

Parish Newsletter

Palm Sunday
Year B

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PALM SUNDAY

Today we read Mark's account of Jesus' Passion; yes it is the long Gospel but we should not miss out on the journey that this account offers us. A good question to ask is 'Where do I stand' in this Gospel? Are you looking on as a bystander, are you in the group of disciples, are you closer to the Roman Soldier who confesses Jesus's identity after his death – an unlikely hero? Perhaps it is a more difficult journey as you relate to Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, a Jesus who is 'distressed' and 'agitated' because of many things: isolation, the disappointment he must feel because of the abandonment of his closest friends, betrayal, loneliness, mocking, torture? Mark has Jesus die in total isolation. The cry of abandonment on the cross has to be one of the most frightening aspects of this account: 'Eloi, Eloi Lema Sabbachtani?' My God, my God, why have you deserted me? At the crucial moment, even God is silent. This is not an easy journey. We know the story does not end there, but for this week we enter into the rawness of Mark's cross. We can remember those today who stand for justice, who fight for human rights, those who are counter-cultural, who stand against oppressive systems even though the path is dangerous and lonely. And we can continue to ask ourselves: 'Where do I stand?'

Jane Mellett



St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 28th		
7: 30 pm	Rita Moore	(Anniv)
Sunday 29th	Palm Sunday of the Lords Passion	
11: 00 am	Paddy O Donnell	(Month's Mind)
Monday 30th		
8:00am	Intention	
Tuesday 31st		
8:00am	Intention	
Wednesday 1st		
8:00am	Val Johnson	(Anniv)
Thursday 2nd	Holy Thursday	
7:30pm	Mass of the Last Supper	
Friday 3rd	Good Friday	
3:00pm	Good Friday Service	
Saturday 4th	Holy Saturday	
8:00pm	Easter Vigil	
Sunday 5th	Easter Sunday	
6:00am	Glenvar Stations—Easter Dawn Mass	
11: 00 am	Sally Mc Bride	(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

See back page of this
newsletter for details

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel

Saturday 28th		
6: 00 pm	Eddie & James Mc Fadden	(Anniv)
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9:30 am	Rosina Deery 1st Anniv & Eddie Deery	(Anniv)

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Paddy O'Donnell, Mount Marian, Whose Month's Mind Mass takes place in Milford this weekend.

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

Eddie & James Mc Fadden, Mary Loughrey, Rita Moore & Val Johnson.



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.

Items For Newsletter

Please submit all items for the weekly newsletter no later than 1pm on a Thursday.

Kerrykeel Choir Practice

A Choir practice for Easter will be held in Our Lady of Lourdes Kerrykeel on Sunday 29th at 7pm. All welcome.

Swimming Bus

A bus leaves the top of the town Milford at 10am every Monday for swimming and aqua aerobics in the Aura Leisure Centre, Letterkenny. New members welcome. Contact Mary 9153279 or Bernie 9153297.

Annual Golan Pad Walk

The Annual Golan Pad walk will take place on Good Friday the 3rd April leaving from the Square, Milford at **6pm**. This year proceeds in aid of Muscular Dystrophy Donegal Branch. Sponsor cards available from Adeline Shields and Susan Peoples. Support appreciated.

Confessions For Easter

Ramelton Monday 30th @ 7pm
Kilmacrennan Tuesday 31st @ 7pm
Milford Tuesday 31st @ 8pm
Termon Wednesday 1st @ 7pm
Creelough Wednesday 1st @ 8pm

St. Patrick's Eve Fundraising Dance

A dance was held on 15th March in the Milford Parochial Hall in aid of the Good and New Cancer Bus. A sincere thank you to our sponsors the Thursday Night Dancing Group for sponsoring the music and to the Ray Community Group for donating the takings of their Saturday night dance and Swilly Mulroy Credit Union. Thank you to McBrides Shop, The Travellers and Today's Extra for donating the sandwiches. Thank you to all those who donated prizes for the raffle. Congratulations to all the winners. Thank you to those who could not make it on the night but gave a donation, to Cathal Hagan and the Hall Committee for the use of the premises and to those who helped decorate the hall. A very special thank you to all who supplied food and helped with the tea and also to Tirconail Country for the great music and of course thank you to Josephine for manning the door. Last but not least to everyone who came along, we sincerely hope you enjoyed yourselves. The total amount raised was €1,806.

Trócaire Boxes

The collection in each Church on Holy Thursday evening is for Trócaire. It would be appreciated if you would kindly change the contents of your Trócaire boxes and use envelope provided for the collection. Thank you.

First Friday Calls — Note Change

The monthly first Friday calls to the sick and housebound in the parish has been **changed** this month for Easter and will take place this coming **Mon 30th & Tues 31st March**
Kerrykeel: Monday Afternoon.
Milford: Tuesday.

Rosknakill Resource Centre

Rosknakill Resource Centre are having a Fundraising Easter Eggstavanza on Saturday 4th of April from 1 - 5pm Easter Egg hunt, face painting and fun and games for all the family please come along and support this fantastic facility.

Support Aobheann's Pink Tie

Family friendly walk/jog on Portsalon Beach on Easter Monday at 10am. Register at Warden Car Park and put a donation in the bucket. Easter Egg Draw lines are available at Dunleavy's XL Portsalon & Lighthouse Tavern, Araheera.. All proceeds go to support children who are attending Ireland's only cancer treatment unit — St. John's Ward in Crumlin Hospital.

Ray Community Group

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.



Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,295.00
Kerrykeel: €350.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week
In matters of style, swim the current.
In matters of principles stand like a rock.
T. Jefferson

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€3,350. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 4th April
P. Mc Laughlin & C. Mc Taggart
Sun 5th April
G. Mc Gee & E. O'Donnell

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 4th April
P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie,
B. O'Donnell & K. Logan
Sun 5th April
T. Reynolds, S. Lynch,
K. Ferry & C. O'Sullivan

Children's Liturgy

Sun 5th April Team C
Easter Day of the Lords Resurrection
Year B

Sun 12th April Team D
Second Sunday of Easter
Year B

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 4th April
Aine Mc Ateer
Phonsie Mc Ateer
Sun 5th April
Kay Mc Groy

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 4th April
Noreen Mc Fadden
Sun 5th April
Moira Stilvern