

# Parish Newsletter

Thirtieth Sunday  
Ordinary Time  
Year A

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## Selfless Saints

Various figures down through the ages have become synonymous with selfless love – Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Oscar Romero, St Damian of Molokai, St Don Bosco, St Maximilian Kolbe... the list goes on. They were people who gave up everything to help others, often suffering greatly themselves in the process. They were those rare human beings who truly lived out the familiar, yet challenging instruction to ‘love your neighbour as yourself’.

I recently came across the story of St Josephine Margaret Bakhita of Sudan, who was kidnapped as a young woman and spent many years as a slave. Asked once ‘What would you do, if you were to meet your captors?’, she responded: ‘If I were to meet those who kidnapped me, and even those who tortured me, I would kneel and kiss their hands. For, if these things had not happened, I would not have been a Christian and a religious today.’ During illness in her later years, when a visitor would ask how she was, she would reply ‘As the Master desires’.

Her words display a deep understanding of the two greatest commandments, to love God with all your heart, and to love your neighbour as yourself. The God who speaks in today’s First Reading is a God ‘full of pity’ who hears the cry of the poor and vulnerable. Many of the saints down through the ages echoed this love in their service of others. Reading about the lives of the saints might no longer be fashionable, but there is so much we can learn.

Triona Doherty



## MUSINGS

The Gospel today tells us that the greatest commandment is love. In a speech given at the World Congress of the Lay Apostolate in October 1957, Giovanni Battista Montini (later Pope Paul VI), who was beatified last Sunday, explained that ‘the secret of the lay apostolate is to know how to love ... those nearby and those afar; love our own country and those of others; love our friends and our enemies; love Catholics, Protestants, Anglicans, the indifferent; love Muslims, pagans, atheists ... love our own times, our modern civilisation, techniques, art, sport, our world ... let us love it with the heart of Christ.’ Salvador Ryan

St. Peter's Church, Milford	Eucharistic Adoration	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel
<p><b>Saturday 25th</b> 7: 30 pm Mary Crossan (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 26th 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 11: 00 am Hugh Friel (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Tuesday 28th</b> 10: 00 am Frances Murray (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Thursday 30th</b> 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p><b>Friday 31st</b> 7: 00 pm Anne Crossan (Months Mind)</p> <p><b>Saturday 1st</b> 11: 00 am Pat McFadden (Anniv) 7: 30 pm Kathleen Coyle (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 2nd All Souls Day</b> 11: 00 am Mary McDaid (Anniv)</p>	<p><u>Tuesdays - Kerrykeel</u> 9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm</p> <p><u>Thursday's - Milford</u> 10: 00 am – 10: 00 pm (Directed Holy Hour from 9: 00 pm every second Thursday of the month)</p> <p><b>Confessions</b> <b>Milford</b> After 7: 30 pm Mass every Saturday</p> <p><b>Kerrykeel</b> 5: 30 pm on Saturday's</p>	<p><b>Saturday 25th</b> 6: 00 pm Susan &amp; Josie McCarron (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 26th 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time</b> 9: 30 am Paddy &amp; Vincie Ferry (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Wednesday 29th</b> 10: 00 am Pat Gallagher (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Thursday 30th</b> 8: 00 pm Peace Mass</p> <p><b>Saturday 1st</b> 6: 00 pm William &amp; Mary McLaughlin &amp; Paul Canning (Anniv)</p> <p><b>Sunday 2nd All Souls Day</b> 9: 30 am Pat &amp; Ellen McFadden (Anniv)</p>

**Please Remember in your Prayers:**

**Anne Crossan**, Drumborn, whose Months Mind Mass takes place in Milford on Friday 31st @ 7pm.

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

Mary Crossan, Paddy Doherty, Susan & Josie McCarron, Paddy & Vincie Ferry, Hugh Friel, Pat Gallagher, Frances Murray.



**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.

**Rosary**

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

**Two Hand & Old Time Dancing**

Two hand and old time dancing in the Milford Hall on Thursdays at 8pm. Admission €5. All welcome

**October—The Month of Our Lady**

A Rosary will take place at Mount Marian Grotto on Monday evenings at 6pm during the month of October and at the Milford Bakery Grotto on a Wednesday at 6:15pm.

**Milford & Kerrykeel Community Employment Project Ltd.**

The above project is due to commence a new Solas Scheme from 17th November 2014. We have vacancies in the general worker category i.e. Tidy Towns Work and General Maintenance etc in Milford and Kerrykeel. *The usual eligibility for CE scheme applies; Unemployed and in receipt of benefit for one year or more, aged over 25 years. Apply to James Gibbons, Supervisor, 0868212778, or submit your CV to milfordfas@gmail.com or to Milford Parochial house, Milford. Please quote PPS Number.*

**Milford Parish Monster Bingo**

The Milford Parish Monster Bingo will be held in the Milford Inn Hotel on December 7th, 2014 starting at 7pm - doors opening at 6pm. A meeting will take place Tuesday 4th November in the Oratory at 8 pm to organise the distribution of the parish tickets and organise the Bingo. All Welcome.

**Rathmullan & District Resource Centre**

Thank you to the Parent and Toddler Group who held their Halloween celebration on 23rd October. All donations went to the Rathmullan Play Park extension to support an inclusive play area for all children.

**Healthcare Support Training**

Would you like to work in the HealthCare Field as a Homecare Worker, Care Assistance or Personal Assistance? QQI Level 5 Major Award Healthcare Support training will begin in Letterkenny on the 28th October. The Care Skills module will be delivered over 5 consecutive Tuesdays. The cost is €295. Contact The Training Unit on 057 9322920 or Rose on 086 4121869. Email: rmcbrearty@carersireland.com

**Inner Healing Retreat Fri 14th - 16th Nov**

Directed by Sr. Josephine Walsh. Commences 6pm, concludes after lunch, cost €140. Contact Ards Friary on 074 9138909 or Email info@ardsfriary.ie

**November Novena for the Dead**

Novena of nine Mass's for the dead will begin on Monday 3rd November .The November envelopes are available in both Churches, please take one and return with the names of the deceased before Mass on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

**Milford Community Care of the Age**

Our Christmas party will be held on Dec 3rd in the Silver Tassie Hotel along with the Golden Years. There will be dinner with entertainment afterwards. If you would like to join us please contact either Grace or Bridin on 9153624 or 086 8283153. A bus will be provided for transport.

**Church Altar Society**

The Altar Society of St. Peters Church need new people to help with the upkeep and cleaning of the Chapel. Anyone interested in being part of the altar society, could you please give your name to Parochial House.

**Milford Community Youth Project**

A registration evening for our Homework Clubs & Teenage Youth Club will take place on Tues 28th Octo from 5:30 – 6:30pm in the Youth Centre, Main Street (above Hayes shop). Membership fee is €15 per child, €10 for the second child and €5 for the third child. All children must be registered to take part in the Youth Project activities. Please note that children must be accompanied by a parent/ guardian when registering. The homework club is planned for 5th & 6th class on Mon from 3 – 4.30pm and for 4th class on Tues from 3 – 4.30 p.m. (depending on numbers this could change). The teenage group is planned for Tuesday evenings 7 - 8:30pm (Secondary School Students). Homework club is planned to start on Monday 03rd November and Tuesday 04th November.

**Clocks go back**

Don't forget to change your Clock back. Spring forward — fall back.



**Church Collections for last weekend were:**

**Milford:** €1,155.00  
**Kerrykeel:** €360.00

**Mission Sunday:**  
€295.00

*Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.*

*Thought for the Week*

Remember the great need you have of the grace and assistance of God. You should never lose sight of him not for a moment.

**Milford Hall Bingo**  
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.  
**Snowball tonight is:**  
€8,000. 00  
**Second Snowball**  
€2,300. 00



*Church Ministries*

**Milford**

**Ministers of the Word**  
**Sat 1st November**  
E. Gallagher & L. Sterritt  
**Sun 2nd November**  
D. McCafferty & S. Ramen  
**Ministers of the Eucharist**

**Sat 1st November**  
P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie,  
B. O'Donnell & K. Logan  
**Sun 2nd November**  
T. Reynolds, S. Lynch,  
K. Ferry & C. O'Sullivan

**Children's Liturgy**

**Sun 2nd November Team A**  
All Souls Day  
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**Sun 9th November Team B**  
The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica  
Ordinary Time  
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**Kerrykeel**

**Ministers of the Word**  
**Sat 1st November**  
Brian McGarvey  
**Sun 2nd November**  
Brid Dougherty

**Ministers of the Eucharist**  
**Sat 1st November**  
Jacinta Callaghan  
**Sun 2nd November**  
Moira Stilvern

