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THE DEEP END: Shalom

The disciples in today's Gospel must have been so excited to tell Thomas their news: 'We have seen the Lord'. Sometimes, when we try to share something of our faith experience with others, we can meet similar responses – doubting, cynicism – we can even be made fun of. The Risen Jesus bears the wounds of his suffering and even invites Thomas to touch them, to get in touch with the reality of his suffering. We might recall times when we have been overwhelmed by pain but looking back on those times we can see that they sometimes brought us to a different place, to new life. Perhaps today recall those times of 'wounded-ness' – and hear Jesus's 'Peace be with you', the promise that he is with you. The word 'Peace' (Shalom) is more than a wish for a good evening or peaceful day. It expresses the desire that the person receiving the blessing might be whole in body, mind and spirit. The Risen Jesus brings a peace that is life-giving. The disciples were locked away, afraid, closed off from the world.

When Jesus is present with them, their hearts are opened again, they rejoice. The Risen Jesus in today's Gospel moves the disciples from total fear and despair to 'rejoicing'. The same Risen Jesus is active in all our lives and in the world around us.

'Life will always prevail, through all the layers of death in which we try to contain it.'

Margaret Silf



St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 22nd

7:30pm Enda O'Donnell (Anniv)

Sunday 23rd Second Sunday of Easter

11:00am Frances Friel (1st Anniv)

Tuesday 25th

10:00am Val Johnson (Anniv)

Thursday 27th

10:00am Benjo Hannigan (Anniv)

Friday 28th

10:00am Kathleen Strain (Anniv)

Saturday 29th

7:30pm Mary, Martin & P.J. Buchanan (Anniv)

Sunday 30th Third Sunday of Easter

11:00am Ellen Aiken (Anniv)

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Thursday's - Milford

10:00 am – 10:00 pm

Confessions

Milford

After 7:30 pm Mass every Saturday

Kerrykeel

5:30 pm on Saturday's

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel

Saturday 22nd

6:00pm Kathleen Mc Ginley (Anniv)

Sunday 23rd Second Sunday of Easter

9:30am Intention

Wednesday 26th

10:00am Intention

Saturday 29th

6:00pm Hugh Friel (Anniv)

Sunday 30th Third Sunday of Easter

9:30am Intention

Please Remember in your Prayers:

John Mc Brearty, Magheradrummond, whose funeral took place in Milford on Monday last.

Frances Friel, Ballyare, whose 1st Anniversary Mass takes place in Milford this weekend.

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Val Johnson, Benjo Hannigan, Kathleen Strain & John Mc Ginley.



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.

Two Hand & Old Time Dancing

Two hand and old time dancing has recommenced in the Milford Hall on Thursdays from 8:30pm—10:30pm Admission €5. All welcome

Rosary

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

Mass Cards

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

Trócaire Boxes

It would be appreciated if you would kindly change the contents of your Trócaire boxes and use envelope provided for the collection. Thank you.

CE Vacancy

Milford Kerrykeel CE Project have a vacancy for a General Worker in Kerrykeel Church & Old School. Must be aged 25+ and in receipt of benefits for 1 year or more. For further information contact James on 086 8212778.

Trocaire

Trocaire would like to thank parishioners for their support of the Lenten campaign 2017 and their unfailing generosity. Trocaire boxes can be returned to your local parish in the coming days. Donations can also be made online at www.trocaire.org

Rathmullan Walking Group

Rathmullan & District Resource Centre, Wednesdays at 12:30pm. Catering for all ages and levels of fitness....Come and enjoy a walk among the beautiful scenery and fresh sea air that our lovely village has to offer. Everyone Welcome!

Dates to Remember—2017

Kerrykeel & Milford First Communion

Saturday 13th May @ 11am in both Churches.

Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery

Sunday 30th July @ 3pm.

Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery

Sunday 6th August @ 3pm.

MUSINGS

Jesus reveals himself with his wounds: his whole body was clean, beautiful and full of light but the wounds were and are still there, and when the Lord comes at the end of the world, we will see his wounds.

Before he could believe, Thomas wanted to place his fingers in the wounds. He was stubborn. But that was what the Lord wanted – a stubborn person to make us understand something greater.

Pope Francis

St Thomas the Apostle

‘We do not know ... how can we know the way?’

Courageous master of the awkward question,

You spoke the words the others dared not say

And cut through their evasion and abstraction.

O doubting Thomas, father of my faith, You put your finger on the nub of things: We cannot love some disembodied wraith, But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.

Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint, Feel after him and find him in the flesh.

Because he loved your awkward counterpoint,

The Word has heard and granted you your wish.

O place my hand with yours, help me divine

The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,826.00
Trócaire: €2,450.00

Kerrykeel: €485.00
Trócaire: €475.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week
Attempt great things for God.
Expect great things from God.
W. Carey

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€5,650. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 29th April

L. Ferry & M. Conlon

Sun 30th April

S. Greene & J. Jackson

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 29th April

P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie & B. O'Donnell

Sun 30th April

C. Mc Gettigan, M. Mc Fadden & M. Mc Rory

Children's Liturgy

Sun 30th April Team B

Third Sunday of Easter

Sun 7th May Team C

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 29th April

Joe Harkin

Niamh Toland

Sun 30th April

Regina Mc Gettigan

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 29th April

Noreen Mc Fadden

Sun 30th April

Gretta Mc Fadden