

Parish Newsletter

Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year C

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FACING THE TRUTH

In today's Gospel Jesus invites the people of his home town to come to the truth of themselves and to stop hiding. This could have been a real moment of grace for them, if they were open to it, but it is often hard to hear. This passage, read together with last Sunday's, is the entire Gospel in miniature.



The references to Elijah and Elisha may confuse us; they are reminders that the prophets of the past did not focus only on their own people. Elijah for example, did not provide miraculous food for the Israelites but for a pagan widow and her son in a foreign town. This talk of divine favours to foreigners is that last straw for the Nazarene community. The final verses foreshadow the fate of Jesus, but the time is not yet. It seems that Jesus has committed the ultimate political blunder of finding fault with his own people. The message is one of a call to a radical reversal of perspective; something with which the Gospel of Luke is very concerned. Jesus will proclaim a new kind of freedom and his openness of heart is too much for those who hear him. Where do we see this in our communities today?

'Although they heard you Lord, they failed to listen. They heard only what they wanted to hear. The truth hurt them, you made them feel uncomfortable, and they rejected you... Show us how we may seek your Kingdom and help to bring peace to a troubled world'.

Christian Aid – Tony Singleton

Jane Mellett

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 Monday evening 1st Feb at 7pm.

Kerrykeel

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



**Lenten Trócaire
Boxes are available in
both Churches, please
take one for your
home**

St. Peter's Church, Milford

Saturday 30th

7:30 pm John & Nan Gallagher (Anniv)

Sunday 31st Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am Intention

Monday 1st

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

Wednesday 3rd

10:00am Blessing of Candles, Throats & St Bridget's Crosses.

Thursday 4th

10:00am Intention

Friday 5th February First Friday

7:00 pm Monthly Anniversary Mass For Deceased

Saturday 6th

7:30 pm Intention

Sunday 7th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00 am Intention

Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesdays - Kerrykeel

9:00 am – 8:00 pm

Thursdays - Milford

10:00 am – 10:00 pm

(Directed Holy Hour from 9:00 pm every second Thursday of the month)

Confessions

Milford

After 7:30 pm Mass every Saturday

Kerrykeel

5:30 pm on Saturday's

Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel

Saturday 30th

6:00 pm Intention

Sunday 31st Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Intention

Tuesday 2nd

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

Saturday 6th

6:00 pm Francie Friel (Anniv)

Sunday 7th Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 am Intention

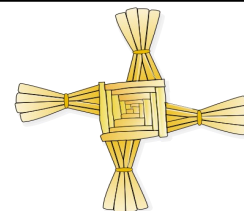
Please Remember in your Prayers

James Gallagher whose funeral took place on Thursday in Massmount.

Teddy Boyce, Ramelton whose funeral took place on Wednesday in Ramelton.

William Burke, whose funeral took place in Kilmacrennan on Saturday. (Brother of Peter & Andrew Burke)

And all those whose anniversaries occur at this time, especially: Bridget & John Mc Bride, Gracie & John Shields, Danny Mc Gettigan, Patsy Mc Laughlin.



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.

Mass Cards

A variety of Mass Cards signed by Fr. Adrian for deceased and also Mass Bouquets are now available at Parochial House, Milford.

Eucharistic & Word Ministers -Milford

Could any Eucharist/Word Minister who are available to help out at 7.45am Masses during Lent please give your name to Fr. Gavigan or Tommy.

Glenvar Community Employment Scheme

A vacancy has arisen in Glenvar on the Community Employment Scheme. Applicants must be in receipt of social welfare assistance. If interested please contact Anthony Murphy 9150898. Please have P.P.S. No. Available.

Operation Transformation

Fun 5km walk & run
Rossnakill activity centre
Sunday 28th Feb
Registration 1pm & 2pm Start

Rathmullan District Resource Centre

5k Fun Run / 3k Beach Walk

Sunday 14th Feb @ 1.00 P.M.

St. Joseph's N.S. and Rathmullan Sailing Club are hosting a fundraising Lá do Ghrá Valentines 5K Fun Run / 3K Beach Walk. Registration at the RDRC from 11a.m. onwards. There will be prizes in all categories. Refreshments will be served.

Basic First Aid Course

Anyone interested in attending a basic first aid course please get in touch with the RDRC via email rdrc10@gmail.com or facebook.

This course will only run depending on interest and subsidized funding sought via the Donegal ETB Community Education Programme.

Afternoon Of Card Playing – 25

The RDRC are hosting an afternoon of card playing 25 with light refreshments on Fridays from 2.30 – 4.30. Come along and enjoy an afternoon of socializing. Winner receives half of pot. Adm: €5per person.

St. Patrick's Day Social Event

There will be a social event after Mass on St. Patrick's Day in the Milford Hall in Aid of the youth of the Parish who are going to Lourdes/Medjugorje. On the day there will be traditional music, dance & singing, cake sale, face painting, tea & coffee and a raffle. Anyone who would like to participate on the day by playing some music or dancing etc. please contact Brendan Ward 086 3409183 .

Lenten Retreat at Ards Friary

Fri 12th- Sun 14th February

Directed by Philip Mc Parland

At the beginning of Lent this retreat will offer some reflections on the meaning and purpose of this sacred season. In particular, it will explore the way in which Lent speaks to our contemporary culture.

Commences: 6pm (With Supper)

Concludes: After Lunch

Cost: £140 Residential, €80 Non-Residential

Contact: Ards Friary on 074 91 38909 .

Want to do something special for Lent?

Weekday Mass times for Lent

Milford

Monday - Friday

7:45am

Kerrykeel

Monday & Tuesday

10am

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

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,319.00

Kerrykeel: €285.00

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
€2,550. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 6th February

E. Gallagher & P. Gallagher

Sun 7th February

S. Greene & R. O Connor

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 6th February

P. Sweeney, E. Gillespie
& B. O Donnell

Sun 7th February

C. Mc Gettigan, M. Mc Fadden
& M. Mc Rory

Children's Liturgy Kerrykeel

Sun 7th Feb Team C

Fifth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Year C

Sun 14th Feb Team D

First Sunday
of Lent
Year C

Ministers of the Word

Sat 6th February

Joe Harkin

Sun 7th February

Regina Mc Gettigan

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 6th February

Noreen Mc Fadden

Sun 7th February

Moira Stilvern