

# Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday  
of Easter  
Year B

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## Shepherds Who Smell Of Their Sheep

Today is Good Shepherd Sunday, so named because of the excerpt from the Gospel of John in which Jesus speaks about himself as the 'good shepherd'. It is also known as a day of prayer for vocations. What makes a good shepherd? John tells us that the good shepherd is willing to lay down his life for his sheep. The shepherd is at the service of his sheep. Above all, he knows his own sheep. What a simple yet profound model for those with leadership roles in our church, and indeed for all of us.

Pope Francis used quite a vivid image in this context a while back, calling on priests to be 'shepherds with the smell of sheep'. In *The Joy of the Gospel*, he places this responsibility on all of us: 'Each Christian and every community... all of us are asked to obey his call to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the "peripheries".' We cannot be at the service of people unless we know them, spend time with them and understand where they are coming from. We must be willing to serve, wherever help is needed.

A good shepherd does not remain indoors, watching from afar, hoping everything will be okay with his flock. He must be out among them in order to be able to protect and help them.

Triona Doherty



## Confirmations

Congratulations to the 56 young people of our Parish who were confirmed in St. Peter's Church Milford this weekend. Thanks to all the teachers for all their work with them over the past couple of months preparing the children and to their parents for helping out with the running of the Confirmation programme 'You shall be my witness...' in the parish. Hope you had a great and rewarding day and may you always be aware of the Holy Spirit

### St. Peter's Church, Milford

**Saturday 25th**  
7:30pm Phil Mc Gettigan (Anniv)  
**Sunday 26th**  
11:00 am **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Intention

**Tuesday 28th**  
10:00am Kathleen Strain (Anniv)

**Thursday 30th**  
10:00am Benjo Hannigan (Anniv)

**Friday 1st May First Friday**  
7:00 pm Monthly Anniversary Mass For Deceased

**Saturday 2nd**  
7:30pm Hugh & Helen Coyle (Anniv)  
**Sunday 3rd**  
11:00 am **Fifth Sunday of Easter**  
Ellen Aiken (Anniv)

### 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 25th**  
6:00 pm John Mc Ginley (Anniv)  
**Sunday 26th**  
9:30 am **Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
Intention

**Wednesday 29th**  
10:00am Intention

**Saturday 2nd**  
6:00 pm Hugh Friel (Anniv)  
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## Please Remember in your Prayers:

**Jim Mc Devitt, Milford**, whose funeral took place in Milford on Monday.

**Charles Mc Elwee, Derry/Milford**, who died on Monday and whose funeral took place on Wednesday.

**All those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:**

John Mc Ginley, Phil Mc Gettigan, Kathleen Strain, Jim Crerand, Patrick Mc Brearty & Benjo Hannigan.



### St. Vincent De Paul

The local St. Vincent De Paul number  
086 0611040 .

### 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.

### Anniversary Masses in Milford

An Anniversary Mass for those deceased over 10 years can be arranged for a weekday morning Mass in Milford. For all other Anniversaries please book early to avoid disappointment.

### Pilgrimage to Lourdes

A pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 28th Aug—2nd Sept, led by Fr Paddy Hughes & Fr James Sweeney. Hotel Paradis 5 nights Ex Dublin €719 per person sharing, all cheques must be made payable to Pilgrimage Abroad—licence no. T0-052. For further details contact Fr James Sweeney 074 9737015

### May - The Month of Our Lady

During the month of May the Rosary will be recited at the Grotto beside Milford Bakery on Wednesday's at 6 pm and also at the Shrine in Mt. Marian every Wednesday at 6:30pm. All welcome to come along and participate.

### Scoil Mhuire Milford

Scoil Mhuire Milford are hosting a bake sale in Friday 1st May from 1:00pm – 4:00pm at the school . All welcome.

### Ministers of the Eucharist— Milford

The new rota for Ministers of the Eucharist is available in the Sacristy for collection.

### Pilgrimage to Lourdes

23rd - 28th August  
5 nights full board from Knock airport.  
23rd – 28th August, €699 per person sharing. Spiritual director Fr. James Gillespie. For further details and to book please contact Kathleen McKeague on 91 21551. (Optional bus to and from Knock airport is extra).

### Rathmullan District Resource Centre

#### Rathmullan 5k 2015

Check out - Facebook group "Rathmullan 5K Crumlin Walkers and Runners" for those hoping to run/walk the Rathmullan 5K in aid of Crumlin.

#### Sailing School 2015

The school offer courses for children from the age of 7 and up. Check out the website for dates <http://rathmullansailing.com/> or contact Aengus on 086 8123019/ [rathmullan-watersports@gmail.com](mailto:rathmullan-watersports@gmail.com)

#### Child & Family Health Clinic- Resource Centre Rathmullan

Tuesday's 2.00 p.m. – 5.30 pm  
Thursday's 12.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. (drop in clinic from 12.30 – 1.30pm)  
Please contact your local Public Health Nurse for further details: Rathmullan Health Centre - 074 9158322  
Milford Health Centre - 074 9153108,  
Ramelton Health Centre - 074 9151527

### Ray Community Group

#### Parent And Toddler Group

On every Friday at 10.30-12.30. This is an enjoyable morning where toddlers can play with other toddlers in a safe environment while parents/guardians socialise with a cuppa.

#### Couch To 5 K

Following the success of our Couch to 5k in 2013 we are looking at the idea of starting a new Couch to 5k group over the next few weeks when the time changes. If interested in attending contact Fiona on 087 2514790.

#### Ray Walking Group

The Ray Walking Group will meet on Saturday and Monday mornings at 10am at Ray Community Centre for their walk around the Ray and Glenalla area. Route decided when meet each morning. There is currently no charge for this activity and new members are always welcome. There will be a cuppa and some homemade scones on completion of the walk.

Any queries contact Fiona on 087 2514790.

#### Sarah Lennon School Of Irish Dancing

Dancing on every Saturday morning. Advanced class 10am-11am and Beginners 11am-12 noon, New beginners welcome weekly. Dancing will continue during the summer.

#### Social Dancing With James Sandilands

Dancing on every Saturday evening at 9pm. This is an enjoyable social night of craic and dancing. Cuppa tea served on the night.

### Church Collections for last weekend were:

**Milford:** €1,170.00  
**Kerrykeel:** €500.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

### Thought for the Week

Better to pray for others than to judge them

### Milford Hall Bingo

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

**Snowball tonight is:**

€8,000. 00

**Second Snowball**

€3,550. 00



## Church Ministries



### Milford

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 2nd May**

M. Carr & K. Mc Conigley

**Sun 3rd May**

S. Greene & D. Mc Devitt

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 2nd May**

M. Mc Nulty, O. Gallagher, M.E. Gillespie & E. Dyke

**Sun 3rd May**

C. Mc Gettigan, M. Mc Fadden, M. Mc Rory & Bernie O Donnell

### Children's Liturgy

**Sun 3rd May Team C**

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Year B

**Sun 10th May Team D**

Sixth Sunday of Easter  
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### Kerrykeel

#### Ministers of the Word

**Sat 2nd May**

Brian Mc Garvey

**Sun 3rd May**

Brid Dougherty

#### Ministers of the Eucharist

**Sat 2nd May**

Noreen Mc Fadden

**Sun 3rd May**

Gretta Mc Fadden