

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday
of Advent
Year A

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GOD IS WITH US!



THE DEEP END

While Luke focuses on the birth of Jesus from Mary's point of view, Matthew's Gospel tells the story from Joseph's. Joseph must have been extremely confused when he learned of Mary's pregnancy. He plans to quietly 'dismiss' her so as not to put her in danger. Mary's options were bleak without Joseph; her fate is very much in his hands. He is immediately obedient and says yes to his call. Joseph welcomes Mary and gives this child the name he is instructed: Jesus.

We hear very little about Joseph in the Gospels and he is sometimes a forgotten figure in the Jesus story, yet his decision to follow God's call is hugely important as he fulfils his promise to protect Mary from danger. Joseph's 'yes' to God sets him on a dangerous path. He must protect his family and this will mean later leaving their homeland, becoming refugees fleeing the terror of Herod.

Each time God speaks to Joseph, it is through his dreams. The Word of God which comes to Joseph gives him a new meaning and a new mission in life. Today, can you reflect on how God speaks to you? In what ways do you hear God's word? And when you hear God's word, what is your response? When you have said 'yes', where has that led you? Today we can pray for those who are faced with tough decisions and who must choose the more difficult path. It requires strength and bravery.

Jane Mellet

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 17th

7:30 pm Intention

Sunday 18th Fourth Sunday of Advent

11:00 am Intention

Tuesday 20th

10:00am Intention

Thursday 22nd

10:00am Intention

Friday 23rd

10:00am Intention

Saturday 24th

7:00 pm Children's Christmas Mass

10:00pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Sunday 25th

Christmas Day

11:00 am Christmas Day Mass

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 17th

6:00 pm Peter Doherty (Anniv)

Sunday 18th Fourth Sunday in Advent

9:30am Intention

Wednesday 21st

10:00am Intention

Saturday 24th

8:30 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Sunday 25th Christmas Day

9:30am Christmas Day Mass

Please Remember in your Prayers:

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Peter Doherty, Alan Smith & Kathleen Friel.



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.

Dancing Milford Hall

Dancing at the Milford Hall continues on Thursday evenings from 8:30-10:30pm.

Mass Cards

A selection of special Christmas Mass Bouquet Cards are available for Christmas €10.

New to the Parish?

If you are new to the parish and would like a box of envelopes to make a weekly contribution then please contact the Sacristy or the Parochial House, Milford on 074 9153236. Thank you.

PARISH NEWSLETTER

No Newsletter will be printed for Sun 1st Jan

Anyone wishing to submit Announcements or Anniversaries for inclusion in the Parish Newsletter for this week please do so before **12noon Wednesday 21st December** and they will be included in the newsletter on Christmas Day on Sun 25th Dec.

Whoriskey Christmas Lights Kerrykeel

Michael and Mary Whoriskey are having their annual quiz night in the Beachcomber bar, Rathmullan on THURSDAY 29th DECEMBER at 9.30pm
All proceeds in aid of Pieta house Northwest and Mevagh Fire service Carrigart .

New Years Day - Special Mass

A special Mass will be held in Milford on Sunday 1st December- at 11am for all those who have had children baptised in St. Peter's Church in 2016.

Advent Twilight Retreat

An Advent Twilight Retreat in Preparation for Christmas will take The Pastoral Centre in Letterkenny, Monastery Avenue, is hosting a an Advent Twilight Retreat on Monday 19th of December 2016, from 7.00 pm till 10.00 pm in the Hall. This is an opportune time if you want to come away to a quiet place for prayer, reflection and Mass. The retreat director is Fr. Cathal O'Fearrai. Everyone welcome - No charge- donations welcome.

Choir Practice—Kerrykeel

A choir practice will take place in Kerrykeel Church on Wednesday evening 21st at 8:15pm. All members please attend. New members welcome.

Confessions For Christmas

Confessions for Christmas will take place on **Tuesday 20th @ 7pm in Ramelton**
Wednesday 21st @ 7pm in Kilmacrenan
Wednesday 21st @ 8pm in Milford
Thursday 22nd @ 7pm in Glenvar
Thursday 22nd @ 8pm in Kerrykeel
Confession will also take place after weekday morning Masses

Christmas Calls to Sick & Housebound

Christmas calls to the sick and housebound in the parish will take place this coming week on Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st in Milford and Kerrykeel. Normal Thursday calls will take place on Tuesday and normal Friday calls will take place on Wednesday.

Diocesan Calender

A new Diocesan Calender is available in the Sacristy at a price of €3.

Special Bingo-Milford Hall

A special Christmas Bingo will take place in the Milford Hall on Christmas Night 25th December at 8:30pm.
All Lines €30,
All Double lines €40
All Houses €100.
Books €10, small books €5.
Come along and enjoy the night.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,135.00

Kerrykeel: €325.00

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
€4,750.00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 24th December

C. Dyke & J. Jackson

Sun 25th December

B. Ward & J. Ryan

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 24th December

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

Sun 25th December

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

Children's Liturgy

Sun 25th Dec

No children's Liturgy today

Sun 1st Jan Team D

Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 24th December

Phonsie Mc Ateer

Sun 25th December

Brid Dougherty

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 24th December

Jacinta Callaghan

Sun 25th December

Gretta Mc Fadden