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Each of us has that sacred image stamped upon our soul

In the book, "**Look Out Below! A Story of the Airborne by a Paratrooper Padre**" Fr. Francis L. Sampson writes about his experiences serving as a U.S. Army Chaplain during both WW2 and the Korean War and even visited troops in Vietnam after his military retirement.

Fr. Sampson was a member of the 101st Airborne Division during WW2 and parachuted into Normandy on D-Day with the Allied invasion force and later spent 6 months in a German Prisoner of War Camp.

Days later, Fr. Sampson's regiment was camped outside a hospital attached to a convent and school a few miles from Cherbourg. Almost all of the buildings had been completely destroyed by bombers, but there were still over 50 nuns that remained and assisted the wounded.

Fr. Sampson decided to say mass in their chapel which had only two walls standing and the roof was caved-in. The only part of in the chapel left undamaged was the life-sized crucifix that hung on the wall and the large statues of Saints Peter and Paul. Fr. Sampson and the nuns were convinced this was a miracle. There was no other explanation for it.

It was in that bombed-out chapel, after days of gruelling combat, Fr. Sampson delivered the following homily to a large group of battle-weary men:

"The image of the naked Galilean hanging from the cross has always inspired great love and fierce hate. Nero sought to make the cross a hateful image by putting Christians to death upon it, pouring pitch upon them, and lighting Rome with these flaming human crosses. Julian the Apostate said that he would make the world forget the Man on the cross, but in his final agony he had to acknowledge, 'Thou has conquered, Galilean.' Communists forbid its presence because they fear its power against their evil designs. Hitler has tried to replace the image of our Blessed Lord on the cross with a stupid swastika. Invectives, false philosophies, violence, and every diabolical scheme have been used to tear the Christ from the cross and the crucifix from the church. Nevertheless, like the bombs that were dropped on this chapel, they have only succeeded in making the cross stand out more and more in bold relief. The image we love grows greater in our understanding because of the vehemence of the hate it occasions in wicked men. Each of us has that sacred image stamped upon his soul. Like the chapel, we are Temples of God. And no matter how we are torn by the bombs of tragedy and assault from without, the image of the crucified remains if we want it to. Now at the foot of this cross let us renew our baptismal vows. Let us promise to shield forever His image in our hearts." (p. 77)

Fr. Sampson said that he would never forget that mass. After reading his book, I will never forget him.

Francis L. Sampson, Look Out Below: A Story of the Airborne by a Paratrooper Padre, Washington, DC: The Catholic University of America Press, 1958.

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 24th

7:30pm Intention

Sunday 25th Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

11:00am Kathleen Doherty (Anniv)

Monday 26th

7:00pm Intention

Tuesday 27th

8:00am Intention

Wednesday 28th

8:00am Intention

Thursday 29th Holy Thursday The Lords Supper

8:30pm

Friday 30th Good Friday

3:00pm

Saturday 31st Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

9:30pm Intention

Sunday 1st Easter Sunday

11:00am May Scanlon (Month's Mind Mass)

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel

9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm

Thursdays - Milford

10: 00 am – 10: 00 pm

(Directed Holy Hour from 9:00pm—10:00pm every Thursday During Lent)

Confessions

Milford

After 7: 30 pm Mass every Saturday

Kerrykeel

5: 30 pm on Saturday's

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel

Saturday 24th

6:00pm Intention

Tuesday 27th

7:00pm Intention

Wednesday 28th

10:00am Intention

Thursday 29th Holy Thursday The Lords Supper

7:00pm

Friday 30th Good Friday

3:00pm

Saturday 31st Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

8:00pm Intention

Sunday 1st Easter Sunday

9:30am

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Michael Gavigan, Garrygort/England, who died in England during the week, funeral arrangements later.

Madge Crerand, Drumherville, whose funeral took place in Milford on Tuesday.

And all those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Kathleen Doherty, Una Marley & Annie Doherty.



St. Vincent de Paul

The local SVdeP number 086 0611040 is a dedicated confidential number.

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.

Adoration—Holy Hour

The directed Holy Hour will continue EVERY THURSDAY NIGHT FROM 9PM-10PM DURING LENT in the Oratory of St. Peter's Church, Milford.

Two Hand & Old Time Dancing

Please note that there will be no dancing in the Milford Hall on Thursday 29th as it is Holy Thursday. Dancing will resume as normal on Thursday 5th April.

Choir Practice—Kerrykeel

A Choir practice for Easter will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Church Kerrykeel on Monday 26th March at 8pm. All welcome.

20th Annual Golan Pad Walk

The 20th Annual Golan Pad walk on Good Friday the 30th March @ 5:30pm from the Square, Milford. This year the walk is in aid of Milford Tidy Towns & to provide Social, Medical & Educational Support for Refugees in Italy in conjunction with the LYIT. Support appreciated.

Parents Plus

Parents Plus – Termon- Do you need help encouraging your child do their homework and establish routines? Do you find parenting challenging? Are you stressed-out? Then why not come along to the **Parents Plus Children's**

Programme? This 7 week workshop, (one 2 hr session/week) shows parents how to communicate positively with children, illustrating ways to encourage good social skills as well as well-researched methods to tackle behavioural problems. This workshop is open to parents, carers, guardians and grandparents! **When: 7.30-9.30, Mon. 16 April. Where:** Termon National School. **Bookings:** Bairbre at Parent Hub 087 173 6667.

Visit: parenthubdonegal.ie

Email: parenthubdonegal@gmail.com.

Workshops are **FREE** but there is a charge of €10 for information pack.

Mass of the Chrism

The Mass of the Chrism will take place in St. Eunan's Cathedral, Letterkenny on Holy Thursday 29th March at 11:00am.

St. Vincent de Paul

The St. Vincent de Paul Annual Uganda Collection will take place on Saturday 31st March & Sunday the 1st of April. All proceeds will fund much needed educational & agricultural projects. Thank you for your generosity to this worthy cause.

Trócaire Boxes

The collection in each Church on Holy Thursday evening is for Trócaire. It would be appreciated if you would kindly change the contents of your Trócaire boxes and use envelope provided for the collection. Thank you.

Easter Dawn Mass – Stations Glenvar

Dawn mass will take place at the crosses in Glenvar on Easter Sunday morning at 6.30 am.

Ministers Of The Word & Eucharist

New rotas for Ministers of the Word and Ministers the Eucharist are available for collection in the Sacristy in St. Peter's Church.

Confessions for Easter

Monday 26th @ 7:30pm in Milford

Tuesday 27th @ 7:00pm in Kilmacrenan

Tuesday 27th @ 7:20pm in Kerrykeel

Tuesday 27th @ 8pm in Ramelton

A number of priests will be available at all of the above.

Confessions in St. Eunan's Cathedral

Saturday 24th: 12pm, 1pm, 8pm.

Sunday 25th: 1pm & 4pm.

Monday 26th: 10:30am, 12pm & 8pm

Tuesday 27th: 10:30am, 6pm & 8pm.

Church Collection for weekend were:

Milford: €975.00

Ed. Of Students: €606.00

Kerrykeel: €165.00

Ed. Of Students: €190.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought of the week

No man knows what he is living for until he knows what he'll die for.

Peter Pertocci

Milford Hall Bingo

Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm in the Hall.

Snowball tonight is: €2,350.00

Second Snowball €7,950.00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 31st March

J. Gibbons, M. Carr & P. Mc Laughlin

Sun 1st April

Louise Mc Bride

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 31st March

K. Logan, M. Mc Nulty & O. Gallagher

Sun 1st April

T. Reynolds, S. Lynch & Bernie O Donnell

Children's Liturgy

Sunday 1st April Team D

Easter Day of the Lord's Resurrection
Year B

Sunday 8th April Team A

Second Sunday of Easter
Year B

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 31st March

P. Mc Ateer & A. Shiels

Sunday 1st April

Brid Dougherty

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 31st March

Jacinta Callaghan

Sunday 1st April

Gretta Mc Fadden