

Parish Newsletter

The Ascension of
the Lord
Year B

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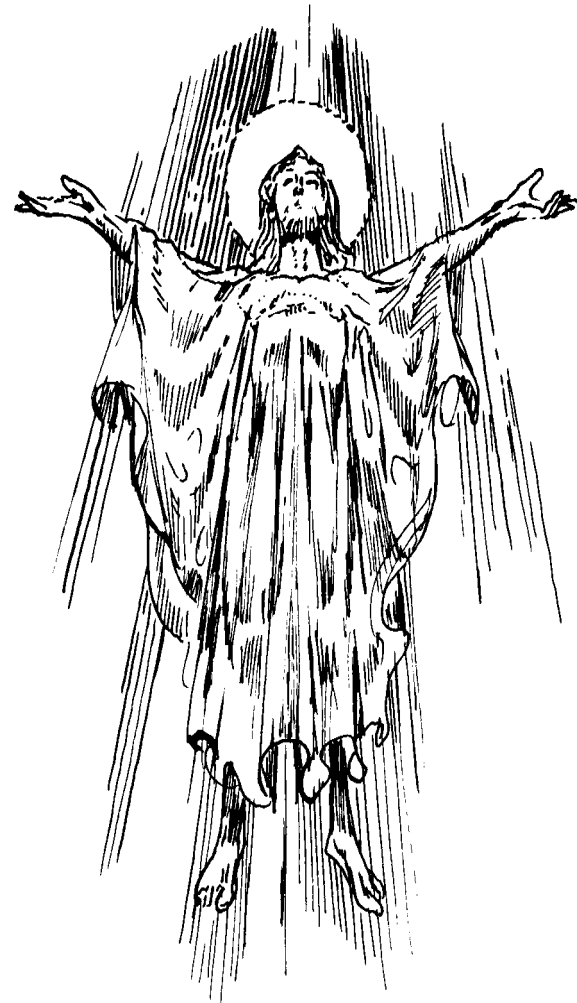
AND THE LORD WORKED WITH THEM...

The fear experienced by the women and the disciples at the end of the Gospel of Mark shows us that even when we have profound spiritual experiences, fear can often force us into silence. The account of the ascension in Mark which we read today urges us not to be afraid but to go out. The Gospel of Mark is a Gospel for hard times, for those who are struggling. This ending aims to empower us and give us courage even when the world around us tells us otherwise. It urges us to 'Go' and tell.

The disciples 'went out'; bringing 'good news' everywhere. We too are called to be Easter People because we live with an assurance that pain, death and grief will not have the last word and we dare to shine the light of hope and wholeness into the empty tomb. Where have you encountered Easter People in your own life? How do you communicate this risen Jesus to others? How can we be Easter People to others? This is the challenge of the Gospel today. To bring Christ's love and assurance to all we meet.

'God has given us the power to create beauty, to make another smile, to be a healing presence in someone's sorrow, to bring justice to the oppressed, to console those in difficulty, to bring peace and joy to others, to help those in need, to laugh and enjoy life, to do good and turn from evil, to forgive those who have hurt us, and, most of all, to love.'

Iris Perez



St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 16th
7:30pm Jim Mc Devitt (Months Mind)
Sunday 17th
11:00 am **The Ascension Of The Lord**
James Mc Paul (Months Mind)

Tuesday 19th
10:00am Intention

Thursday 21st
10:00am Intention

Saturday 23rd
7:30pm Intention

Sunday 24th
11:00 am **Pentecost Sunday**
P.J. Crerand (Anniv)

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel
9:00 am – 8:00 pm
Thursday's - Milford
10:00 am – 10:00 pm
(Directed Holy Hour from
9:00 pm every second
Thursday of the month)

Confessions

Milford
After 7:30 pm Mass
every Saturday

Kerrykeel
5:30 pm on Saturday's

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel

Saturday 16th
6:00 pm Intention

Sunday 17th
9:30 am **The Ascension Of The Lord**
Intention

Wednesday 20th
10:00am Intention

Saturday 23rd
6:00 pm Special Intention

Sunday 24th
9:30 am **Pentecost Sunday**
Dominic Mc Ginley (Anniv)

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Patrick Mc Fadden, Letterkenny/Milford, whose funeral took place in Letterkenny on Thursday.

Kathleen Barry, whose funeral took place in Newbridge, Co Kildare. (Mother of Dr. Barry)

Jim Mc Devitt, whose Months Mind Mass takes place in Milford this weekend.

James Mc Paul, whose Months Mind Mass takes place in Milford this weekend.

All those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:

Willie Peoples.



St. Vincent De Paul

The local St. Vincent De Paul number
086 0611040 .

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. For all other Anniversaries please book early to avoid disappointment.

Grass Cutting

Milford parish would like to invite tenders for grass & hedge cutting around the parochial house and St. Peter's Church. Anyone interested contact Fr. Adrian 074 9153236.

Kerrykeel Country Market

Kerrykeel Country Market are holding a baby farm animal show on Sat 30th May, more information to follow.

Note Change

May - The Month of Our Lady

During the month of May the Rosary will be recited at the Grotto beside Milford Bakery on Wednesday's at **6.15 pm** and also at the Shrine in Mt. Marian every Wednesday at 6:30pm. All welcome to come along and participate.

Public Notice

Donegal County Council propose to hold a public meeting in relation to the provision of public toilets in Rathmullan.

It is proposed to hold this meeting on: Wednesday 20th May, 2015 at 7.00pm in The Rathmullan & District Resource Centre, Rathmullan.

Antenatal classes

Antenatal classes will commence in The Ramelton Health Centre on Wednesday 27th May 2015 at 3pm. For further details please phone one of the Public Health Nurses at the following numbers. Ramelton 9151527 / Rathmullan 9158322 / Milford 9153108.

Fundraising Car Wash

The committee of Rab's Park , Kerrykeel will hold a fundraising car wash during the June bank Holiday weekend on Kerrykeel Pier . More details to follow.

Parish Pastoral Council

A meeting of The Parish Pastoral Council will take place in Parochial House, Rathmullan on Tuesday 19th May at 7:30pm.

Dates to Remember in 2015

Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery

Sunday 26th July 2015 @ 3pm

Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery

Sunday 2nd August 2015 @ 3pm

Seeing Your Life Through The Lens Of The Gospels

Mark 16:15-20

1. In the preceding verse Jesus had rebuked the apostles for their lack of faith. Despite this he commissioned them to bring the Good News to the whole world. Witnesses to the Good News do not have to be perfect. There is encouragement to us in this. To whom have you brought good news? Who has been a messenger of good news to you?

2. Jesus then tells them that their witness will have quite dramatic effects, helping people to overcome demons, bring them peace and healing. Things happen when we have belief in ourselves and in God. Strong faith can enable us to meet and overcome difficulties, in ways that waverers cannot do. Perhaps you have had experience of this?

3. The ascension marked the end of the visible presence of Jesus with the disciples, but he was with them in other ways. 'The Lord worked with them.'

Sometimes we can experience that death is not the end of the presence of someone significant to us. We can experience the unseen presence and influence of a parent, a friend or an inspiring leader, after they have died. Has this happened for you? Have you also experienced the hidden presence of the Lord working with you?

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,110.00
Kerrykeel: €245.00

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
€3,650. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 23rd May

James Gibbons

Sun 24h May

Geraldine Mc Gee

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 23rd May

P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie,

B. O'Donnell & K. Logan

Sun 24h May

T. Reynolds, S. Lynch,

K. Ferry & C. O'Sullivan

Children's Liturgy

Sun 24th May Team B

Pentecost

Sunday

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Sun 31st May Team C

The Most

Holy Trinity

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Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 23rd May

Joe Harkin

Sun 24h May

Joe Ferry

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 23rd May

Brian Mc Garvey

Sun 24h May

Gretta Mc Fadden