

# Parish Newsletter

First Sunday  
of Lent  
Year B

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## TIMES OF TRIAL

Today's Gospel tells us (briefly) of Jesus' temptation by Satan in the wilderness, a time which seems to set him up for his public ministry. The account is at the very start of the Gospel of Mark, which was written for the early Christians who had been through a painful experience of persecution.

Perhaps these followers of Jesus would have been comforted to know that Jesus too had been through harrowing times.

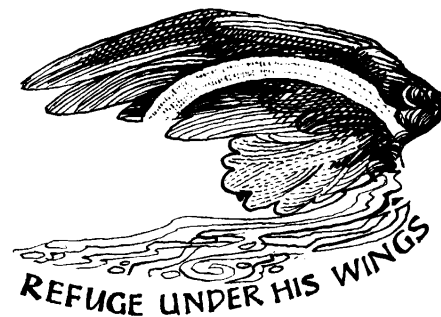
Around the world there are many who still suffer for their faith. In many parts of the world, admitting to one's faith as a Christian can lead to persecution, homelessness, torture, imprisonment or even death. Yet there are brave men, women and children who continue to profess their faith and to meet together to worship, in spite of the dangers facing them.

Pope Francis has continually called for an end to Christian persecution, particularly in the Middle East where over 250,000 Iraqi Christians have been forced to flee their own country.

This Lent, why not make a special effort to remember and pray for those who are suffering for their faith in different parts of the world?

'The news coming from Iraq pains me. Lord, teach us to live in solidarity with all those who suffer... An appeal to all families: when you say your prayers, remember all those forced from their homes in Iraq.'

Pope Francis



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

St. Peter's Church, Milford	Eucharistic Adoration	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel
<p><b>Saturday 21st</b> 7: 30 pm Paul &amp; Anthony Peoples (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 22nd First Sunday of Lent</b> 11: 00 am Maggie Ferry (Anniv)</p>	<p><u>Tuesdays - Kerrykeel</u> 9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm</p> <p><u>Thursday's - Milford</u> 10: 00 am – 10: 00 pm (Directed Holy Hour from 9:00pm—10:00pm every Thursday During Lent))</p>	<p><b>Saturday 21st</b> 6: 00 pm Intention</p> <p><b>Sunday 22nd First Sunday of Lent</b> 9: 30 am Intention</p>
<p><b>Monday 23rd - Friday 27th</b> 8:00am Intentions</p>	<p><b>Confessions</b> <u>Milford</u></p>	<p><b>Monday 23rd</b> 10:00am Intention</p> <p><b>Tuesday 24th</b> 10:00am Intention</p>
<p><b>Saturday 28th</b> 11:00am Bernie Finneran (Months Mind)</p> <p>7: 30 pm Mary Ward (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 1st Second Sunday of Lent</b> 11: 00 am Mary Ferry (1st Anniv)</p>	<p>After 7: 30 pm Mass every Saturday</p> <p><u>Kerrykeel</u> 5: 30 pm on Saturday's</p>	<p><b>Saturday 28th</b> 6: 00 pm May Mc Laughlin (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 1st Second Sunday of Lent</b> 9: 30 am Intention</p>

**Please Remember in your Prayers:**

**Bernie Finneran**, whose Months Mind Mass takes place in Milford on Saturday 28th Feb @ 11am.

**Patsy Pyper**, Ramelton, whose Months Mind occurs at this time.

**And all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:**

Michael & Bridget Ferry, John Patrick Friel, Maggie Ferry & Paul & Anthony Peoples.



**St. Vincent De Paul**

The local St. Vincent De Paul number  
086 0611040 .

**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.

**Foreige— Milford**

A Foreige information night for parents and youth will be held in the Youth Centre in the middle of the town on Monday night 23rd starting at 7pm.

**Dance PL3y**

Adult dance fitness classes are starting on Thursday 26th Feb from 6:30pm – 7:30pm in Loreto Community School. High energy dance class with mixed styles of dancing. Contact Teresa 086 0848312 for info.

**Glenvar School**

The committee of Glenvar school intend to run the following classes beginning first week in March -depending on numbers and funding. If interested please contact Marion on 91 50020 after 3pm or Anthony 91 50898. Computers / Pilates

**Ards Friary Retreats**

Sat 28 Feb - God Among The Pots And Pans  
A one day workshop exploring the presence and action of God at the heart of our busy, wonderful, stressful, funny and hectic family lives. Directed by Bairbre Cahill. Cost €30. Contact: Ards Friary Tel: 074 9138909, Email: [info@ardsfriary.ie](mailto:info@ardsfriary.ie)

**Rosnakill Tourism/Activity Centre**

A new fitness class on a Monday evening 6:30 – 7:30pm Starting here at the centre on the 23/2/15 please come along and join the fun, or if the evenings don't suit as from Mon 2/3/15 a new morning fitness class is running 3 mornings per week 6:30 – 7:30am.

DANCEPL3Y getting fit using dance is starting on a Wednesday 25/2/15 from 6:30 – 7:30pm come along and shake it, get fit while having fun.

For more information on any of the courses we are running or if there is any course that you would like to see in the centre, contact us on (074)9192926

**Weekday Mass times for Lent**

**Milford**

Monday - Friday  
8am

**Kerrykeel**

Monday & Tuesday  
10am

**Ray Community Centre**

**FitWalk Indoor Walking Workshops to Music**

There will be a free taster session on Tuesday 24th February at 8pm in the Ray Community Centre. This programme aims to improve aerobic fitness, body tone, muscle strength, flexibility and walking technique while walking to music. It is suitable for all ages and fitness abilities and is led by a qualified instructor and doesn't depend on the weather as it is all indoors in the main hall. If enough people interested we will then host weekly FitWalk Workshops for 5 weeks at a cost of €20 per person.

**Walking Group**

New walking group starting on Saturday 21st Feb at 10am at Ray Community Centre. Please wear comfortable clothes and appropriate shoes. Any queries you can contact Fiona Boyle on 087 2514790.

**Ministers Eucharist / Word**

The new rotas are now available for collection in the sacristy. Could any ministers who are available to help out at morning Masses during Lent please give your name to Fr. Adrian or Tommy.

**The Vocation and Mission of the family in the Church and the contemporary World.**

Questionnaire sheets are available at the back of the church regarding the above, if you would like to take one and give your feedback in writing to Fr. Adrian.

**Holy Hour**

A Holy Hour will we held in St. Peter's Oratory every Thursday from 9pm until 10pm during Lent.

**Church Collections for last weekend were:**

Milford: €1,326.00  
Kerrykeel: €355.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

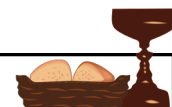
*Thought for the Week*

We love those who know the worst of us and don't turn their faces away.  
Walker Percy

**Milford Hall Bingo**  
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.  
**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00  
**Second Snowball**  
€3,100. 00



*Church Ministries*



**Milford**

**Ministers of the Word**  
**Sat 28th February**

P. Mc Laughlin & M. Mc Gettigan  
**Sun 1st March**  
S. Friel & B. Mc Cauley

**Ministers of the Eucharist**  
**Sat 28th February**

M. Mc Nulty, O. Gallagher,  
M.E. Gillespie & E. Dyke  
**Sun 1st March**  
C. Mc Gettigan, M. Mc Fadden,  
M. Mc Rory & Bernie O Donnell

**Children's Liturgy**

**Sun 1st March Team B**  
Second Sunday  
of Lent  
Year B

**Sun 8th March Team C**  
Third Sunday  
of Lent  
Year B

**Kerrykeel**

**Ministers of the Word**  
**Sat 28th February**

Joe Harkin  
Cathal Deeney  
**Sun 1st March**

Joe Ferry  
Peter Mc Dermott  
**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Sat 28th February**  
Brian Mc Garvey  
**Sun 1st March**  
Gretta Mc Fadden