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THE DEEP END: The Good Shepherd

'The Lord is my shepherd.' How often have we sung this Psalm or heard it read and repeated the response? Its words are so familiar that sometimes we might not even think about what we are saying or singing. But the image of Jesus as shepherd is worth reflecting on, especially on this Good Shepherd Sunday.

Four years ago on Holy Thursday, Pope Francis caused a bit of a stir when he urged bishops and priests to get to know their flocks, and to be like shepherds who 'smell of their sheep': 'This I ask you: be shepherds, with the "odour of the sheep", make it real, as shepherds among your flock.' The vivid image captured the imagination of many who heard it. But in evoking the metaphor of shepherd, Pope Francis was echoing the language of the Gospel extract we hear today, when Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who knows his sheep.

Jesus tells us that sheep recognise the voice of their shepherd, and that is why they follow him. This kind of trust could only be gained by a shepherd who handles his sheep, feeds them, and protects them – to the extent that he smells like them. That's how well Jesus knows us, and it is because of how intimately he knows us, how much he has sacrificed for us, and how well he cares for us, that we are able to love and follow him in return.

Triona Doherty



St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 6th
7:30pm Hugh & Helen Coyle (Anniv)

Sunday 7th Fourth Sunday of Easter
11:00am Kathleen Sarsfield (Anniv)

Tuesday 9th
10:00am Frank Gillespie (Anniv)

Thursday 11th
10:00am Intention

Friday 12th
10:00am Intention

Saturday 13th
7:30pm Billy Cran (Anniv)

Sunday 14th Fifth Sunday of Easter
11:00am Paddy Toye (Anniv)

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 6th
6:00pm Intention

Sunday 7th Fourth Sunday of Easter
9:30am Intention

Wednesday 10th
10:00am Intention

Saturday 13th
6:00pm Intention

Sunday 14th Fifth Sunday of Easter
9:30am Intention

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Anthony Blaney, Urbalshinney, whose funeral took place in Milford on Friday.

All those whose Anniversaries occur at this time:

Hugh & Helen Coyle, Kathleen Sarsfield, Frank Gillespie & Marjorie O Donnell.



Local SVdeP 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.

Two Hand & Old Time Dancing

Two hand and old time dancing in the Milford Hall on Thursdays from 8:30pm—10:30pm Admission €5. All welcome

Rosary

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

Lough Derg 2017

Retreats continue on May 6, 7, 9, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 22, 27, 28 & 29. Advance booking is essential. Tel. 071 9861518 or email info@loughderg.org. The Three Day Pilgrimage season begins on Thursday 1st June, pre-booking not required. You are invited to walk in the spiritual footsteps of your ancestors and be part of the unbroken link of Lough Derg as a place of continuous prayer for over 50 generations.

Grass Seeds Foundation

Date for your diary: Grass Seeds Foundation are showing the classic film 'Gone with the Wind' at Century Cinema on Monday May 8th at 8 pm. Tickets are €5 and can be booked at 0868676565. All proceeds go towards a Community Cafe in Letterkenny. Thank you to Century Cinema for their support .

Milford & Kerrykeel Community Employment Project Ltd.

The above project has Secretarial position with immediate start.

Location: PSC, Milford.

Duties: Day to Day Adm. of CE Scheme, Preparing Wages, Electronic Banking, Tax Returns, Bank Reconciliations, etc.

The usual eligibility for CE scheme applies; Unemployed and in receipt of benefit for one year or more, and aged over 25 years.

Please apply to James Gibbons, Supervisor, 0868212778, or submit your CV to milfordce94@gmail.com or to PSC, Milford. Please quote PPS Number.

Fauré Requiem

We are performing this masterful setting of the Requiem Mass by the renowned French composer Gabriel Fauré in the Cathedral in Letterkenny on Friday the 12th at 8.30 pm. There will be two choirs (Conwal Singers & Strabane Chamber Choir) plus a small orchestra and the Cathedral organ as well. The first half of the concert will feature pieces from each choir individually and the second half will be the Requiem. There is no charge for the concert, but donations would be very welcome to help cover expenses.

Dates to Remember—2017

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.

MUSINGS

Touched and Transformed

Those who are drawn by God's voice and determined to follow Jesus soon discover within themselves an irrepressible desire to bring the Good News to their brothers and sisters through proclamation and the service of charity. All Christians are called to be missionaries of the Gospel! As disciples, we do not receive the gift of God's love for our personal consolation, nor are we called to promote ourselves, or a business concern. We are simply men and women touched and transformed by the joy of God's love, who cannot keep this experience just to ourselves. For 'the Gospel joy which enlivens the community of disciples is a missionary joy

Pope Francis – Message for Vocations Sunday 2017

The first big moment of vocation is baptism. The anointing of chrism at baptism might be called the anointing for vocation.

The baptismal vocation is for witness, love and service. This is expressed in ways in which people live out their baptism in married life, single life – and within the single life, maybe religious life or priesthood.

In a place of silence, let the words 'Come, follow me' echo in your mind and heart.

Lord, be with me as I offer myself in partnership with you to work in your world.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,190.00

Kerrykeel: €405.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

We are all missionaries. Wherever we go, we either bring people nearer to Christ, or we repel them from Christ. (E. Liddell)

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€5,750. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 13th May

J. Gibbons & F. Ferry

Sun 14th May

L. Mc Bride & A. Campbell

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 13th May

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

Sun 14th May

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

Children's Liturgy

Sun 14th May Team D

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Sun 21st May Team A

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 13th May

Brian Mc Garvey

Sun 14th May

Cabrini Friel

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 13th May

Jacinta Callaghan

Sun 14th May

Moira Stilvern