

Parish Newsletter

First Sunday Of Advent
Year B

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Waiting

You know that feeling of waiting for something or someone? It is a feeling of excitement or maybe anxiety. It can be a creative time, a time of high alert, where we may even be more aware of ourselves. Our senses are heightened especially when we are waiting for important news or results or waiting on a loved one to call or to arrive. Waiting is not always seen as a good thing but it can be a time for growth. And so, we enter into the season of waiting: Advent.



These weeks are weeks of great hope and joy and we celebrate God entering into our lives once more. This short passage from Mark reminds us to be alert, to use this time to prepare. What will our preparations be like? God is with us in many different ways, trying to catch our attention in the midst of our crazy, busy days. As we fight our way through the queues in the coming weeks, can we use 5 minutes, 7 minutes, 20 mins... to stop, be still, to ask God to enter into our hearts and lives once more.

Jane Mellett

MUSINGS

In 1744, Charles Wesley (the younger brother of Methodist founder, John Wesley) published Hymns for the Nativity of Our Lord. Out of eighteen hymns featured in the collection, one in particular is still closely associated with the Advent season: 'Come thou long expected Jesus'. Its first verse is a fitting clarion call on this first Sunday of Advent as we wait in expectant longing to celebrate Christ's birth at Christmas: 'Come Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free; from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in Thee.'

Salvador Ryan

St. Peter's Church, Milford	Eucharistic Adoration	Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel
Saturday 29th 7: 30 pm Charlie Sweeney (Anniv)	<u>Tuesdays - Kerrykeel</u> 9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm	Saturday 29th 6: 00 pm Intention
Sunday 30th First Sunday Of Advent 11: 00 am Intention	<u>Thursday's - Milford</u> 10: 00 am – 10: 00 pm (Directed Holy Hour from 9: 00 pm every second Thursday of the month)	Sunday 30th First Sunday Of Advent 9: 30 am Margaret Scanlon (1st Anniv)
Tuesday 2nd 10: 00 am Intention	Confessions Milford	Wednesday 3rd 10: 00 am Intention
Thursday 4th 10: 00 am Intention	Milford After 7: 30 pm Mass every Saturday	Saturday 6th 6: 00 pm Cassie & Hugh Toland (Anniv)
Friday 5th December First Friday 7: 00 pm Monthly Anniversary Mass for Deceased	Kerrykeel 5: 30 pm on Saturday's	Sunday 7th Second Sunday Of Advent 9: 30 am Hughie & Jennie Shiels (Anniv)
Saturday 6th 7: 30 pm John Goudie (Months Mind)		
Sunday 7th Second Sunday Of Advent 11: 00 am Sr Angela Coyle (R.I.P.)		

Please Remember in your Prayers:

Sr. Angela Coyle, New Jersey, who died on Monday (Aunt of Mary O'Donnell & Margaret Boyce)

Margaret Scanlon, whose 1st Anniversary Mass takes place in Kerrykeel on Sunday

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

Charlie Sweeney, Charlie, Cassie & Ellen McGinty,



Local SVdeP number 086 0611040

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

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.

Rosary

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

Two Hand & Old Time Dancing

Two hand and old time dancing continues in the Milford Hall on Thursdays at 8pm. Admission €5. All welcome

Children's Liturgy

Children's Liturgy need new people to help with liturgy at Sunday Mass. Anyone interested please give your name to any member of the liturgy group or to the Parochial House on 074 9153236.

Money Counters

Anyone willing to help with the counting of the weekly collection on a Monday morning please contact the Parochial House.

First Friday Calls

The monthly First Friday calls to the sick and housebound in the parish will take place this coming week (**note change**)

Kerrykeel: Thursday Afternoon

Milford: Friday

Cancer Care

Thank you to all who helped out with and contributed to our recent church gate collection. A total of €261.97 was raised.

Monster Bingo

A meeting will be held in the Oratory of St. Peter's on Tuesday 2nd December at 8pm to finalise the Bingo which takes place on Sunday the 7th December and to collect any outstanding Parish Draw Tickets. Tickets can be left at the Post Office or the Parochial House before Tuesday. The Parish Monster Bingo will be held in the Milford Inn Hotel on Sunday 7th December - Doors opening at 6pm, starting at 7pm.

Charity Christmas Cards

Charity Christmas cards with photos of scenes of Donegal are now on sale in aid of the Don Bosco Education Project, in the shanty town of Finetown, Johannesburg, in South Africa where Sr Margaret Sweeney from Fanad works. All monies from the sale of the cards go directly to help provide food, shelter and education for deprived children. Cards are on sale at The Silver Tassie Hotel and other outlets locally. If you require any further info call Rose Blaney on 086 8054760 or Resa Sweeney on 086 3931036.

Youth Group

A meeting of the Youth Group will take place on Friday 5th December at 8 o'clock in the Oratory of St. Peters. All those from Transition Year upwards are very welcome. A little time of prayer, social and fun for our young people.

Kerrykeel Christmas Craft Fayre

A Christmas Craft Fayre will be held in The Old School in Kerrykeel in association with Kerrykeel Park Development Co Ltd on Saturday 6th December from 11am - 4pm. Kerrykeel Country Market will be guests at the fayre selling their vast array of locally produced and crafted products. There will be many additional stands exhibiting a fantastic range of crafts and gifts, ideal for that someone special this Christmas. Santa Claus himself may even make an appearance!!

Eucharistic Ministers

Anyone interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister please contact Fr. Adrian.

Milford GAA

Milford GAA Club will hold its AGM at 6pm Sunday 30/11/14, in the clubhouse. All members and supporters are asked to come along and have your say in how the club progresses in 2015. New members welcome. No jobs will be given out at this meeting. Lotto jackpot this week is €1,800. All Lotto tickets bought from this weekend to Saturday 20th of December will be entered into a draw for a Christmas hamper, hampers on view in Mc Brides, Milford and Whoriskeys in Ramelton.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,460.00
Kerrykeel: €410.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

Nothing that is God's is obtainable by money

Anon

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€2,550. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word
Sat 6th December
E. Gallagher & R. Gallagher
Sun 7th December
D. McCafferty & S. Ramen
Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat 6th December
M. McNulty, O. Gallagher, M.E. Gillespie & E. Dyke
Sun 7th December
C. McGettigan, M. McFadden, M. McRory & Bernie O'Donnell

Children's Liturgy

Sun 7th December Team B
Second Sunday of Advent
Year B

Sun 14th December Team C
Third Sunday of Advent
Year B

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word
Sat 6th December
Brian McGarvey
Sun 7th December
Brid Dougherty

Ministers of the Eucharist
Sat 6th December
Brian McGarvey
Sun 7th December
Eileen McAteer