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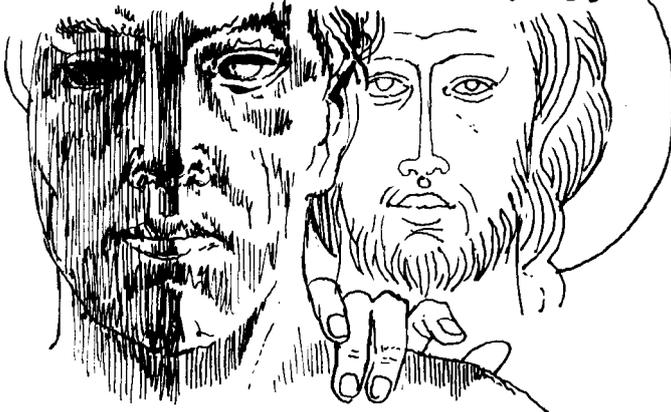
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THE DEEP END:

Even the Hairs on your Head are Counted

Today's Gospel is an affirmation for all those who feel persecuted in any way because of their beliefs or because people are speaking badly about them, or those who feel alienated from their community, their family or even from God. During such times it can be extremely lonely to the point where one can lose their sense of purpose in this world. While we might not want to shout from the rooftops, as Jesus suggests, there is a message here to speak out, to talk it out. Today, spend time on the beautiful words of Jesus in this Gospel – 'Even the hairs of your head are all counted, so do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows!' The sparrow, one of the smallest of birds, is cared for and loved by God. This is a reminder that no matter how insignificant we might feel or how challenging the circumstances get, God is with us, each of us. Once again, we are being told how sacred each and every person is and how much we are loved by God. In his eyes, each of us are precious. Today, recall the times or places where you felt God's supporting presence.

DO NOT BE AFRAID



'When we travel through those wilderness places of our lives where we feel lost, insecure, lonely, frustrated, discouraged, or overcome by busyness: Help us to trust in you, God of the journey. When we catch glimpses of the tremendous love you have for us and experience a deep, loving connection with others: Help us to trust in you, God of the journey.'

Joyce Rupp

Jane Mellet

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 24th

7:30pm Margaret Boyce (Anniv)

Sunday 25th Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am John Mc Hugh (Anniv)

Monday 26th

7:00pm Margaret Mc Brearty (1st Anniv)

Tuesday 27th

7:30pm Lily Durning (1st Anniv)

Friday 30th

10:00am Intention

Saturday 1st

7:30pm Patrick & Barbara Mc Bride (Anniv)

Sunday 2nd Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Carmel Strain (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 24th

6:00pm Madge & Willie Gallagher (Anniv)

Sunday 25th Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Raymond Mc Grory (Anniv)

No weekday Mass

Saturday 1st

6:00pm Eileen Deeney (Nee Friel) (1st Anniv)

Sunday 2nd Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30am Intention

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Margaret Mc Brearty, whose 1st Anniversary Mass takes place in Milford on Monday evening at 7pm.

Lily Durning, whose 1st Anniversary Mass takes place in Milford on Tuesday evening at 7:30pm.

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Gerard Durning, Madge & Willie Gallagher, Margaret Boyce, Raymond Mc Grory & John Mc Hugh.



Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

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

Emergency Calls

As Fr. Gavigan is away please contact Fr. Martin Colum in Rathmullan in the case of an emergency on 074 9158156. The secretary will be in the office on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday between the hours of 10am & 2pm, or just leave your number and a message on our voicemail and we'll get back to you.

Baptisms—Milford and Kerrykeel

For the next few month's Baptisms can be arranged in

Milford: Saturday only at 4pm

Kerrykeel: Saturday only 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.

Dates to Remember—2017

Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery

Sunday 30th July @ 3pm.

Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery

Sunday 6th August @ 3pm.

Blessing of Cars-Rathmullan

The Blessing of Cars will take place in St. Joseph's Church, Rathmullan on Sat 1st July after 7pm Mass and on Sun 2nd July after 9am Mass and in St. Catherine's Church, Oughterlin on Sun 2nd July after 11am Mass.

Lough Derg-Parish Pilgrimage

Parish Pilgrimage to Lough Derg will take place from Monday 3rd –Wednesday 5th of July. Bus leaving Rathmullan after 10am Mass on Monday and returning on Wednesday 5th July at approx. 11:30am. Please contact Fr. Martin Collum for further details on 074 9158156 or Milford Parochial House on 074 9153236.

Milford care of the Age

Better late than never but we are planning our annual summer day away this year on a SATURDAY July 15th. Please note the change of our usual day to a Saturday. We hope to start the day at a later time of 11am with a trip to Oakfield Park in Raphoe. More details to follow but if you would like to book a place please contact Grace or Bridin on 91 53624 or 086-8283253. Looking forward to a great day.

Women's Mini Marathon

Josephine McConigley, Mary O'Donnell, Nancy Gallagher and Sandra Cullen would like to sincerely thank everyone who supported them in their recent fundraising effort for St. Luke's Hospital. The amount raised was €1,396. Again thank you for your generosity.

MUSINGS:

Just Trust!

Our lives are lightened by people we can trust. We need to trust so much in life. We know the great pain when our trust is shaken by people we thought we could trust – parents, teachers, religious superiors, the church, friends and more.

In the Gospel today Jesus tells us to trust in God, who would not harm even a hair of our head. He asks and urges us to be people who would not harm another. We are worth this care and love just by being created. Like a parent or grandparent, or an aunt or uncle, totally loving a new child before the child is even seen, so God loves each of us. The sight of a starving child brings out our love and a desire to care.

This is linked to the care of God: in this care and trust of each other, we find the trust and care of God, given and received, for 'where there is love, there is God' (1 Jn 3:7).

Just echo the word 'trust' as you sit in silence:

Let this gift and call of trust fill your being.

Sacred heart of Jesus, I place all my trust in you.

From Gospel Reflections for Sundays of Year A: Matthew
by Donal Neary SJ, Messenger Publications

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €923.00

Kerrykeel: €370.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

If we don't accept Jesus in one another, we will not be able to give him to others.
Mother Teresa

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€6,100. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 1st July

Liam Ferry

Sun 2nd July

Sammy Greene

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 1st July

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

Sun 2nd July

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

Children's Liturgy

The Children's liturgy are on holidays for the summer months and will resume in September.

Thanks

Thanks to all in each of the Liturgy Groups who worked hard over the year to ensure the Children's Liturgy takes place each weekend. Hope you all have a great summer.

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 1st July

Kay Mc Grory

Sun 2nd July

Aine Mc Ateer

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 1st July

Winnie Sandilands

Sun 2nd July

Gretta Mc Fadden