

# Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday  
of Lent  
Year A

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## THE DEEP END: Cracked

'Ring the bells that still can ring. Forget your perfect offering. There is a crack in everything ... that's how the light gets in.'  
Leonard Cohen

No one is perfect. This might seem like the most obvious statement in the world, but it's important to remember. We live in a time when people's thoughts and actions are more widely recorded and open to scrutiny than ever before. A small mistake can cost someone their reputation or livelihood. An opinion expressed, particularly online, can invite a world of insults. It appears to be easier than ever to take the moral high ground, and to dismiss a person entirely based on one thing we know about them.

This is not the way Jesus treated people, and it is not how he sees us. The Samaritan woman Jesus meets is all too aware of what the Jews think of her. She is nervous when approached by Jesus at the well. But he sees beyond the label to the person, the woman with a life story and a context of her own. He engages her in intellectual conversation, listens to her, and wins her over.

Jesus could tell the woman everything about her life, and he knows each one of us just as intimately. He knows our past and our faults, our 'cracks'. That is why he is able to speak to us, if we resolve to try and listen. It is also an important lesson in how we should treat others.

Triona Doherty

### St. Peter's Church, Milford

**Saturday 18th**  
7:30pm Oliver Peoples (Anniv)

**Sunday 19th** **Third Sunday of Lent**  
11:00am Intention

**Monday 20th**  
7:45am Intention

**Tuesday 21st**  
7:45am Intention

**Wednesday 22nd**  
7:45am Intention

**Thursday 23rd**  
7:45am Intention

**Friday 24th**  
7:45am Intention

**Saturday 25th**  
7:30pm Kathleen & Freddie Doherty (Anniv)

**Sunday 26th** **Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
11:00am Kathleen, Sarah & Eddie Kelly (Anniv)

### Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel  
9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Thursday's - Milford  
10:00 am – 10:00 pm  
(Directed Holy Hour  
from 9:00pm—  
10:00pm every  
Thursday During Lent)

### 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 Intention

**Sunday 19th** **Third Sunday of Lent**  
9:30am Intention

**Monday 20th**  
10:00am Intention

**Tuesday 21st**  
10:00am Intention

**Saturday 25th**  
6:00pm Intention

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9:30am Intention

## Please Remember in your Prayers:

**Rose Martin**, Rossnakill, whose funeral took place on Thursday in Massmount. (Mother of John Martin)

**Sarah Mc Groddy**, Carrigart, whose funeral took place in Carrigart on Tuesday. (Sister-in-law of Sophia Harrison)

**All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** Oliver Peoples, Pat Mc Fadden & Oonagh 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.

### 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.

### Adoration—Holy Hour

The directed Holy Hour will continue EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT FROM 9PM-10PM DURING LENT in the Oratory of St. Peter's Church, Milford.

### Adoration— Help Needed

We **urgently** need people to cover between 5pm and 6pm for adoration on a Thursday evening. Anyone who is available please contact Fr. Adrian or Tommy.

### Confirmation—Service of Light

A Service of Light will take place in St. Peter's Church on Friday 24th March @ 8pm for all the Confirmation children of the Parish. Could all children please bring their Baptismal Candle along to this service. Confirmation in the Parish 1st April @11am in St. Peter's Church, Milford.

### Mary's Meals

Mary's Meals would like to thank you for your donations at their recent Church Gate collections which amounted to €203.15 in Kerrykeel & €259.81 in Milford.

### The Garment of Suffering

Please leave any cloth you wish to have included in the Garment of Suffering at Easter in the baskets provided in each Church. All cloths to be left in before **Sun 9th March (Palm Sunday)**.

### Syria Refugees Crisis Sponsored Walk

Congratulations to all who participated in this walk which took place on 17th February from Ray Community Centre. A grand total of €1200 was raised which has been sent directly to refugees camps in Greece. Sincere thanks to all who helped and give their support. Much appreciated.

### CLG Baile na nGalloglach

"CLG Baile na nGalloglach will play their first home game in Division One of the All County League this Sunday 19/3/17 when they take on St Eunans, Letterkenny, at Moyle Park, Reserve Game at 11.30am and Seniors at 1pm. Please come along and lend your support for this historic occasion".

### Divine Mercy Novena

The Devine Mercy Chaplet was given to St. Faustina by Jesus and he promised "**Oh what great graces I will grant souls who will recite this Chaplet.**"

You are invited to join in praying the Devine Mercy chaplet for nine days, after the morning Mass in Milford from Mon 20th - Fri 24th and Mon 27th -Thursday 30th March.

### Knock Shrine

#### Enrichment Day for Ministers of the Word

#### Saturday 25th March

A day of reflection for Ministers of the Word focused on the spirituality and skills associated with this ministry in the Scriptures and its significance for the assembled people of God at Sunday and weekday liturgies.

Parish groups are welcome.

#### Saturday 25th March

#### 22nd Eucharistic Loreto Vigil

To celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord. 9pm-11pm: Adoration, Benediction & the Veneration of Precious Relic from the Holy House of Loreto. Mass at 11pm Fr Freddie Warner, SMA & Fr. Bernard McGuckian, SJ.

#### Remembrance Garden

On Saturday, March 25th at 12 noon, there will be a blessing and prayer ceremony, held at the Remembrance Garden at Knock Shrine. Crocus bulbs will be planted here this year in memory of all deceased children. Bereaved parents and families are welcome to attend.

#### Celebrating Family Day

Join us for a Family Day of Faith, Inspiration and Sharing on Saturday 8th April at Knock Shrine. Hear guest speakers Timothy Bartlett and Breda O'Brien discuss what to expect for the World Meeting of Families 2018. Listen to families sharing testimonies of personal journey and challenges of family life. Taking place in the Rest & Care Centre Knock from 11am with Mass at 3pm celebrated by Archbishop Diarmuid Martin. Activities and workshops will be provided for children (5 years and over) and young people attending. All are welcome.

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,285.00

Kerrykeel: €360.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

### Thought for the Week

*The penalty of not praying is the loss of one's capacity to Pray.*

E. Farrell

### Milford Hall Bingo

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

**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000.00

**Second Snowball**  
€5,400.00



## Church Ministries



### Milford

#### Ministers of the Word

#### Sat 25th March

F. Mc Ateer & J. Callum

#### Sun 26th March

D. Mc Cafferty & J. Jackson

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Sat 25th March

P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie & B. O Donnell

#### Sun 26th March

C. Mc Gettigan, M. Mc Fadden & M. Mc Rory

### Children's Liturgy

#### Sun 26th March Team A

Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### Sun 2nd April Team B

Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Kerrykeel

#### Ministers of the Word

#### Sat 25th March

Kay Mc Groy  
Leah Mc Veigh

#### Sun 26th March

Cabrini Friel

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

#### Sat 25th March

Brian Mc Garvey

#### Sun 26th March

Eileen Mc Ateer