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An Open Book

‘The Christian is a living epistle, known and read by all men, an open letter, an advertisement for Christianity.’ William Barclay

What would an advertisement for Christianity look like? If you had to design an ad to sum up your faith, what would you include? On the one hand we are called to be joyful – to sing, shout, clap our hands and rejoice! But faith is not always so straightforward. There are many obstacles and temptations, and sometimes we are afraid to stand up for what we believe in. And then there’s today’s Gospel, which speaks of suffering, and tells us that following Jesus involves taking up our cross. How do we make sense of all this in the context of our faith journey?

The good news is we are not alone in our struggles. In today’s First Reading, Jeremiah struggles with his faith in one of his many ‘laments’. His faith has caused him to be a laughing stock. He feels conflicted; although his faith is inviting insult and derision, it is also a fire burning in his heart. In spite of people’s hostile reactions, he has been ‘seduced’ by God, and he cannot but speak out.

Is this how we feel about our faith? Is it like a fire burning within us, in our very bones, or are we lukewarm in our commitment? Following Jesus is a radical choice, now more than ever perhaps. Today’s readings teach us to be less concerned with what people think, and more concerned with living according to Jesus’ teachings – however others may react.



Triona Doherty

<p>St. Peter’s Church, Milford</p> <p>Saturday 30th 7: 30 pm Michael Molloy (Anniv)</p> <p>Sunday 31st 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 11: 00 am Intention</p> <p>Friday 5th September First Friday 7: 00 pm Monthly Anniversary Mass for Deceased</p> <p>Saturday 6th 7: 30 pm John McGettigan (Anniv)</p> <p>Sunday 7th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 11: 00 am James McBride (Anniv)</p>	<p><u>Eucharistic Adoration</u> <u>Tuesdays - Kerrykeel</u> 9: 00 am – 8: 00 pm</p> <p><u>Thursday’s - Milford</u> 10: 00 am – 10: 00 pm (Directed Holy Hour from 9: 00 pm every second Thursday of the month)</p> <p><u>Confessions</u> <u>Milford</u> After 7: 30 pm Mass every Saturday</p> <p><u>Kerrykeel</u> 5: 30 pm on Saturday’s</p>	<p>Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Kerrykeel</p> <p>Saturday 30th 6: 00 pm Kathleen, Francie & Frank Friel (Anniv)</p> <p>Sunday 31st 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9: 30 am Intention</p> <p>Saturday 6th 6: 00 pm Kathleen Logue (Anniv)</p> <p>Sunday 7th 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9: 30 am Philip Stilvern</p>
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Please Remember in your Prayers:

Kevin Coll, Kerrykeel/Scotland whose 1st Anniversary Mass takes place on Saturday 6th September in Massmount at 6pm

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

Michael Reynolds, Teresa Griffin, Kathleen Coyle, Michael Molloy, Grace Campbell & Charlie Barrett



Local SVP number 086 0611040

First Friday Calls

First Friday calls will not take place this week. Details in next week's newsletter.

Classes in Glenvar

The committee in Glenvar hope to run classes in the school beginning 1st week in October. We would appreciate ideas on what would be of interest - computers, photography and upholstery have been suggested. If you have any ideas please contact Anthony on 9150898 or Marion on 9150020(after 3pm). We would also like to have the ceili classes run this year. If interested please contact Teresa on 9150269. We are pleased to announce that the computers in the school have been replaced with brand new laptops. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Councillor Liam Blaney and Councillor Ian McGarvey and also Noel McBride for their financial support towards part of the cost of the laptops.

Country Gospel Concert

James Kilbane Country Gospel Concert will take place at 7.30pm on Sunday 21st Sept in Ards Friary. Tickets €15. Doors open at 7.10pm. Please call 074 91 38909 for tickets.

Antenatal Classes

Antenatal classes will commence in the Rathmullan Resource Centre on Tues 9th September at 3pm. For further details please call Ramelton 9151527, Rathmullan 9158322 or Milford 9153108.

Milford And District Over 65's Group

This group will re-start on Friday 12th Sept from 11am to 1pm in the Supper Room of the Community Hall, Milford. As always ideas for events/activities will be warmly welcomed and everything will be considered. Everyone is welcome to come along and new members are especially welcome. For further info please do not hesitate to contact Mary on 9153723. Here's to another successful year!

Welcome to September on Lough Derg

Lough Derg continues to offer a sacred space during September – an oasis of calm from the pressures and challenges of life. One Day Retreats are available on September 2, 6, 9, 10, 13, 14, 15, 16, 20 & 21 Booking is essential. For further information contact Maureen or Sharon Tel: 071 9861518
[Email:info@loughderg.org](mailto:info@loughderg.org)

Rathmullan & District Resource Centre

Ideas for new classes/courses to begin in Sept are needed, please contact the centre on 9158724 or by email rdrc10@gmail.com. Slim R Us begins in the centre on Mon 8th Sept at 11.30am. Yoga on 22nd Sept at 10.00am. Queries regarding the Tennis Court can be made through the Centre or contact tennis club members Grainne on 086 3397724 or Adrian on 087 2675063.

Mindfulness Meditation

A six week evening course with Learning to Exhale starts Wed 17th Sept in Letterkenny. Promotes relaxation, improves sleep and increases vitality. Beneficial for stress, anxiety and depression. Contact Suzanne at 087 1929067.

Farewell Fr. James

A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated in St. Peter's Church on Friday 19th September followed by a function in the Milford Hall to mark the departure of Fr. James from our Parish. Within the next two weeks people will call to your home if you wish to make a voluntary contribution towards a presentation for Fr. James. Any donation will be much appreciated. More details to follow.

Child & Family Health Clinic

The HSE Child & Family Health Clinic based in the Rathmullan & District Resource Centre have extended their opening hours to Tues 10.30 – 5.30pm (appointment only) & Thurs 12.30 – 2.30pm (drop in clinic). Advice will be provided for parents, babies and children up to school going age. If you have any queries regarding your child's development please contact your local Public Health Nurse at Ramelton 9151527, Rathmullan 9158322, Milford, Kerrykeel & Fanad (074) 9153108.

ETB Adult Education & Training Centre

The ETB Adult Education & Training Centre in Milford is now accepting applications for the last remaining places on their Part-time Back to Education Initiative Daytime Office Skills Course for September. Course runs Mon-Fri 9.30am-12.45pm, Sept till May over two years. The course offers a Fetac Level 4 Certificate. There are a number of places available in the onsite Creche. BTEI are free to adults with less than upper second level education or social welfare recipients or medical card holders. For more information contact Doreen or Angela on 074 9153194 Mon-Fri between 9.30am-1pm.

Church Collections for last weekend were:

Milford: €1,501.00
Kerrykeel: €410.00

Many thanks for your contributions to the Parish.

Thought for the Week

I shall tell you a great secret, my friend, do not wait for the last judgement, it takes place everyday.

Milford Hall Bingo
Bingo Sunday Night at 8:30pm, in the Hall.
Snowball tonight is:
€8,000. 00
Second Snowball
€4,150. 00



Church Ministries



Milford

Ministers of the Word

Sat 6th September

P. McCarron & J. Gibbons

Sun 7th September

N. Harrison & L. McBride

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 6th September

B. O'Donnell, K. Logan,

W. Friel & M. McNulty

Sun 7th September

K. Ferry, C. O'Sullivan,
& C. McGettigan

Children's Liturgy

Sun 7th September Team A

Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary

Time

Year A

Sun 14th September Team B

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

Year A

Kerrykeel

Ministers of the Word

Sat 6th September

Rebecca Ward

Sun 7th September

Aine McAteer

Ministers of the Eucharist

Sat 6th September

Jacinta Callaghan

Sun 7th September

Gretta McFadden