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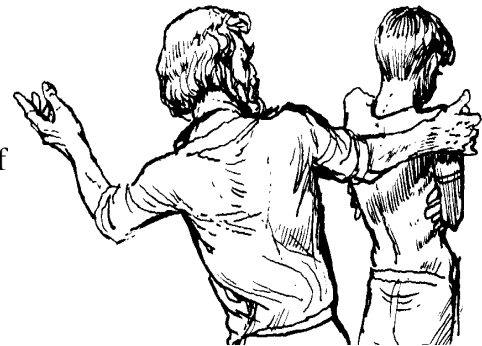
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More debacles...

The 'Homeless Jesus' statue was sculpted by Timothy Schmalz (sculpturebytps.com), to bring attention to the chronic problem of homelessness in Toronto and depicts a homeless person on a bench, covered in a blanket. On closer inspection there is a noticeable characteristic, the person bears the wounds of crucifixion. This is Jesus, the homeless wandering preacher. One particular parish were initially enthusiastic in having the sculpture outside their doors but after some reflection decided against it. Parishioners found it 'offensive'; 'provocative' and 'not an appropriate image'. One lady even called the police! What a debacle?! The 'Homeless Jesus' statue eventually found a home; a place where Christians were not afraid to acknowledge Jesus in the most marginalised. The work is now considered to be a meditation on Matthew 25.

Today's parable reminded me of that story. The parable is a simple tale about two brothers, one who eventually shows through his actions that he has heard a message, the other who does not. The chief priests listening to the parable are forced to admit that it is the first brother who has acted correctly. However, they are behaving more like the second.



It is almost comical listening to Jesus say: 'the tax collectors and prostitutes are going into the Kingdom ahead of you'. Some people just don't get it.

'I have long since come to believe that people never mean half of what they say, and that it is best to disregard their talk and judge only their actions.' Dorothy Day

Jane Mellett

| St. Peter's Church, Milford | Eucharistic Adoration | Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel |
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| <p>Saturday 27th 7: 30 pm Michael Gavigan (Anniv)</p> <p>Sunday 28th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11: 00 am Special Intention</p> <p>Tuesday 30th 10: 00 am Nancy Barrett (Anniv)</p> <p>Thursday 2nd 10: 00 am Intention</p> <p>Friday 3rd October First Friday 7: 00 pm Monthly Anniversary Mass for Deceased</p> <p>Saturday 4th 7: 30 pm Intention</p> <p>Sunday 5th 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 11: 00 am Nora Richards (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>Confessions Milford After 7: 30 pm Mass every Saturday</p> <p>Kerrykeel 5: 30 pm on Saturday's</p> | <p>Saturday 27th 6: 00 pm Jim & Lena Howe (Anniv)</p> <p>Sunday 28th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9: 30 am Charles Toland (Anniv)</p> <p>Saturday 4th 6: 00 pm Martin Logue (Anniv)</p> <p>Sunday 5th 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time 9: 30 am Paddy Kerr (Anniv)</p> |

Please Remember in your Prayers:

James McTaggart, who died on Saturday and whose funeral took place on Monday (Brother of Cathal McTaggart, Ballyare)

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

Margaret Ward, Nancy Barrett, Grace Friel, Michael Gavigan, Jim & Lena Howe, Charles Toland, Sadie Kerr, Bernard McConigley & Paddy Kerr



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.

Church Notice

From this coming Tuesday, 30th Sept, weekday morning Mass will take place in the Oratory.

Rosary

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

Carers Ireland Training

The Carers Association require respite care staff in all areas of Donegal. Please contact the Training Unit on 057 9322920 or email training@carersireland.com for more info.

Christmas Tree Festival

Fanad's first ever Christmas Tree Festival will take place 5th-7th December. Individuals or groups are asked to decorate a Christmas Tree which will be displayed in Rossnakill Church or in the Tourism Centre over the weekend. There will be a concert on the Sat night and Carols on Sun. To book a space or for more info call Pearl Scott on 086 3301356.

Keys Lost

A set of keys have been lost in the Kerrykeel area, if found please hand in to the Garda Station.

Milford Health Centre Flu Vaccines

Dr. Carr, Dr. Maxwell and Dr. McManus will hold their Annual Flu Clinic on Tuesday 30th September between 11.30—12.30 in Milford Health Centre. No appointment necessary.

Living Well With Arthritis

Arthritis Ireland will be running a Living Well With Arthritis course at the Station House Hotel in Letterkenny on Tuesday 7th Oct from 7pm-9.30pm. Call 01 6470206, email training@arthritisireland.ie or book online at www.arthritisireland.ie

Country Gospel Concert—Change of Date

James Kilbane Country Gospel Concert will now take place at 7.30pm on Sunday 5th Oct in Ards Friary. Tickets €15. Doors open at 7.10pm. Please call 074 9138909 for tickets.

Kerrykeel Country Market

Gluten free produce will be available at the Kerrykeel Country Market on the 1st Saturday of each month in addition to all our usual products including home baked goods, cooked meals, home-grown vegetables, dexter beef, desserts, handmade jewellery, crochet, honey, farm fresh eggs, jams and chutneys, flowers, plants, herbs, art, framed photography, personalised gifts, handmade cards, candles etc. If you have not already dropped into the market, then do so on Saturday - open from 11am till noon.

New Year's Day Swim

Anyone interested in the Rathmullan New Years Day Swim come along to the RDRC Centre on Tuesday 30th September at 9pm. For further information contact Liam on 087 6236339.

First Friday Calls

The monthly First Friday calls to the sick and housebound in the parish will take place this coming week on Wednesday and Thursday morning.

Meeting for Ministers

All Ministers of the Eucharist and Ministers of the Word are asked to attend a meeting in the Oratory of St. Peter's on Tuesday 7th October at 8pm.

Yoga

A ten week course will commence in the Rossnakill Centre on Wed 1st Oct from 8 – 9pm. This class is suitable for all ages and all fitness levels. Cost is €50. For more info, call Jacqueline on 087 2135877.

Bus to Aura Leisure Centre

A bus leaves the top of the town in Milford every Monday morning at 10am for swimming and aqua aerobics at the Aura Leisure Ctr. in Letterkenny. Pick up on route, returning at 12:45. New members welcome. Contact Bernie on 9153297 or Mary on 9153279.

Irish Catholic Newspaper Conference

The Irish Catholic newspaper is hosting a conference on Sat, Oct 4th on the theme 'Pope Francis and the future of the Church in Ireland'. There will be time for discussion and a panel debate about the future direction of the Church in Ireland. Pre-registration is now open with a special discounted rate of €25 (admission is €30 at the door). The event will be held at the Red Cow Hotel, Dublin 22. To register please call 01 6874029 email events@irishcatholic.ie or log on to www.irishcatholic.ie

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,020.00
Kerrykeel: €486.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

'I always prefer to believe the best of everybody—it saves so much trouble.'

R. Kipling

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€2,100. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 4th October

P. McLaughlin

Sun 5th October

A. Toland & B. Ward

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 4th October

P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie,

B. O'Donnell & K. Logan

Sun 5th October

T. Reynolds, S. Lynch,

K. Ferry & C. O'Sullivan

Children's Liturgy

Sun 5th October Team A

Twenty Seventh Sunday in

Ordinary Time

Year A

Sun 12th October Team B

Twenty Eighth Sunday In

Ordinary Time

Year A

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 4th October

Brian McGarvey

Sun 5th October

Brid Dougherty

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 4th October

Jacinta Callaghan

Sun 5th October

Eileen McAteer