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### Render unto Caesar

Every Catholic has an opportunity for glory, to do something heroic in his or her life by the grace of God. And Catholics have certainly shaped the modern political world in many good ways. Our Polish Pope, John Paul II, with the support of millions of his countrymen, helped to bring communism to an end peacefully in Eastern Europe in the 1980s, one of the great political miracles of all time. In Western countries, where we not only have the opportunity to 'render unto Caesar' but even to choose our Caesars, even the mere action of Catholics voting has sometimes made the decisive political difference. For nearly forty years in Italy from the late 1940s till the 1980s, Catholic voters effectively prevented the Italian Communist party from gaining power. Furthermore, most people do not know that Catholic voters nearly brought Hitler's career to an end in the 1932 elections. Despite clever propaganda and growing intimidation by the National Socialist or 'Nazi' party, Hitler only gained a quarter of the popular vote in Coblenz-Trier, Cologne-Aachen and Bavaria, all the predominantly Catholic areas of Germany [1]. Most Catholics voted for Hindenberg in preference to Hitler. In the rest of Germany, by contrast, Hitler gained nearly half the popular vote. It is sobering to think that the bloodshed of World War II might have been prevented if the voting pattern in Bavaria had been replicated across Germany. In our own time, it is noticeable that the only countries in Europe still holding back or limiting the silent, modern holocaust of abortion are predominantly Catholic democracies: the countries of Ireland, Poland, Malta and, for the present, Spain. The only part of the United Kingdom where the government does not dare to impose abortion is Northern Ireland, where Catholics and Protestants work together to prevent it. In the United States, by contrast, where one in six voters are Catholic, it is sobering that we have not done more to encourage respect and legal protection for the sanctity of human life. And this in a society where one in five people, more than forty-eight million people, are missing, because although they were conceived they were not permitted to be born.

When confronting the apparent strength of the forces arrayed against Christian civilization, it is easy to be intimidated by the gathering darkness. Under these circumstances, it is encouraging to recall the words of the greatest British Prime Minister of the twentieth century, Winston Churchill. In the dark days of 1940, just before the Battle of Britain, Churchill made an extraordinary speech preparing the nation for the coming conflict. He said, "Upon this battle depends the survival of Christian civilization ... if we fail, then the whole world, including the United States, including all that we have known and cared for, will sink into the abyss of a new Dark Age made more sinister, and perhaps more protracted, by the lights of perverted science." [2] My dear brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ, the Second World War ended in military victory, but the battle against the enemy's policies - eugenics, euthanasia, disrespect for the sanctity of human life and the extermination of those deemed unfit to live - this battle continues right now in western countries. Let us pray for our countries, let us become better educated about the issues and become politically engaged. Jesus Christ called his followers the 'light of the world'; let us not be lights hidden under baskets.

Father Andrew Pinsent, St Ambrose Church, St Louis, 19th October 2008

### St. Peter's Church, Milford

#### Saturday 21st

7:30pm Intention

#### Sunday 22nd Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am John Mc Creadie (Anniv)

#### Tuesday 24th

10:00am Nellie Gillespie (Anniv)

#### Thursday 26th

10:00am Anne Cunningham (Anniv)

#### Friday 27th

10:00am Intention

#### Saturday 28th

7:30pm Christopher Gallagher (Anniv)

#### Sunday 29th Thirtieth 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 the second Thursday of every month)

### Confessions

#### Milford

After 7:30 pm Mass every Saturday

#### Kerrykeel

5:30 pm on Saturday's

### Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel

#### Saturday 21st

6:00pm William & Mary Mc Laughlin (Anniv)

#### Sunday 22nd Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Danny Mc Laughlin (Anniv)

#### Wednesday 25th

10:00am Susan & Josie Carron & Deceased Members of the Mc Geever Family

#### Saturday 28th

6:00pm Ellen & Pat Mc Fadden (Anniv)

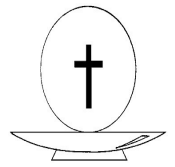
#### Sunday 29th Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Pat Gallagher (Anniv)

## Please Remember in your Prayers:

**Freda Smyth**, Bunlin, whose funeral took place in Milford on Thursday.

**All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:** William & Mary Mc Laughlin, Danny Mc Laughlin, John Mc Creadie, Nellie Gillespie, Susan & Josie Mc Carron, Deceased Members of the Mc Geever Family, Anne Cunningham, Mary Crossan, Patrick Mc Goldrick & Mary Mc Daid.



### Local SVdeP 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.

#### Rosary

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

#### Items For Newsletter

Please submit all items for the weekly newsletter no later than 12 noon on a Thursday.

#### Dancing Milford Hall

Two-hand and ceili dancing every Thursday night in the Milford Hall from 8.30pm. Everyone is welcome, so come along and give it a try.

#### Parish Envelopes

Anyone who would like to receive parish envelopes please contact Parochial House, 9153236 or give your name to Tommy or Fr. Rory. If anyone would rather contribute to the Parish weekly or monthly through Direct Debit, the Parish Bank Account details are available in the Sacristy or Parochial House. With increasing charges in our banks for lodging coin etc and the cost of printing the Parish Envelopes, maybe people could consider this option as an alternative.

#### Parish Bingo—Today 7pm

**The Milford and Kerrykeel Parish bingo will take place Today Sunday October 22nd, in the Mulroy Woods Hotel, doors opening at 6pm bingo starting at 7pm. Books €15 or Double book €20.**



**This the only Parish fundraiser we have and your support would be greatly appreciated.**

#### October Rosary —The Month of Our Lady

The final Rosary will take place Wednesday 25th October at 6pm Milford Quay Grotto.

#### Dates to Remember 2018

**Ash Wednesday:** 14th February

**Easter Sunday:** 1st April

#### First Communions

**Kerrykeel:** Saturday 28th April '18 @ 11am

**Milford:** Saturday 12th May '18 @ 11am

#### Confirmations

**Milford:** St, Catherine's Church, Oughterlin 19th May '18 @ 12:30

#### Church Altar Society—Help Needed

The Altar Society of St. Peters Church **urgently** need new people to help with the upkeep and cleaning of the Chapel. Anyone who could spare some time please consider helping out. You can forward your name to the Parochial House or to Fr. Rory or Tommy. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

#### First Communion— Meeting

Meeting for parents of all First Communion children will take place in the Oratory of St Peter's Church. Milford at 8pm on Tuesday 24th October.

#### Old School Glenvar

A Halloween social will be held in the school on Saturday 28th October at 7pm. Call in and enjoy a cup of tea. A raffle will take place.

**Jiving classes** continue every Sunday evening. Children under 14 at 6pm.

Admission €3. Adults at 7pm. Admission €6.

**Cards** continue every Thursday at 7pm.

#### Whoriskey Christmas Lights Kerrykeel

Michael and Mary will host a variety Concert in Fannet Presbyterian Church hall Kerrykeel on Tuesday 24th October at 8.15pm. Proceeds via donation box on night in aid of Our lady's children's hospital Crumlin, and Fanad Alzheimer's social day, Fanad Day Centre .



## Church Ministries



#### Church Collections for last weekend were:

**Milford:** €1,155.00

**Kerrykeel:** €245.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

#### Thought for the Week

*Let us think often that our only business in this life is to please God.*

**Milford Hall Bingo**  
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm in the Hall.  
**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00  
**Second Snowball**  
€6,950. 00

#### Milford

##### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 28th October**  
Patrick Mc Laughlin  
**Sun 29th October**  
Sammy Greene

##### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 28th October**  
M. E. Gillespie, E. Dyke & H. Doherty  
**Sun 29th October**  
S. O Donnell, K. Ferry & C. O Sullivan

#### Children's Liturgy

**Sunday 22nd Oct Team A**  
Twenty-Ninth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Year A

##### Sunday 29th Oct Team B

Thirtieth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Year A

#### Kerrykeel

##### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 28th October**  
Brian Mc Garvey  
**Sun 29th October**  
Joe Ferry

##### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 28th October**  
Jacinta Callaghan  
**Sun 29th October**  
Moira Stilven