

# Parish Newsletter

Seventh Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
Year A

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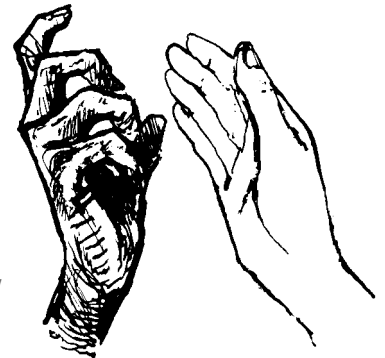
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## Turn the Other Cheek

Today we hear and read one of the most famous passages in the Gospels: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you. It is a radical text and not so easy. How can we be expected to love those who have hurt us or done harm to us? Anthony de Mello, an Indian Jesuit who wrote many books on spirituality, spoke often about the concept of 'loving enemies'. When someone hurts us, when someone triggers emotional pain in us, de Mello suggests that we try to come to the realisation that we are 'standing before our benefactor'. The situation is a reminder that we are still to grow and we are hurt because someone has not met our expectations. It is these expectations that we must let go of. We can learn from the other who has wronged us: how has this affected me? What do I need to let go of?



The teachings in this passage are radical and go against what we hear around us in our world like calls for retribution and revenge. However Jesus has high expectations of his followers, to go against the grain. Jesus is not encouraging passiveness. He is inviting people to a 'third way': to make a non-violent stand when faced with persecution. By 'offering the other cheek' we allow for the potential of conversion of the other to a realisation of what they have done. The easy option is to retaliate, to not see our brother or sister standing before us. We can offer them an opportunity to see our own sacred humanity. 'Loving our enemies' is a call to constantly move towards restoring relationships, offering mercy and peace.

'An eye for an eye will leave the whole world blind'.

Gandhi

Jane Mellet

**Lenten Trócaire Boxes are available in both Churches, please take one for your home**

### St. Peter's Church, Milford

#### Saturday 18th

7:30pm Paul & Anthony Peoples (Anniv)

#### Sunday 19th Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Mary Ward (Anniv)

#### Tuesday 21st

10:00am Intention

#### Thursday 23rd

10:00am Intention

#### Friday 24th

10:00am Intention

#### Saturday 25th

7:30pm Paddy O Donnell (Anniv)

#### Sunday 26th Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Mary Ferry (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 18th

6:00pm Madge Friel (Anniv)

#### Sunday 19th Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Gallagher & Mc Ateer Families (Anniv)

#### Wednesday 22nd

10:00am Intention

#### Saturday 25th

6:00pm May Mc Laughlin (Anniv)

#### Sunday 26th Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Intention

## Please Remember in your Prayers:

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Madge Friel, Paul & Anthony Peoples, Mary Ward,

Members of the Gallagher & Mc Ateer Families ,Mary O Connor & Mary Ann Doherty.

### 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.

### 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.

### Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes

The Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes takes place between 22nd - 27th May 2017. For full information and booking forms contact Brenda as the Lourdes Pilgrimage Office on 074 9125090. Cost per person €699 plus bus to Belfast airport.

### Confirmation Programme

A meeting will be held in the Oratory of St Peter's church on Tues 21st @ 8pm. Could all those parents of Confirmation children who wish to take part in the programme please attend. Contact Sammy 089 4826774 for further details.

### Dates to Remember—2017

**Ash Wednesday** - 1st March 2017.

**Easter Sunday** – 16th April 2017.

#### **Confirmation**

Saturday 1st April in St. Peter's Church, Milford @ 11am.

**Kerrykeel & Milford First Communion**

Saturday 13th May @ 11am in both Churches.

**Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery**

Sunday 30th July @ 3pm.

**Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery**

Sunday 6th August @ 3pm.

### Sponsored Walk

5K Sponsored Walk in aid of Syria crisis will take place on Sunday 19th February starting at 2pm. Registration at 1pm. Starts from "Ray Community Centre. Followed by refreshments and raffle. All money raised will be taken directly to the refugees.

### Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals will hold their Church gate collection on 25/26 February. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

### Gaeil Fhanada

U12 & U14 Girls Gaelic Training will resume next Monday 20th Feb in Rossnakill hall 6-7pm. New girls welcome.

### Small Animal Welfare

Table Quiz in Aid of Small Animal Welfare will be held on Wednesday 19th April at 9:30pm in the Beachcomber Bar.

### Rinka

Rinka in Milford is starting a new term of classes for kids the week starting Feb 27th. We offer a range of dance, drama and multi activity classes for ages 3- 12. Please call Teresa 0860848312 for class details.

### Card Fundraiser-Glenvar

Note for your diary. It is hoped to run a 25 Card Fundraiser in Glenvar on 28th April.

### Annual Divine Mercy conference 25/26th

Held at the RDS. It will be streamed live again this year to the Plaza Buncrana.

Doors open on Saturday 25th February at 9am. As in previous years confessions on Sat. 2.45pm. And Mass on Sat. & Sun. on site. Light refreshments. See Divine Mercy website for speakers and timetable. For further info ring 087 291 3187/ 07493 62444.

**Want to do something special for Lent?**

**Weekday Mass times for Lent**

#### Milford

Monday - Friday

7:45am

#### Kerrykeel

Monday & Tuesday

10am

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

**Milford:** €1,325.00

**Kerrykeel:** €325.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

### *Thought for the Week*

Destiny is not a matter of chance; it is a matter of choice.

*William Jennings Bryan*

### Milford Hall Bingo

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

**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00

**Second Snowball**  
€5,200. 00



## *Church Ministries*



### *Milford*

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 25th February**

P. Mc Laughlin & M. Sweeney

**Sun 26th February**

S. Ramen & O. Friel

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 25th February**

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

**Sun 26th February**

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

### *Children's Liturgy*

**Sun 26th Feb** Team A

Eighth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time

**Sun 5th Mar** Team B

First Sunday  
of Lent

### *Kerrykeel*

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 25th February**

Joe Harkin  
Darren Friel

**Sun 26th February**

Brid Dougherty

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 25th February**

Brian Mc Garvey

**Sun 26th February**

Gretta mc Fadden