



Riverstown Parish

Riverstown - Sooeey - Gleann



Riverstown Parish Newsletter

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C
Feb 22 / Feb 23, 2025



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**‘Be merciful, just as your
Father is merciful.’**

(Luke 6: 36)

SHARING THE WORD OF GOD TODAY

The readings for the 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C teach us about mercy, forgiveness, and love.

First Reading (1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23): David shows mercy to Saul, sparing his life even when he has the chance to kill him. This teaches us to choose mercy over revenge.

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:45-49): Paul explains that we are to bear the image of Christ, the heavenly man. We are called to live like Christ.

Gospel (Luke 6:27-38): Instead of seeking revenge on one’s enemy this Gospel urges us to show forgiveness and compassion towards all.

These themes show us how to live like Jesus in our everyday lives. By following these teachings, we can grow closer to Jesus and share His love with those around us.

ROSARY IN SOOEY

A Special Rosary is held every Thursday at 02.30 pm in Sooeey Church. Most welcome to attend the same. Those who cannot make it to the Church may join us on YouTube via the Parish Website www.riverstownparish.com

REST IN PEACE

Sean McDonagh, late of Whitehill, Riverstown, Sligo, died on Monday, 17th February 2025. Sean’s Funeral Mass was on Friday, 21st February, in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Riverstown, with burial afterwards in Ballyrush Cemetery.

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

ROTA FOR ALTAR SERVERS

DATE	CHURCH	SERVERS			
Sat Feb 22 (08 pm)	Riverstown	Aoife Garry	Kate McMorrow	Ruby Armstrong	Patrick Gilligan
Sun Feb 23 (11 am)	Soeey				
Sat Mar 01 (08 pm)	Riverstown	James Devaney	Saoirse Gilligan	Clodagh Galvin	Karl Galvin
Sun Mar 02 (11 am)	Soeey	Sean McLoughlin	Padraig Mc Loughlin	Daithi Scanlon	

ROTA FOR READERS

DATE	CHURCH	ADULT READER	CHILD READER
Sat Feb 22 (8 pm)	Riverstown	Geraldine Bruen	Clodagh Galvin
Sun Feb 23 (11 am)	Soeey	Geraldine Bruen	Patrick Bruen
Sat Mar 01 (8 pm)	Riverstown		Sadie Jinks
Sun Mar 02 (11 am)	Soeey	Phil Travers	Jessica McLoughlin

PARISH COLLECTION (RIVERSTOWN-SOOEY-GLEANN)

Saturday, 15th February, Riverstown Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - €717.00
 Offertory Collection (Loose) - €129.50
 Blessed Candles - €16.00
 Candle Donation, Shrine - €51.00

Sunday, 16th February, Soeey Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - €533.00
 Offertory Collection (Loose) - €125.75
 Blessed Candles - €05.00
 Diocesan Needs - €35.00

Thank you for your continued support.

CHILDREN'S CORNER



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Act of Sorrow

Oh My God,
 I thank you for loving me.
 I'm sorry for all my sins.
 For not loving others and not loving you.
 Help me to live like Jesus and not sin again.

Amen

CONFIRMATION

What are the gifts of the Holy Spirit?

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are:

- Wisdom
- Understanding
- Right Judgement
- Courage
- Knowledge
- Reverence
- Wonder and Awe in God's presence



THANK YOU FIONA AND WELCOME CATHERINE

Our Parish Secretary, Fiona Casey, is leaving us after 5 years of dedicated service to the Parish. Fiona finishes on Friday, 28th February 2025. She will continue to support our Parish as a volunteer, adult supervisor and as a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. As Parish Secretary, Fiona has contributed much to the life of the Parish, and has always gone that extra mile to be of assistance to people. We say 'Thank You' Fiona and wish her God's blessings and every happiness in all her future endeavours.

Catherine Young will assume the role of Parish Secretary from Wednesday, March 5th. We wish Catherine every blessing in her role as Secretary.

Office Opening Hours from March 5th 1 pm to 5 pm every Wednesday and Thursday. Thank you.

Mass Schedule - Riverstown Parish

7th Week in Ordinary Time, Year C

DAY / DATE	CHURCH	TIME	INTENTION
Sat Feb 22 Vigil Mass 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Riverstown	08.00 pm	Colm Dwyer (1 st Anniversary), and the deceased members of the Dwyer family Bridget Mullaney Tommy McDermott, Fr Sean, Fr Kevin, Brian, Mick, Tony, Dermot, Therese, Kieran and all the deceased members of the McDermott family
Sun Feb 23 7 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Soeey	11.00 am	Lily Collery (1 st Anniversary) Patricia Davey John Joe Coen, and his parents Bernard Coen and Mary Bridget
Tue Feb 25 7 th Week in Ordinary Time	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Wed Feb 26 7 th Week in Ordinary Time	Soeey	10.30 am	
Thu Feb 27 7 th Week in Ordinary Time	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Fri Feb 28 7 th Week in Ordinary Time	Soeey	08.00 pm	John and Annie Kilcolm, Margaret Cosgrove, John Kilcolm, and Johnny Clancy
Sat Mar 01 Vigil Mass 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Riverstown	08.00 pm	Attracta Cavanagh (15 th Anniversary)
Sun Mar 02 8 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Soeey	11.00 am	

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ELPHIN DIOCESE SCRIPTURE INITIATIVE

Details of Elphin Diocese's Lenten Scripture Initiative are now available at: www.elphindiocese.ie/luke. Newcomers welcome at all centres.

FAITH ENRICHMENT JOURNEY FOR LENT

The Way of Gentleness, a faith enrichment journey for Lent, commences at St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill, Sligo on Monday 10th March at 8 pm and continues on Mondays 24th and 31st March, and 7th April. It can also be viewed online: churchservices-stpatricksstrandhill

LECTURES ON THE CREED FOR LENT

You are invited to a series of lectures on the Creed at the Dominican Friary Hall, Sligo on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm, commencing 10th March. The lectures, delivered by Fr. Michael Dunleavy, OP, will explore the articles of the Creed as portrayed in masterpieces of art and masterworks of music and literature.

'SING FOR JOY!' - A DAY OF MUSIC AND MINISTRY FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

Are you involved, or keen to become involved in church music in your parish, school, university etc? You are invited to attend 'Sing for Joy!' - A Day of Music and Ministry on Saturday 26th April at Lough Derg, Pettigo, Co. Donegal. Boat departs at 9:30 am. This day is open to young people aged 18-35 and is free to attend (supported by the Knights of St Columbanus). Registration is essential via <https://bit.ly/SingforJoy>.

For further information please contact info@knightsfstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk / +447759496677.

SLIGO ROTARY CLUB

Sligo Rotary Club's annual service will be held at St. Anne's Church, Sligo on Monday 24th February at 7.30 pm. All donations will be given to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul and the Northwest Hospice. All welcome.

YOUNG ADULT PILGRIMAGE TO ITALY

Young Adult Pilgrimage to Italy 29 July - 8 August 2025 with Bishop Kevin Doran. The pilgrimage is open to 18 - 35-year-olds. The cost is €995 per person sharing and this includes flights, coach transfers, accommodation, Youth Jubilee with Pope Francis in Rome, 3 days on the St Columbanus Camino in northern Italy and day trip to Milan. All the details and how to book are available at www.achonrydiocese.org and www.elphindiocese.ie This is an inter-diocesan pilgrimage for young adults living in the dioceses of Achonry and Elphin; Galway and Clonfert.

ELPHIN & ACHONRY DIOCESAN JUBILEE PILGRIMAGE TO ROME

'Pilgrims of Hope' is the theme of Jubilee 2025. To mark this special year of faith, the Diocese of Elphin and the Diocese of Achonry will journey on pilgrimage to Rome from 22nd to 27th October, 2025. This 5-night pilgrimage, led by Fr. Tom Hever and Fr. Vincent Sherlock, promises to be a special time in Rome, visiting Vatican City and Rome's most important basilicas and religious sites. Price per person: €1499 on half board basis at centrally located hotel (€300 single room supplement). For bookings and enquiries: email info@joewalshstours.ie or phone Joe Walsh Tours: 01 241 0800.

RETREAT FOR WOMEN

It takes place at Our Lady Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo from 7th – 9th March, led by Louise & Frank McGuinness. Time for renewal and rest. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Eucharistic Healing and Confession. Meet new friends while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Mullaghmore. Cost: €260 includes full board. For more info and booking details, please see www.staroftheseacentre.com/events or email staroftheseacentre@gmail.com or call Frank or Louise on 071 9176722.

RESTORE, RENEW, REKINDLE – MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland welcome you to their next Marriage Enrichment Weekend from Friday 28th - 30th March at Knock, Co. Mayo. The Catholic Marriage Enrichment Programme offers a weekend experience that helps couples enhance their communication and deepen their love for each other and provides a broader and deeper understanding of the sacrament of marriage. For further details, see www.marriageencounter.ie

LIVING WELL WORKSHOPS

Living Well is a free HSE programme which helps people living with a long-term health condition to manage their condition and improve their overall wellbeing. Anyone with any chronic illness such as diabetes, arthritis, COPD, cardiac illness, anxiety, etc. can benefit from these workshops. The next programme commences on Wednesday 26th March in Boyle Family Resource Centre. The programme is delivered over six weekly workshops (2.5 hrs x 6) by trained leaders. Advance registration is required. To find out more, please contact Liam Gildea on 086 014 2675 or by email at lgildea@southmayo.com

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