

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
Year A

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The Deep End

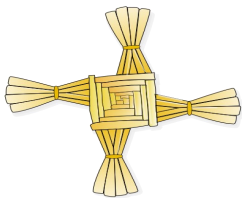
Take a look at the front cover of any women's magazine, and you'll find a host of headlines promising to transform readers' lives for the better. Inside you'll find articles about miracle diets, the most flattering make-up, the latest fashions to achieve the perfect look. This trend is particularly noticeable at this time of year when the focus is on new year resolutions – new year, new you!

We live in a culture obsessed with appearances. The ultimate message is that we need to constantly transform our outward image in order to feel fulfilled and happy. If we let this message filter in, we can be left feeling empty, frustrated and dissatisfied with our lot.

But today's Gospel speaks of a different type of happiness. The word 'happy' appears nine times in the Beatitudes – it is sometimes translated as 'blessed'. This happiness Jesus is talking about should not be viewed as a reward for religious achievements, but rather as an act of grace by God. The focus is much deeper than superficial happiness. The Beatitudes call us to a radically new way of being. When we centre our lives on God, we find our true identity and lasting peace.

Triona Doherty

Blessing of Candles, Throats & St. Bridget's Crosses



Milford

The Blessing of Candles, Throats and St. Bridget's Crosses will take place in **Milford** on Wednesday evening 1st Feb at 7pm

Kerrykeel

The Blessing of Candles, Throats and St. Bridget's Crosses will take place in **Kerrykeel** on Thursday evening 2nd Feb at 7pm



St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 28th

7:30pm Brid Gallagher (Month's Mind)

Sunday 29th Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Bernie Finneran (Anniv)

Wednesday 1st

7:00pm Blessing of Candles, Throats & St Bridget's Crosses

Friday 3rd February First Friday

7:00 pm Monthly Anniversary Mass For Deceased

Saturday 4th

7:30pm Intention

Sunday 5th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Intention

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Thursday's - Milford

10:00 am – 10:00 pm

Confessions

Milford

After 7:30 pm Mass every Saturday

Kerrykeel

5:30 pm on Saturday's

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel

Saturday 28th

6:00pm John Thomas & John James Doherty (Anniv)

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9:30am Intention

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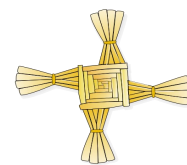
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Please Remember in your Prayers:

Brid Gallagher, whose Month's Mind Mass takes place in Milford this weekend.

Eileen Mc Cormack, whose Month's Mind takes place in Ramelton on Friday.

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time: Charlie Deeney, Danny Mc Gettigan, John Thomas & John James Doherty, Willie Dolan, Evelyn & Hugh Mc Devitt, Grace Mc Conigley & Bernie Finneran.



Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

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

Rosary

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

Dancing Milford Hall

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

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.

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.

Dates to Remember—2017

Ash Wednesday - 1st March 2017.

Easter Sunday – 16th April 2017.

Confirmation

Saturday 1st April in St. Peter's Church, Milford @ 11am.

Kerrykeel & Milford First Communion

Saturday 13th May @ 11am in both Churches.

Graveyard Mass in Tully Cemetery

Sunday 30th July @ 3pm.

Graveyard Mass in Milford Cemetery

Sunday 6th August @ 3pm.

Cross Making –Drummond

A Cross making evening in Drummond National School will be held on St. Bridget's Eve 31st January @ 7pm. Starting with a talk on the History of St. Bridget, Irish Dancing. Refreshments will be served. Please come along. All welcome.

Crochet & Needlework Classes

Crochet and needlework classes will resume in The Old School, Kerrykeel, on Tues 31st Jan from 8-10pm and Wed morning 1st February from 11am-1pm. Contact Kathleen on 9150273.

First Friday Calls

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

Kerrykeel: Thursday Afternoon

Milford: Friday

U12/U14 Girls Soccer Training:

Mulroy Soccer Academy U12 and U14 girls training resumes next Wednesday 1st Feb in Trialough from 6-7pm. All new players welcome. For more info call (086)8554181.

Anam Cara

Anam Cara, the national organisation that supports bereaved parents, is holding a Bereavement Information Evening on Thur 9th of Feb from 19:30 to 21:30 in the Mount Errigal Hotel. This is a free event open to all bereaved parents. As Anam Cara will need to confirm numbers for event, please RSVP to info@anamcara.ie before Wed 8th Feb or call 01 4045378.

Wool Needed

Ladies from the Milford & District Over 65's Group are continuing with their good work of knitting various much needed items for sending to refugee camps and other poverty stricken areas. In order for this good work to continue we need donations of wool, so please search your attics and anywhere else you might have some hidden away and our ladies will put it to very good use. Please contact Mary on 9153723. All donations are very much appreciated. Thank you.

PILGRIMAGE: Saints of France –

PILGRIMAGE: Saints of France – a 13 day journey departing 27th April. Come and join Fr Rory Brady as we journey together through the most sacred regions of France to explore villages of saints, before culminating in Lourdes to honour Mary Our Blessed Mother. Details at www.harvestjourneys.com

5K sponsored walk

A 5K sponsored walk in aid of Syria Refugees Crisis will take place at Ray Community Centre on Sunday 19th Feb, Registration at 1 p.m. Race starts at 2pm. Followed by refreshments and raffle. Entrance fee €5 Children under 12 years free. Proceeds will be taken directly to refugees contact Shirley 0872531837.

Pioneer Dinner

The Pioneer Dinner will be held this year in the Lagoon Termon on Fri the 24th March 2017. Music by Eddie Gallagher and Tirconnell Country. More news later. Tickets on sale in the near future.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,180.00

Kerrykeel: €350.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

*If God exists,
Everything is Possible:
If there
Is no God,
Everything is Permitted.*

Milford Hall Bingo

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

Snowball tonight is:

€8,000.00

Second Snowball

€5,050.00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 4th February

F. Mc Ateer & M. Houston

Sun 5th February

D. Mc Cafferty & E. Peoples

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 4th February

M. E. Gillespie, E. Dyke & H. Doherty

Sun 5th February

Sally O Donnell, K. Ferry & C. O Sullivan

Children's Liturgy

Sun 5th Feb Team B

Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Sun 12th Feb Team C

Sixth Sunday
in Ordinary Time

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 4th February

Kay Mc Grory &
Ronan Mc Fadden

Sun 5th February

Regina Mc Gettigan

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 4th February

Noreen Mc Fadden

Sun 5th February

Gretta Mc Fadden