

Parish Newsletter

Thirty-Third Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year A

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The Parable of the Talents

The parable we read today is not a lesson in capitalism. We must bear in mind that Jesus is frustrated with those who had been entrusted with ministering to his people. They had excluded the people and laid heavy burdens upon them. When we read the parable in this sense we can understand the exasperation of the Master. The talents should have been used to transform people's lives; used for embracing those on the margins; for standing up against injustice and inequality in the world. Yet many were afraid or blind to this, so they hid the talents and did not multiply them. It is a safer place to be.

Compare this outcome to the other servants. There is a beautiful verse in both cases which reads 'enter into the joy of your master'. Is this not what happens when we find that path that is right for us? Joy! When we use our talents and gifts in work or projects that are life-giving and meeting the needs of our communities? Joy is a fantastic emotion; a sign of God's grace. Despite the frustrations of whatever work we are involved in, the presence of joy is one sign that we are on the Kingdom track. The challenge is not to be afraid to go out there. Pope Francis asks that we have the 'smell of the sheep' and calls us to 'be courageous. A Church that does not go out of itself, sooner or later, sickens from the stale air of closed rooms'.

Jane Mellett

WORK FOR THE LORD!



MUSINGS

The nineteenth-century English convert, Fr Frederick W. Faber, is perhaps best known for his composition of Faith of Our Fathers. However, another of his hymns, which speaks of God's limitless mercy, communicates an even more powerful message: 'There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea'. Faber notes, however, that 'we make his love too narrow by false limits of our own; and we magnify his strictness with a zeal he will not own.' And so we create a God who reflects our sense of justice rather than his. To paraphrase Voltaire: God made us in his image and likeness – and we have repaid the compliment.

Salvador Ryan

St. Peter's Church, Milford	Eucharistic Adoration	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel
<p>Saturday 15th 7: 30 pm Christopher Gallagher (Anniv)</p> <p>Sunday 16th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 11: 00 am Annie McGinley (Anniv)</p> <p>Tuesday 18th 10: 00 am Rose & George McLaughlin (Anniv)</p> <p>Thursday 20th 10: 00 am Bernard Rafferty (Anniv)</p> <p>Friday 21st 10: 00 am Annie Hannigan (Anniv)</p> <p>Saturday 22nd 7: 30 pm Kathleen McFadden (Anniv)</p> <p>Sunday 23rd in Ordinary Time 11: 00 am James & Liam Peoples (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 15th 6: 00 pm Enda Waters (Anniv)</p> <p>Sunday 16th 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9: 30 am Intention</p> <p>Wednesday 19th 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p>Saturday 22nd 6: 00 pm Daniel & Margaret McLaughlin (Anniv)</p> <p>Sunday 23rd 34th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9: 30 am James Friel (Anniv)</p>

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Jim Brougham, Kerrykeel, who died on Monday and whose funeral took place on Thursday

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

Christopher Gallagher, Annie McGinley, Enda Waters, Rose & George McLaughlin, Annie Hannigan, Bernard Rafferty, Johnnie O'Donnell, Patsy McCafferty, Mary Martin, Terry Grier, James Grier, Hughie Shields, Mary & Patrick Crerand



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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 in the Milford Hall on Thursdays at 8pm. Admission €5. All welcome

Milford Parish Monster Bingo

The Milford Parish Monster Bingo will be held in the Milford Inn Hotel on Sunday December 7th starting at 7pm - doors opening at 6pm. All Welcome.

Milford Parish Monster Bingo - Guess the Weight of the Cake

The Cake will be in Mc Gettigans Butchers for "Guess the Weight of the Cake" and Hamper lines will be distributed throughout the town over the coming weeks. If you wish to donate spot prizes for the Bingo, please leave them in the Parochial House. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Lights Switch On

Milford Christmas lights switch on will take place on Saturday 29th November at 8pm approx (after Mass). Hopefully there will be an early appearance from the North Pole's most famous resident!

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy need new people to help with liturgy at Sunday Mass. Anyone interested please give your name to any member of the liturgy group or to the Parochial House on 074 9153236.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara is holding a bereavement Information Evening on Thursday 20th Nov from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Pastoral Centre, Letterkenny. The guest speaker is Brid Carroll and the topic is "Coping with loss when a child dies". All Anam Cara Services are available free of charge to bereaved parents. Anam Cara need to confirm numbers for room set up, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Tuesday 18th November or call us on 01 4045378.

Milford Community Care of the Aged

Due to unforeseen circumstances, our Christmas party will now take place in the Milford Inn Hotel on December 11th along with the Golden Years. It will commence at 1pm with lunch, bingo and music. The cost of the day is €15 per person. If you wish to come along, please contact Grace on 91 53624.

Money Found

A sum of money was found in the Church in Milford, contact the Sacristy.

Pioneer Meeting

There will be a pioneer meeting in the Oratory of St. Peter's on Tuesday 18th November at 8:30pm. All members of the association and anybody wishing to obtain information are invited to attend.

Whoriskey Christmas Lights Switch On

Whoriskey's Christmas Lights Switch On will take place on Saturday 29th November. Carol singing at 7 o'clock followed by switch on at 7.30 by Santa Claus. Hot chocolate, mulled wine, and mince pies for all. Chosen charities this year are Autism Support Unit at Woodlands N.S and Aquired Brain Injury Support, Letterkenny.

Charity Clothing Collection

A Charity Clothing Collection in aid of Cancer Cure Control Care (CCCC) will take place on Saturday 22nd November in Milford Parish Hall between 10.30-3.30pm. All items of clothing, shoes, bags and household textiles accepted (no bric a brac). Bags can be collected by arrangement. For more further info contact Mick on 086-3821979.

Charity Christmas Cards

Christmas cards in aid of Cancer Care West for sale. Pack of 12 cards €7.00. Contact Martha Ward on 0749150927 or 0879049967. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Coffee Morning

There will be a coffee morning in the Community Hospital, Ramelton on Friday 21st November from 10am-1pm in aid of the patients comfort fund. All welcome.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,210.00
Kerrykeel: €380.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

We love those who know the worst of us and don't turn their faces away.
Walker Perry

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€2,450. 00

Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 22nd November
M. Carr & P. McCarron
Sun 23rd November
S. Greene & S. Friel

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 22nd November
M. McNulty, O. Gallagher, M.E. Gillespie & E. Dyke
Sun 23rd November
C. McGettigan, M. McFadden, M. McRory & Bernie O'Donnell

Children's Liturgy

Sun 23rd November Team D
Thirty-Fourth Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year A

Sun 30th November Team A
First Sunday of Advent
Year B

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 22nd November
Joe Harkin
Sun 23rd November
Joe Ferry

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 22nd November
Winnie Sandilands
Sun 23rd November
Moira Stilvern

