

Parish Newsletter

Seventeenth Sunday
Ordinary Time
Year A

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Treasures, Pearls and Suspended Coffees

I recently wandered into a café in Dublin that was selling 'suspended coffees'. This is where you buy a coffee and then buy another one 'suspended'. Then someone who can't afford to buy a hot beverage can come in and ask for a 'suspended coffee/tea'. It reminded me of one of today's parables, the treasure in the field. It gave me a tiny glimpse of what the world looks like when we take this Kingdom of God stuff seriously. It brings great joy, especially when it is unexpected. Sometimes there are hidden treasures of God's kingdom going on right under our noses (*remember the mustard seed revolution parable from last week?*). Over the last few Sundays we have heard Matthew 13 and the parables on the growth and development of God's Kingdom. Today we are told what to do when we find it. It may be unexpected; it may be the result of a long search and journey, but once found, nothing else matters. We are driven by our desires. It is what we desire most that effects what we do and the choices we make in life. In both parables, the finder responds wholeheartedly and in complete surrender. We should ask for the ability to make the radical decision for the treasure. Jesus tells us that there is only one thing worth pursuing at any cost – that is the Kingdom of God. And joy is one proof of its presence. (*Find your nearest suspended coffee: www.suspendedcoffees.com.*)

Jane Mellett



MUSINGS

Today's Gospel speaks of the kingdom of heaven as a treasure hidden in a field, in exchange for which a man is prepared to sell everything because of the joy that it brings. Whenever I speak to young people who are about to leave school and choose a career, I often ask them 'What are you passionate about? What would you really enjoy getting up in the morning to do? Then, if at all possible, choose that – and don't allow the salary scale to be the one defining factor.' To discover one's essential activity in life is already to have glimpsed something of the kingdom.

Salvador Ryan

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 26th St.'s Joachim & Anne
7: 30 pm Intention
Sunday 27th 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
11: 00 am Intention
3: 00 pm Tully Graveyard Mass
Tuesday 29th St. Martha
7: 00 pm Intention
Thursday 31st St. Ignatius of Loyola
10: 00 am Intention
Friday 1st August St. Alphonsus Ligouri – First Friday
7: 00 pm Monthly Anniversary Mass for Deceased
Saturday 2nd
7: 30 pm Intention
Sunday 3rd Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
11: 00 am Intention
3: 00 pm Milford Graveyard Mass

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 26th St.'s Joachim & Anne
6: 00 pm Grace Doherty (Anniv)
Sunday 27th Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9: 30 am Margaret Dougherty (Anniv)
3: 00 pm Tully Graveyard Mass
Wednesday 30th St. Peter Chrysologus
10: 00 am

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6: 00 pm Intention
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Please Remember in your Prayers all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially:
Margaret Dougherty, Neil Sweeney, Willie Doherty, May Devaney & Grace Doherty



Local SVP number 086 0611040

Tax Relief Scheme Forms

If you have not yet returned your form please do so as soon as possible.

Keep our Graveyards Clean

While everyone is working hard to have the Cemeteries looking good at all times it would be appreciated if a special effort would be made to have them looking well for the annual cemetery Masses in the Parish which will take place in the next few weeks. Could everyone please ensure that they remove used wreaths and flowers from the graveyard and dispose of them at home. Please do not have old wreaths etc. left lying around the cemetery as it makes the place look untidy. Thank you for your cooperation.

Rosary

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

Family Fun Day

Horse and pony races are to take place at Claragh, Ramelton on Sunday the 27th of July, gates open at 4pm with the first race at 4.30pm. A day of fun for all the family. Proceeds in aid of the Down Syndrome Association.

Milford United Collection

Milford United would like to sincerely thank everyone that helped out with and contributed to their recent annual bucket collection.

Graveyard Masses

Tully Cemetery

Today Sunday

27th July 2014 @ 3pm

Milford Cemetery

Sunday 3rd August 2014 @ 3pm

Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock

The Annual Raphoe Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Saturday 16th August led by Most Rev. Philip Boyce, (OCD), DD, Bishop of Raphoe. If anyone from the Parish is travelling and would like to take part, doing prayers, readings, gifts etc. Please contact Fr. James as soon as possible.

Rathmullan Heritage Tour

During the months of July and August there will be a guided walking tour of Rathmullan on each Thursday afternoon at 3pm and each Saturday morning at 11.30am. The tours will depart from the Putting Green Hut and last approx. 1hr and 15 mins. Cost is €5.00 per person and accompanied children are free. Enquiries call 086 2421008.

Flight of Earls Mass for Emigrants

A Flight of Earls Mass for Emigrants will take place on Sun 14th September in Rathmullan Church. If you want someone from the Parish included in the Mass please place their name, town land they are from and where they are now living in the box provided in the Church. More details will follow.

Money Found

A small sum of money has been found in the grounds of St. Peters, please contact the Sacristy.

Milford Mile Evening

The Milford Park Development Committee invites everyone to come along to their "Mile Evening" on Friday 1st August between 6-9pm at the new walkway at Moyle view Park. Walk, Run or Jog around the new walkway and see how long it takes you to complete a mile (or less if you like!). No entry fee but donations gratefully accepted to help fund lights for the walkway which will provide a safe place to walk especially during the winter months. Refreshments served.

Pulsewave Ireland

Are you at risk of Heart Attack or Stroke? Pulsewave Ireland are offering Bpro medically approved non-invasive heart and artery screenings in The Clanree Hotel on Wed 30th July from 11am to 8pm. Call Jim on 087 7151623 for appointments or log onto www.pulsewaveireland.net. We offer the cheapest prices available in Ireland. We are offering the screening for €40 per adult and €60 per couple, Medical Card Holders and OAP's €30. Screenings are carried out by a qualified technician who will go through your results and provide you with a printout which you may discuss with your GP. Mention your parish newsletter on day of screening and a donation will be made to parish funds.

Co. Donegal Parents and Friends of People with Intellectual Disability Ltd.

The Church Gate Collection in aid of the above Association will take place on Saturday 9th and Sunday 10th August. All support is greatly appreciated.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,106.00
Kerrykeel: €302.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€3,900. 00



Church Ministries

Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 2nd August

J. Gibbons & P. McCarron

Sun 3rd August

L. McBride & N. Harrison

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 2nd August

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

Sun 3rd August

T. Reynolds, S. Lynch,
K. Hagan & K. Ferry

Children's Liturgy

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

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 2nd July

Rebecca Ward

Sun 3rd July

Aine McAteer

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 2nd July

Winnie Sandilands

Sun 3rd July

Moira Stilvern

