

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday
of Advent
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TAKE A BREATHER

Grant peace;
For a space let there be no roar
Of wheels and voices, no din
Of steel and stone and fire.
Let us cleanse ourselves from the sweat and dirt,
Let us be hushed...

from 'Retreat' by Richard Aldington

Let us be hushed. In all the madness of the festive season, we need some peace and quiet and time to reflect. Mary was caught up in the excitement of being pregnant, and wonderment at what the angel had told her. She went as quickly as she could to visit Elizabeth. Perhaps she needed a bit of 'head space' to reflect on everything that was happening. And then we have this precious moment when Elizabeth greets her, and describes how the child in her womb leapt for joy. Like Elizabeth, we await the arrival of Jesus with joy. Like Mary, we are filled with wonder.

As we count down to Christmas, we may need a little time out. Make a little space to pray and reflect today. Wrap up warm and head out for a walk, visit your local church in the quiet of the afternoon, or take a few moments to yourself at home to get away from the noise.

Triona Doherty



Happy Christmas and a joyous New Year to all in the Parish

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 19th
7:30 pm Intention

Sunday 20th Fourth Sunday Of Advent
11:00 am Kathleen Friel (Anniv)

Tuesday 22nd
10:00 am Anna Kilmartin (Anniv)

Christmas Eve
7:00 pm Children's Christmas Mass
10:00 pm Christmas Vigil Mass

Christmas Day
11:00 am Christmas Day Mass

Saturday 26th
7:30 pm Anne Ryan (Anniv)

Sunday 27th The Holy Family
11:00 am Noel Greenan (Anniv)

Friday 1st
11:00am Madge Felle (Anniv)

Saturday 2nd
7:30pm Intention

Sunday 3rd
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
6:00 pm Peter Doherty (Anniv)

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9:30 am Intention

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Please Remember in your Prayers

All those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:

Eamon Toland, David Reynolds, Charlie Ferry, Peter Doherty, Kathleen Friel, Ned Toye, Anna Kilmartin, Anne Ryan, Noel Greenan, Madge Felle, Bridget Mc Taggart, Alex Alcorn, Stephen Mc Elhinney, Kathleen Brosnan, John Patrick Friel, Bridget Crerand, The Mc Evoy, Sweeney & Mc Gaughan families, Fr. Peadar Arnold & Francis Griffin.



Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

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

Mass Cards

A variety of Mass Cards signed by Fr. Adrian for deceased and also Mass Bouquets are now available at Parochial House, Milford.

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

Confessions For Christmas

Confessions for Christmas will take place on
 Monday 21st @ 7pm in Glenvar
 Monday 21st @ 8pm in Kerrykeel
 Tuesday 22nd @ 7pm in Ramelton
 Tuesday 22nd @ 8pm in Milford
 Wednesday 23rd @ 7pm in Kilmacrennan
 Wednesday 23rd @ 8pm in Creeslough
 Fr. Adrian and Fr. Michael will be hearing confessions on Mon night and there will be 5-6 priests on Tues and Wed night.

Christmas Calls

Christmas calls to the sick and housebound in the parish will take place this coming week on Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd in Milford and Kerrykeel. Normal Thursday calls will take place on Monday and normal Friday calls will take place on Tuesday.

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration will not take place until Thursday 7th January.

Whoriskey Christmas Lights-Kerrykeel

Michael and Mary Whoriskey are holding a Table Quiz in the Beachcomber bar Rathmulan on Tuesday 29th December at 9.30 pm. Please come along and support our fundraising for the Donegal Hospice and Irish kidney association (Donegal branch).

Annual Duck Race

The Annual Milford Tidy Towns Duck Race will take place on St. Stephens Day Friday 26th December at 3pm. You can purchase a duck for €5 from any committee member or in the local shops. Your support is very much appreciated. Presentation of prizes takes place afterwards in the Travellers Inn.

Milford AC 3Km Club Handicap Race

Milford AC will hold a 3Km Club Handicap Race on Monday 28th December starting at 1pm. Registration from the clubhouse from 11:45am. All welcome.

Rosary

The Rosary which normally takes place on a Tuesday will not take place over the Christmas period and will resume on Tuesday 5th January.

Feast of The Holy Family - Special Mass

A special Mass will be held in Milford on Sunday 27th December- Feast of The Holy Family- at 11am for all those who have had children baptised in 2015. This Mass will also be held in Kerrykeel on Saturday evening 26th at 6pm.

The Carers Association

The Carers Association are providing the QQI (FETAC) Level 5 Communications in Buncrana (07/01/16) also Safety and Health at Work in Donegal Town (30/01/16). For more info contact 057 93 70221.

Foróige

Foróige Youth Club have now completed their first term. The young people enjoyed a disco, games night, a trip to the cinema etc. Foróige will be returning on 12th January with a varied programme. Happy Christmas to all members. New members welcome.

MUSINGS

I love the image of the Incarnation, found in some early Christian writings, of Jesus as a powerful singer with a fine voice and perfect pitch who joins a discordant choir (humanity) and transforms it from within. The American theologian and writer, Richard McBrien, explains this further when he says 'It is not that Jesus gave us a completely different set of songs to sing. He helped us understand, enhance and perform our standard repertoire in an entirely new and beautiful way'.

Choir Practice—Kerrykeel

A choir practice will take place in Kerrykeel Church on Sunday evening at 7:00pm. All members please attend. New members welcome.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,280.00
 Kerrykeel: €310.00

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
 €2,250. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 26th December
 J. Gibbons & M. Nash
Sun 27th December
 S. Friel & A. Strain

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 26th December
 P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie,
 & Bernadette O Donnell
Sun 27th December
 C. Mc Gettigan, M. Mc Fadden
 & M. Mc Rory

Children's Liturgy

Sun 27th Dec Team D
 The Holy Family
 Year C

Sun 3rd Jan Team A
 Second Sunday
 of Christmas
 Year C

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 26th December
 Brian Mc Garvey
Sun 27th December
 Cabrini Friel

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 26th December
 Jacinta Callaghan
Sun 27th December
 Moira Stilvern