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### The Open Door

How do you pray? Is there a right or a wrong way of doing it? Should we pray lying in bed or kneeling at the altar, alone or in company, in the church or out in nature, in stillness and silence or with tambourines and songs of praise?

The first disciples weren't quite sure how to go about things, and today we see them approach Jesus to ask him 'Lord, teach us to pray'. In response, he gave them the words of what we now know as the 'Our Father'. But he had some more advice for the disciples too – keep praying! If you were to call on a friend for help in the middle of the night, Jesus says, your persistence alone would convince him to help. If a child asks for food, his parents will naturally grant him what he asks for. The message is clear – we just have to keep asking.

Jesus often withdrew to quiet places to spend time alone in prayer, and we know from the Passion accounts that he cried out to God in moments of anguish and desperation. There are many different ways to pray. It matters less where and how we choose to pray, than the fact that we choose to pray at all. If we keep asking, if we keep the lines of communication open, God will grant us what is good. Brian Zahnd.

Tríona Doherty



#### St. Peter's Church, Milford

**Saturday 23rd**  
7:30 pm Mena & Kevin Begley (Anniv)  
**Sunday 24th** The Seventeenth Sunday  
In Ordinary Time  
11:00 am Intention

No Weekday Masses

**Saturday 30th**  
7:30 pm Eileen Deeney (Nee Friel) (Month's Mind)  
**Sunday 31st** The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
11:00 am Intention  
3:00pm Graveyard Mass Tully Cemetery

#### 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 23rd**  
6:00 pm Intention  
**Sunday 24th** The Seventeenth Sunday in  
Ordinary Time  
9:30am Intention

**Saturday 30th**  
6:00 pm John Mc Laughlin (1st Anniv)  
**Sunday 31st** The Eighteenth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
9:30am Intention

## Please Remember in your Prayers:

Lena Duffy, Lough Road, whose funeral took place in Milford on Monday.

And all those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Mena & Kevin Begley, Margaret Sweeney.



### Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

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

### Rosary

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

### Baptisms—Milford and Kerrykeel

Baptisms in Milford can be arranged for a Saturday at 4pm only and Sunday after 11am Mass. In Kerrykeel on a Saturday at 5pm.

### Dates To Remember:

#### Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery

Sunday 31st July @ 3pm.

#### Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery

Sunday 7th August @ 3pm.

### Blessing of cars—Note Change

Blessing of cars will take place today **Sunday 24th July** after 11am Mass in Milford.

### Portsalon Swimming Lessons

Monday 1st Aug Portsalon Pier  
9am registration, €30 per child.

### Milford Pioneers Association

A meeting is being arranged to revive Milford Pioneers Association for the coming weeks. Anyone who is entitled to a silver or gold pin is asked to contact Fr. Adrian or Tommy.

### Keep our Graveyards Clean

While everyone is working hard to have the Cemeteries looking good at all times it would be appreciated if a special effort would be made to have them looking well for the annual cemetery Masses in the Parish which will take place in the next few weeks. Could everyone please ensure that they remove used wreaths and flowers from the graveyard and dispose of them at home. Please do not have old wreaths etc. left lying around the cemetery as it makes the place look untidy. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Car Wash

Kerrykeel Tidy Towns will hold a fundraising car wash at Ernest Stewart's garage, Kerrykeel on Saturday 30th July, from 9.30am to 5.00pm. Help would be greatly appreciated, even if you can only drop in for an hour or so. Tea & sandwiches provided to washers. All proceeds raised will go towards supporting the ongoing work of Kerrykeel Tidy Towns in the area. Contact Ciaran Gallagher on (086) 8375812 to volunteer for a slot. Thank you.

### Family Carers Ireland

Family Carers Ireland are providing the QQI Level 5 Healthcare Award training in Donegal Town September 2016 based on demand. QQI Level 5 Care Support module also scheduled in Letterkenny for the 11/08/2016 & Safety and Health at work module in Buncrana in September based on demand. One Day Topic Specific training programmes also available. To express an interest kindly contact 0579370221.

### Ray Community group notes

#### Glenalla Garden Fête

Annual garden fête will be held in Franklin grounds on Sat 30th July from 1pm-5pm. Lots of goodies, brick a brac, auction, homemade baking, teas and much more for everyone young and old and a lovely chance to walk round the grounds of Franklin beautiful gardens.

#### Feast Of The Assumption Mass

Feast Of The Assumption Mass at Ray Grotto Annual mass at the grotto on Wed 15th Aug at 8pm

#### Fundraising Disco for a Defibrillator

The Ray Community Centre will host a fundraising 80's Disco on Sat 10th Sept to raise funds to purchase a Defibrillator for the Centre and the surrounding community. Tickets will be available shortly and will cost €10 and our DJ is the very popular John Bosco. We would really appreciate your support for this event.

#### Annual Sports Day

Our annual sports day is planned for Sunday 7th August at 2pm at Ray Football pitch (or in the centre if the weather is poor). More details on this to follow.

#### Sarah Lennon School of Irish Dancing

Dancing continues Saturday mornings. Advanced 10am-11am. Beginners 11am-12noon. Beginners welcome weekly.

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,335.00  
Kerrykeel: €365.00

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**  
€4,100.00



## Church Ministries



### Milford

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 30th July**

J. Gibbons & C. Sweeney

**Sun 31st July**

G. Mc Gee & K. Mc Bride

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 30th July**

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

**Sun 31st July**

S. O Donnell, Kate 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 30th July**

Brian Mc Garvey

**Sun 31st July**

Cabrini Friel

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 30th July**

Winnie Sandilands

**Sun 31st July**

Gretta Mc Fadden