



Riverstown Parish

Riverstown - Sooley - Gleann



Riverstown Parish Newsletter

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**‘In the beginning was
the Word: the Word was
with God and the Word
was God’**

(John 1: 1)

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

- **First Reading (Ecclesiasticus 24: 1-2, 8-12):** This is a poem in praise of wisdom, a wisdom that has pitched her tent among God’s chosen people.
- **Second Reading (Ephesians 1: 3-6, 15-18):** This reading introduces the theme of God’s loving plan of salvation for us.
- **Gospel (John 1: 1-18):** As the Son of God, Jesus existed from the very beginning of time, sharing the divine life of the Father. But then He became man, sharing our human lives in order to give us a share in His divine life.

We continue to greet the Word made flesh that now dwells among us, and we continue to rejoice because, as the wisdom of God, He dispels our darkness and illuminates our lives.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD (LITTLE CHRISTMAS)

The Greek word Epiphany (*epiphanos*), which means *appearance or manifestation or showing forth*, is used to describe Jesus’ first appearance to the Gentiles. Originally the word Epiphany referred to the visit of a king to the people of his provinces. “*Epiphany*” refers to God’s Self-revelation as well as to the revelation of Jesus as His Son to all mankind. The angels revealed Jesus to the shepherds, and the star revealed Him to the Magi, who had already received hints of Him from the Jewish Scriptures. Later, God the Father revealed Jesus’ identity to Israel at His Baptism in the Jordan. In the synagogue at Nazareth, Jesus revealed Himself as the promised Messiah. Finally, Jesus revealed Himself as a miracle worker at the wedding of Cana, thus revealing His Divinity. These multiple revelations are all suggested by the Feast of the Epiphany.

ROSARY IN SOOEY

The Thursday afternoon Holy Rosary in Sooey will resume on Thursday, 9th January 2025 at the usual time of 2.30 pm.

RECENT DEATHS

Gerry Brehony, late of Coopershill, Riverstown, Sligo, died on Friday, 3rd January. Gerry's Funeral Mass is at 12 noon on Monday, 6th January, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Riverstown.

Claire Fitzpatrick (née Sheridan), late of Churchtown, Dublin, died on Saturday, 28th December 2024. Her Funeral Mass is on Tuesday, 7th January at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Churchtown. Claire is the aunt of Pauline Byrne (Ballygawley) of our Parish.

Tommy Cawley, late of Ougham, Riverstown, Sligo, died on Sunday, 29th December 2024. Tommy's Requiem Mass was on Thursday, 2nd January, at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Riverstown.

Fr John James Kelly, of Biloxi, Mississippi, died on Sunday, 29th December 2024. A Mass of Christian Burial was held this Saturday, 4th January. Fr Kelly is the brother of the late Chris Kelly (Kilross) and Rosemary McLoughlin (Kilross) of our Parish.

May they rest in peace and may God comfort all who mourn.

DO THIS IN MEMORY

Our next First Communion Preparation Mass will be on Saturday, 18th January at 8 pm in Riverstown Church, and on Sunday, 19th January at 11 am in Sooey Church. Participation of all the Communion children with their parents is essential.

ROTA FOR ALTAR SERVERS

DATE	CHURCH	SERVERS			
Sat Jan 4 (08 pm)	Riverstown	James Devaney	Saoirse Gilligan	Clodagh Galvin	Karl Galvin
Sun Jan 5 (11 am)	Sooey	Felix Subin	Christus Subin	Shauna McTiernan	
Sat Jan 11 (08 pm)	Riverstown	Saoirse Davey	Nithya Anu	Juanita Cawley	Lexi Mullaney
Sun Jan 12 (11 am)	Sooey	Christopher Casey	Anna Mc Mahon	Kate O'Brien	
Sat Jan 18 (08 pm)	Riverstown	Aoife Garry	Kate McMorro	Ruby Armstrong	Patrick Gilligan
Sun Jan 19 (11 am)	Sooey	Sean McLoughlin	Padraig McLoughlin	Daithi Scanlon	

ROTA FOR READERS

DATE	CHURCH	ADULT READER	CHILD READER
Sat Jan 4 (8 pm)	Riverstown	Joan McLoughlin	
Sun Jan 5 (11 am)	Sooey	Mary Kelly	Kayla Barrett
Sat Jan 11 (8 pm)	Riverstown	Joan McLoughlin	Bronagh Conlon
Sun Jan 12 (11 am)	Sooey	Mary Kelly	Jessie McLoughlin
Sat Jan 18 (8 pm)	Riverstown	Communion Children (Do This in Memory)	
Sun Jan 19 (11 am)	Sooey	Communion Children (Do This in Memory)	

PARISH COLLECTION (RIVERSTOWN-SOOEY-GLEANN)

Saturday, 28th December 2024, Riverstown Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - €898.00

Offertory Collection (Loose) - €63.80

Christmas Collection – Christmas Night, 24th December 2024, Riverstown Church

Envelopes - €3240.00

Loose - €1049.20

Sunday, 29th December 2024, Sooey Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - €273.25

Offertory Collection (Loose) - €107.40

Candle Donation, Shrine - €120.00

Christmas Collection - €120.00

Thank you for your continued support. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

Mass Schedule - Riverstown Parish

2nd Sunday of Christmas, Epiphany of the Lord, Baptism of the Lord
and 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

DAY / DATE	CHURCH	TIME	INTENTION
Sat Jan 04 Vigil Mass 2 nd Sunday of Christmas	Riverstown	08.00 pm	Paddy and Elizabeth Dwyer Paul McGann
Sun Jan 05 2 nd Sunday of Christmas	Soeey	11.00 am	James Francis Costello and Kathleen Costello (1 st Anniversary) and the deceased members of Costello and Sheridan families John Clerkin Snr, John Clerkin Jnr and Geraldine Healy Jose Anamthuruthil (5 th Anniversary)
Vigil Mass The Epiphany of the Lord	Riverstown	08.00 pm	
Mon Jan 06 The Epiphany of the Lord	Riverstown	12.00 noon	Gerry Brehony (Funeral Mass)
There is no Morning Mass in Soeey today.			
Tue Jan 07 There is no public celebration of the Holy Mass in our Parish today.			
Wed Jan 08 After Epiphany	Soeey	10.30 am	
Thu Jan 09 After Epiphany	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Fri Jan 10 After Epiphany	Riverstown	08.00 pm	Teasie McHugh (1 st Anniversary)
Sat Jan 11 Vigil Mass The Baptism of the Lord	Riverstown	08.00 pm	Freda Kelly Jean Leydon (3 rd Anniversary)
Sun Jan 12 The Baptism of the Lord	Soeey	11.00 am	Eileen McDermott (Month's Mind) and Joe McDermott Attracta Quinn, Pdraig Quinn, their son Joseph Quinn, and the deceased members of the Quinn family
Tue Jan 14 1 st Week in Ordinary Time	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Wed Jan 15 St Ita, Virgin	Soeey	10.30 am	
Thu Jan 16 1 st Week in Ordinary Time	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Fri Jan 17 St Anthony, Abbot	Soeey	10.30 am	
Sat Jan 18 Vigil Mass 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Do This in Memory)	Riverstown	08.00 pm	Eileen Flaherty (Month's Mind) Padraig Scanlon
Sun Jan 19 2 nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Do This in Memory)	Soeey	11.00 am	

TRAVELLING HOME FOR A SHORT BREAK

I will be travelling home to India on Monday, 6th January 2025 and will return on Tuesday, 14th January 2025. Fr AB O'Shea will fill in for me during my absence. Fr AB can be contacted on 087 2517450 / tawnynoran1943@gmail.com

I am deeply grateful to Fr AB and for all his support and help.

Fiona Casey, the Parish Secretary, will be available on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 09.30 am to 12.30 pm and Fridays from 02.00 pm to 05.00 pm. Parish office Contact Details: 071-916 5144 / 083 021 7508 / parishofficertown@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S CORNER



What happens at the Mass?

We Gather - We gather together as God's family just as Jesus taught us - "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Matthew 18:20)

We Listen - We listen to readings from the scriptures proclaimed by ministers of the word. The priest then reads the Gospel and gives a homily, explaining God's word to us.

We Celebrate - The gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar and we celebrate the liturgy of the Eucharist. We receive the Eucharist after praying the words of the Centurion from the Gospel: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

We Go Forth - At the end of Mass the priest offers us a blessing and we go in peace.

Please Note: There will be no Newsletter next weekend.

NOTES FOR NEWSLETTER

All submissions for inclusion in the Newsletter to be submitted by 12 midday on Thursday

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God bless you all!
Fr. Yashin