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### THE DEEP END: Come Forth Lazarus

In today's Gospel Jesus is surrounded by a culture of death. The disciples are afraid to go back to Bethany, the Jews want to stone Jesus to death, Mary and Martha are distraught over the death of their brother Lazarus, and Lazarus himself lies bound in the darkness of the tomb. It appears as if there is no hope. Jesus weeps for his friend and for those around him.

Yet, surrounded by a culture of violence and despair, Jesus gives hope, compassion, and resurrection to those in turmoil. It is easy to say that nothing can be done when we are faced with difficult situations in our own lives. Yet Jesus says 'Lazarus, come out' and to the people he says 'Unbind him, let him go.' It is a message for all of us to come away from a culture of death; to help unbind one another and to also allow ourselves to emerge from the tomb. We are called to take away the stone. Today's Gospel is a story of liberation. Jesus gives a new insight into the power of faith over death.

'Hope means to keep living amid desperation and to keep humming in the darkness. Hope is knowing that there is love, it is trust in tomorrow, it is falling asleep and waking to work when the sun rises. In the midst of a gale at sea, it is to discover land. In the eyes of another, it is to see understanding. As long as there is hope, there will also be prayer. And God will be holding you in his loving hands.'

Henri Nouwen



#### St. Peter's Church, Milford

##### Saturday 1st

7:30pm Billy Curran (1st Anniv)

##### Sunday 2nd Fifth Sunday of Lent

11:00am Intention

##### Monday 3rd - Friday 7th

7:45am Intentions

##### Friday 7th

7:00pm April First Friday  
Monthly Anniversary Mass for the Deceased

##### Saturday 8th

7:30pm Jim Mc Devitt (Anniv)

##### Sunday 9th Palm Sunday of the Lords Passion

11:00am James Mc Paul (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 1st

6:00pm Eddie & James Mc Fadden (Anniv)

##### Sunday 2nd Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30am Hugh & Bridie Logue (Anniv)

##### Saturday 8th

6:00pm Philomena Gallagher (Anniv)

##### Sunday 9th Palm Sunday of the Lords Passion

9:30am Deceased members of the  
Mc Fadden & Scanlon Families (Anniv)

## Please Remember in your Prayers:

**Billy Curran**, Milford, whose 1st Anniversary takes place this weekend in Milford.

**All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:**

Joe Doherty, Eddie & James Mc Fadden, Hugh & Bridie Logue.

### Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

This is a dedicated confidential number, just leave a voicemail and a trained SVdeP volunteer will be in touch.

### 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.

### First Friday Calls

The monthly First Friday calls to the sick and housebound in the parish will take place this coming **Friday 7th & Monday 10th**

Milford: Friday 7th

Kerrykeel: Monday 10th

### Please Note Change to First Friday Calls This Month

### Fr. Pat Prendergast—Month's Mind Mass

The Month' Mind Mass for Fr. Pat Prendergast will take place in St. Connell's Church, Glenties on Saturday 8th April @ 11am.

### Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding its next monthly Parent Evening on 13<sup>th</sup> of April from 19:30 to 21:00 in the Mount Errigal Hotel. This event is open to all bereaved parents regardless of the age your child died, the circumstances of their death, or whether the death was recent or not.

### Eucharistic Adoration

Want to do something different for Lent?

#### Friday 7th April

**Kerrykeel:** 9am-9 pm (12 hours)

**Milford:** 7pm -7 pm (24 hours)

*Sheets are available in both Kerrykeel & Milford Churches if you would like to sign up to take part in the 12 hour Eucharistic Adoration on Friday 7th April in Kerrykeel @ 9.00am or the 24 hour*

*Eucharistic Adoration in Milford beginning on Friday 7th April @ 7:00 pm.*

*Everyone welcome to take part.*

**Please note No Adoration on Tuesday 4th April in Kerrykeel or Thursday 6th April in Milford**

### Roadside Clean-up

A roadside clean-up is planned for the morning of Good Friday in the following areas: Moyle Hill to Drumman School, Drumman, Ballyare, Tully, Tullymountain and any other area which wants to be involved. We are encouraging children to get involved, but they must be accompanied by an adult at all times. High Viz Vests must be worn at all times and these along with bags, pickers, and gloves will be supplied. Anyone interested should contact Brendan Ward on 086340 9183. Your help would be greatly appreciated to "Keep Our Community Tidy"

### 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 April (Palm Sunday).**

### Notice of AGM

Kerrykeel Tidy Towns will hold its AGM on Tuesday 4th April 2017, in Rabs Park Clubhouse at 8.30pm. This is a public meeting, and everyone with an interest in having the village looking well is invited to attend. A report will be given on what has been carried out over the past year, and what plans are in place for 2017. New members and volunteers very welcome!



### Confirmations

Congratulations to the 53 young people of our Parish who were confirmed in St. Peter's Church, Milford this weekend. Thanks to all the teachers for all their work with them over the past couple of months preparing the children and to their parents for helping out with the running of the Confirmation programme 'You shall be my witness...' in the parish. Hope you had a great and rewarding day and may you always be aware of the Holy Spirit in your lives and its presents with you.

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,175.00

Kerrykeel: €370.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

### Thought for the Week

*In matters of style, swim the current.  
In matters of principles stand like a rock.*

*T. Jefferson*

### Milford Hall Bingo

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

**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00

**Second Snowball**  
€5,500. 00



## Church Ministries



### Milford

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 8th April**

L. Sterritt & M. Conlon

**Sun 9th April**

L. Mc Bride & M. Devine Friel

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 8th April**

M. E. Gillespie, E. Dyke

& H. Doherty

**Sun 9th April**

S. O Donnell, K. Ferry

& C. O Sullivan

### Children's Liturgy

**Sun 9th April** Team C

Palm Sunday

of the

Lord's Passion

**Sun 16th April** Team D

Easter Day of the

Lords Resurrection

### Kerrykeel

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 8th April**

Phonsie Mc Ateer

Erin Murphy

**Sun 9th April**

Aine Mc Ateer

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 8th April**

Winnie Sandilands

**Sun 9th April**

Gretta Mc Fadden