm in the Hall. <b>Snowball tonight is:</b> €8,000. 00 <b>Second Snowball</b> €6,250. 00</p>



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<p><b>Milford</b></p> <p><b>Ministers of the Word</b> <b>Sat 22nd July</b> James Gibbons <b>Sun 23rd July</b> Geraldine Mc Gee</p>	<p><b>Children's Liturgy</b></p> <p>The Children's liturgy are on holidays for the summer months and will resume in September.</p>	<p><b>Kerrykeel</b></p> <p><b>Ministers of the Word</b> <b>Sat 22nd July</b> Joe Harkin <b>Sun 23rd July</b> Cabrini Friel</p>
<p><b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b> <b>Sat 22nd July</b> P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie &amp; B. O'Donnell <b>Sun 23rd July</b> C. Mc Gettigan, M. Mc Fadden &amp; M. Mc Groy</p>	 <p>Summer Vacation</p>	<p><b>Ministers of the Eucharist</b> <b>Sat 22nd July</b> Noreen Mc Fadden <b>Sun 23rd July</b> Gretta Mc Fadden</p>