

Parish Newsletter

Twenty-first Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year A

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Why are we Here?

'Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value' Albert Einstein

How easy it is to lose our way. Business people who start out with a great idea can sometimes become overly focused on money and lose sight of their passion. Politicians who start out young and idealistic can become disillusioned or corrupt. Teachers may become overly focused on exam success and forget their enthusiasm for their subject. It is all too easy to get caught up in rules and regulations, and forget to take a step back and ask ourselves: why are we here?

The Church, too, can lose its way. Over its history, we know the Church has not always lived up to its great responsibility to communicate God's love to the world.

Today's readings are an interesting mix as we reflect on our Church and its mission. The Gospel passage is often seen as a reference to the origins of the Church and the papacy, as Jesus hands Peter 'the keys of the kingdom of heaven'. But look what Jesus asks him just before this: 'Who do you say I am?' Everything we do as Church should come back to this question – who do we say that Jesus is?

Lest we get too sure of ourselves, the Second Reading reminds us: 'Who could ever know the mind of the Lord?... All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him'. Everything comes from God, and everything we do should be for God.

'The Church sometimes has locked itself up in small things, in small-minded rules. Ministers of the Church must be ministers of mercy above all.' - Pope Francis

Triona Doherty



MUSINGS

Our Psalm today recalls the yearnings of the Jewish people for Zion (Jerusalem) during their period of exile in Babylon after the destruction of the temple in 597BC. Their captors mockingly ask them to sing one of 'Zion's songs'. But it is not easy to find the heart to sing while living on foreign soil. Let's remember all our emigrants today, many of whom have relocated abroad simply out of necessity. *'I haven't seen my family in over two years'*, one Irish immigrant in Australia remarked, *'we try to Skype as much as possible, but sometimes you would just love to give your loved ones back home a big hug and be hugged back.'*

Salvador Ryan

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 23rd

7: 30 pm Kathleen Grier (Anniv)

Sunday 24th 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

11: 00 am Intention

Saturday 30th

7: 30 pm Michael Molloy (Anniv)

Sunday 31st 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

11: 00 am 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 23rd

6: 00 pm Intention

Sunday 24th Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9: 30 am Denis Deeney (Anniv)

Saturday 30th

6: 00 pm Kathleen, Francie & Frank Friel (Anniv)

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Please Remember in your Prayers:

Willie Doherty, Wood Quarter, who died on Thursday and whose funeral took place on Saturday

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

Kathleen Grier, Denis Deeney, Sarah Reynolds & Peter Friel



Local SVP number 086 0611040

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

Kerrykeel Country Market

Kerrykeel Country Market takes place every Saturday in the Old School, Kerrykeel from 11am until noon. Featuring a wide array of locally produced items including art, crochet, home baking, plants/flowers, crafts, cooked meals, meat, jams, jewellery, eggs, honey, vegetables etc. Tea/Coffee room open also.

Rosary

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

Youth Alpha

During the Winter months we hope to provide an Alpha course for young people of our parish. An Alpha Course is for people to explore and discuss their faith and it's relevance for us in our world today. It is open to all Christian Churches. Johnny Summerville, Youth Alpha Co-Ordinator for Ireland will be providing training for those who wish to be leaders for Youth Alpha on Tuesday 2nd September from 7pm - 9.30pm, in Milford Oratory. For more information please contact 086 3369095 or visit www.alphayouth.ie



Guided Tour of Rathmullan

There will be a guided walking tour of Rathmullan on Thursday 28th August at 3pm and Saturday 30th August at 11.30am. These will be the last tours of the summer season. The tours will depart from the Putting Green Hut and last approx. 1hr and 15 mins. Cost is 5.00euro per person and accompanied children are free. Enquiries call 086 3373329 or 086 3373329 .

Glenvar Fundraiser

There will be a fundraiser held in the Old School in Glenvar after the 6pm Mass on Saturday 30th August. Funds raised will go towards the upkeep of the school and the Chapel. Refreshments will be served. There will be a bric-a-brac stall and a raffle will be held on the night. Everyone welcome.

Milford Citizens Information

If you need help accessing any of your social rights and entitlements please call into our office in Milford or give us a call on 07610 75450 for free impartial and confidential information. We provide assistance with all Dept. of Social Protection, Appeals, Housing, Grants, Local Property Tax, Water Charges, Education Costs as well as much more. We are open Monday to Friday 9am - 4.30pm.

Mass for Expectant Families

The Annual Mass for Expectant Families will take place in St Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny on Tuesday 8th September 2014 at 7.30pm. Celebrant is Bishop Philip Boyce, O.C.D. Everyone welcome.

Dance in Social Activity Centre

The usual dance will be held in the Social Activity centre, Rathmullan on Fri 29th Aug. Dancing from 9pm - 11pm. Music by James Sandilands. Admission €5, refreshments served. All welcome, proceeds in aid of St. Vincent De Paul Social Activity Centre.

Slimming World

Join a warm and friendly Slimming World group at the Milford Presbyterian Hall, Kilmacrennan Road on Tuesdays at 5:30pm and 7:30pm. Standard membership fee is €18 and weekly group fee is €9. Contact Geraldine on 086 3348048 for special offers or more information.

John Gilmartin 5km

The John Gilmartin 5km will take place in Milford on Friday 29th August at 7:30pm. The race will start on the Church Road and finish with one lap on the walking track at the pitches. Entry fee is €8.00 with prize categories for 1st 3 senior men and ladies, 1st o/40, 50, and 60 men and ladies and 1st junior boy and girl over 15 under 19. All welcome.

Kayak Challenge

A 5 Point Kayak Challenge, organised in memory of Philip Stilvern, will take place at Kerrykeel Pier, 9am Saturday 30th August. All support is much appreciated in aid of a great charity 'Aware'. Kayak trips for children also on the day, weather permitting. Please see Facebook Mulroy Charity Challenge for details.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,131.00
Kerrykeel: €320.00

Holy Day

Milford: €290.00
Kerrykeel: €80.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

Work as if you were to live 100 years, pray as if you were to die tomorrow.

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 August

P. McLaughlin

Sun 31st August

B. Ward & A. Toland

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 30th August

M.E. Gillespie, E. Dyke,
P. Sweeney & E. Gillespie

Sun 31st August

M. McRory, Bernie O'Donnell,
T. Reynolds & S. Lynch

Children's Liturgy

The Children's liturgy will return from their summer break on Sunday 7th September

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 30th August

Brian McGarvey

Sun 31st August

Brid Dougherty

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 30th August

Winnie Sandilands

Sun 31st August

Gretha McFadden