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### The Deep End: Unexpected Encounters

We might wonder why Jesus is so rude and dismissive to the woman in today's Gospel who comes and asks for his help. Does he really call the woman 'a dog'?! Many explanations have been given for Jesus' words with some suggesting that it was an attempt at a first century joke, that he was just 'teasing' (he didn't really mean it!) or that it was an opportunity to test the woman's faith. The disciples also clearly want her sent away.

What happens just before this incident is important. Jesus has just left Gennesaret where the Pharisees have continued to be extremely hostile towards him. Jesus' mission to 'the lost sheep of the House of Israel' is not going so well. So, Jesus 'leaves that place' and goes somewhere that is unfamiliar. What happens in this unfamiliar place is certainly life giving for the woman and for Jesus also. It might be considered a place of new beginnings as Jesus' mission is opened up to those who would have been considered 'unworthy', such as a woman who is also a foreigner. The food rejected by the religious leaders of the time is ending up in unexpected places. It is here that the kingdom grows.

You have to admire the woman's persistence. She is a reminder of people we encounter who have great faith and make a deep impression on us.

We might ask ourselves today: when have experiences of rejection in our own lives led to new possibilities? Where are the unfamiliar places that we must go in order to grow, to embrace new life and new experiences?

Jane Mellet

### St. Peter's Church, Milford

#### Saturday 19th

7:30pm Denis Lawlor (RIP)

#### Sunday 20th Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Intention

7:00pm Ricky Mc Ginley (1st Anniv)

#### Tuesday 22nd

10:00am Intention

#### Friday 25th

10:00am Intention

#### Saturday 26th

7:30pm Michael Molloy (Anniv)

#### Sunday 27th Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Intention

### 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 19th

6:00pm Kathleen, Frank & Francie Friel (Anniv)

#### Sunday 20th Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Cassie Mc Fadden (Anniv)

**No Weekday Mass**

#### Saturday 26th

6:00pm Intention

#### Sunday 27th Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Intention

## Please Remember in your Prayers:

**Baby Ricky Mc Ginley**, whose 1st Anniversary Mass takes place this Sunday evening @ 7pm.

**Denis Lawlor**, Dublin/Milford who died recently.

**And also all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** Katie Mc Daid, Kathleen, Francie & Frank Friel, Cassie Mc Fadden & Kathleen Mc Colgan.



### Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

#### Emergency Calls

As Fr. Gavigan is away please contact Fr. Martin Colum in Rathmulan in the case of an emergency on 074 9158156. The secretary will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday between the hours of 10am & 2pm, or just leave your number and a message on our voicemail and we'll get back to you.

#### Baptisms—Milford and Kerrykeel

For the next few month's Baptisms can be arranged in

**Milford: Saturday only at 4pm**

**Kerrykeel: Saturday only at 5pm.**

#### Rosary

There is a rosary every Tues at 3pm in St. Peter's Church. All welcome, tea served.

#### Fr. Marydasan-Thank you

We would like to thank Fr. Marydasan who has been with us here in the Parish for the past couple of weeks. He will be leaving us on Thursday, and we would like to wish him well with the rest of his Ministry here in Ireland.

#### Catholic Faith

Would you like to deepen your Catholic Faith and pass it on to others? Weekly YouCat classes for Adults will begin in September in a relaxed informal setting in Letterkenny. To find out more please email [YouCatClass@yahoo.com](mailto:YouCatClass@yahoo.com)

#### Knock Shrine

Mon 21st Aug- Celebrating One Year to the World Meeting of Families 2018 in Knock. We invite you and all your family to come along to the launch of the one-year programme of preparation for World Meeting of Families 2018, which will take place at the Knock Shrine, on Mon 21st Aug on the Anniversary of the Apparition of Our Lady in Knock. This day of celebration will include liturgical moments, the celebration of the Eucharist, workshops, as well as faith and fun activities for all the family. The WMOF Icon of the Holy Family will be unveiled and anointed at Mass in the Basilica at 3 pm and then begin its journey around the dioceses of Ireland. We look forward to welcoming families from every diocese across the country for this special celebration.

#### Alzheimer's Café

The next Alzheimer's Café will be our summer outing to Oakfield Park & Gardens in Raphoe. This will take place on Thurs, 7th Sept from 11am to 1pm. Join us for a cup of tea and a scone and some fun! As Oakfield Gardens require numbers in advance to plan our visit please contact our Secretary Mary on 087 9449903 before 31st Aug if you can attend. Please note we will not be in the Silver Tassie on this date however the Alzheimer's café will resume in the Silver Tassie the following month on the 5th Oct. The Alzheimer's Café is free of charge and open to all people with Dementia and their families. Contact Mary (Secretary) on 087 9449903.

#### The Raphoe Diocesan Pastoral centre

Donegal Marathon this year will have a relay team entered by the Pastoral Centre in Letterkenny. In November 2016 the Centre launched a Child and Adolescent Counselling Service and within eight weeks had formed a waiting list of over forty children from five years upwards seeking counselling for various issues. There are currently three Child and Adolescent Counsellors working at the Centre and we aim to train two additional Therapists this year. Our Counsellors are currently working as volunteers and give of their time freely so that this Service can continue to operate. We are however, in need of significant funding in order to grow and develop our much needed service. We would also like to thank Brian Mc Cormack's Sports and Leisure for sponsoring the T-Shirts for our runners. We kindly ask that you sponsor our Counsellors or make donation to the Centre account. Any money raised will go towards the development of our Counselling Service and is greatly appreciated. Thank You.  
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#### IOSAS Centre

Summer Serenity at the IOSAS Centre on Thurs 24th Aug at 1pm. Light lunch with music by Bernie Doherty followed by a visit to the Prayer Garden or Organic Garden. Cost €10. Booking essential. 00353 7493 84866. All welcome.



## Church Ministries



#### Church Collections for last weekend were:

**Milford:** €1,040.00

**Kerrykeel:** €210.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

#### *Thought for the Week*

No man knows what he is living for until he knows what he'll die for.  
*Peter Pertocci*

**Milford Hall Bingo**  
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm in the Hall.  
**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00  
**Second Snowball**  
€6,500. 00

#### *Milford*

##### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 26th Aug**

Patrick Mc Laughlin

**Sat 27th Aug**

Winnie Felle

##### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 26th Aug**

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

**Sat 27th Aug**

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

#### *Children's Liturgy*

The Children's liturgy are on holidays for the summer months and will resume in September.



#### *Kerrykeel*

##### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 26th Aug**

Kay Mc Groy

**Sat 27th Aug**

Cabrini Friel

##### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 26th Aug**

Winnie Sandilands

**Sat 27th Aug**

Moira Stilvern