

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday
of Lent
Year A

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THE DEEP END: We are not blind, surely?

What a convoluted Gospel we have today. The healing of the blind man unleashes a chain of chaos and confusion. His neighbours are dumbfounded, the Pharisees are suspicious and at war with one another, and the Jews are cynical, even calling in the man's parents as witnesses.

The character of Jesus, and of the blind man, are called into question as everyone tries to figure out what has happened. Jesus and the man who has been healed are both accused of being sinners. The interrogators even ridicule the man, asking, 'Are you trying to teach us, and you a sinner through and through?'

But things are simple for the man who has experienced Jesus' healing. He knows what he has witnessed, and is ready and willing to attest to it. 'If this man were not from God,' he says, 'he couldn't do a thing.' He understands that his encounter with Jesus was extraordinary.

Jesus finally clears up the confusion, turning everything on its head, as is often his way. It is the man who had been blind who sees who Jesus is: 'Lord, I believe.' The Pharisees who think they see things clearly are the ones who are really blind to the truth. 'We are not blind, surely?' is the question facing all of us as we advance through Lent. Are we open to the Good News and the healing power of Jesus?

Triona Doherty

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 25th

7:30pm Kathleen & Freddie Doherty (Anniv)

Sunday 26th Fourth Sunday of Lent

11:00am Kathleen, Sarah & Eddie Kelly (Anniv)

Monday 27th - Friday 31st

7:45am Intentions

Saturday 1st

11:00am Confirmation
7:30pm Billy Curran (1st Anniv)

Sunday 2nd Fifth Sunday of Lent

11:00am Intention

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel
9:00 am - 8:00 pm

Thursday's - Milford
10:00 am - 10:00 pm
(Directed Holy Hour
from 9:00pm—
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 25th

6:00pm Intention

Sunday 26th Fourth Sunday of Lent

9:30am Intention

Monday 27th

10:00am Intention

Tuesday 28th

10:00am Intention

Saturday 1st

6:00pm Eddie & James Mc Fadden (Anniv)

Sunday 2nd Fifth Sunday of Lent

9:30am Hugh & Bridie Logue (Anniv)

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Bridie Gallagher, Downings, whose funeral took place in Carrigart on Wednesday.

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Kathleen & Freddie Doherty, Kathleen, Sarah & Eddie Kelly, Annie Doherty & Patrick & Willie Peoples.

Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

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

Dancing Milford Hall

Dancing at the Milford Hall continues on Thursday evenings from 8:30-10:30pm.

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.

Adoration— Help Needed

We **urgently** need people to cover between 5pm and 6pm for adoration on a Thursday evening. Anyone who is available please contact Fr. Adrian or Tommy.

The Garment of Suffering

Please leave any cloth you wish to have included in the Garment of Suffering at Easter in the baskets provided in each Church. All cloths to be left in before **Sun 9th March (Palm Sunday)**.

Divine Mercy Novena

The Devine Mercy Chaplet was given to St. Faustina by Jesus and he promised "**Oh what great graces I will grant souls who will recite this Chaplet.**"

The Devine Mercy chaplet for nine days, continues after the morning Mass in Milford from Mon 20th - Fri 24th and Mon 27th -Thursday 30th March.

Eucharistic Adoration

Want to do something different for Lent?

Friday 7th April

Kerrykeel: 9am-9 pm (12 hours)

Milford: 7pm -7 pm (24 hours)

Sheets are available in both Kerrykeel & Milford Churches if you would like to sign up to take part in the 12 hour

Eucharistic Adoration on Friday 7th April in Kerrykeel @ 9.00am or the 24 hour

Eucharistic Adoration in Milford beginning on Friday 7th April @ 7:00 pm.

Everyone welcome to take part.

Please note No Adoration on Thursday 6th April

Annual Golan Pad Walk

The Annual Golan Pad walk on Good Friday the 14th April @ **6:00pm** from the Square, Milford. This year the walk is in aid of The Donegal Hospice. Support appreciated.

Thank you

Thank you to everyone who came along & made St. Patrick's Day Parish Social Event a great success. Thank you to everyone who contributed to organising & helping out in any way. Thank you to everyone who left in Home baking, the organising committee & everyone who helped out.

Uganda Collection

The Annual SVP Uganda Collection will be taken up after Mass in St. Peter's Church Milford on the weekend of Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd of April. Money raised through this collection will be used to provide educational support for students in Uganda. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

Eures Cross Border Partnership

"Eures Cross Border Partnership in conjunction with The Department of Social Protection and The Department for Communities in Northern Ireland are holding a Cross Border Jobs Fair on Thursday 30th March in the Mount Errigal Hotel, Letterkenny. The event will run from 10.00am until 2.00pm. A large number of employers will be in attendance and they will have a number of job offers available. Admission is free."

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,140.00
Education of Students: €1,020.00

Kerrykeel: €370.00
Education of Students: €195.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

Often the best way to win is to forget to keep score.

Marianne Espinosa

Milford Hall Bingo

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

Snowball tonight is:
€8,000.00

Second Snowball
€5,450.00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 1st April

J. Mc Grory & K. O Gorman

Sun 2nd April

G. Mc Gee & L. Blaney

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 1st April

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

Sun 2nd April

T. Reynolds, S. Lynch & Bernie O Donnell

Children's Liturgy

Sun 2nd April Team B

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sun 9th April Team C

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 1st April

Brian Mc Garvey

Sun 2nd April

Brid Dougherty

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 1st April

Noreen Mc Fadden

Sun 2nd April

Moira Stilvern