



Riverstown Parish Newsletter

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

April 12 / April 13, 2025



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**HOSANNA TO THE SON OF DAVID;
BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE
NAME OF THE LORD,
THE KING OF ISRAEL.
HOSANNA IN THE HIGHEST.**

(Matthew 21: 9)

SHARING THE WORD OF GOD TODAY

Palm Sunday Year C (Passion Sunday) marks the beginning of Holy Week. It is a day when we remember Jesus' entry into Jerusalem and the events leading to His Passion.

First Reading (Isaiah 50:4-7): The prophet suffers in carrying out His mission, but he is convinced that God will eventually save him.

Second Reading (Philippians 2:6-11): Because Jesus took on Himself our human condition and accepted death on a cross, the Father has made Him Lord of heaven and earth.

Gospel (Luke 22:14-23:56): Luke's version of the Passion Story. Luke presents a Christ who is merciful and forgiving, even to His executioners. We are involved in the Passion Story too. When we feel powerless or afraid, we can remember that Jesus invites us to be with Him in His suffering, giving us the strength to face our own challenges.

ROSARY IN SOOEY

There will be No Holy Rosary in Sooeey Church on Thursday 17th April (Holy Thursday). Rosary will resume on Thursday 24th April at 2.30 pm as usual.

REST IN PEACE

Vincent Carty, of Carrowcrin, Ballygawley, Sligo, died on Tuesday, 8th April 2025. Vincent's Funeral Mass was on Thursday, 10th April, in the Church of the Assumption, Sooeey, followed by cremation afterwards in Lakelands Crematorium, Cavan.

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

ROTA FOR ALTAR SERVERS

DATE	CHURCH	SERVERS			
Sat April 12 Palm Sunday Vigil Mass (08 pm)	Riverstown	Brian Merrick	Bronagh Conlon	Ríain Conlon	Leon Henry
Sun April 13 Palm Sunday (11 am)	Sooeey	Shauna McTiernan	Kate O'Brien	Daithi Scanlon	
Sat April 19 Easter Vigil (09 pm)	Riverstown	Shea Mc Grath	Roísa Henry	Robyn Henry	Kate Murrin
Sun April 20 Easter Sunday (11 am)	Sooeey	Felix Subin	Christus Subin	Christopher Casey	

ROTA FOR READERS

DATE	CHURCH	ADULT READER	CHILD READER
Sat April 12 (8 pm)	Riverstown	Nadine Barrett and Sean Travers	Bronagh Conlon and Kate Murrin
Sun April 13 (11 am)	Sooeey	Sean Travers, Phil Travers and Mary Kelly	Michael McLoughlin
Thu April 17, Holy Thursday (8 pm)	Sooeey	Brid Fallon	Michael McLoughlin
Fri April 18, Good Friday (3 pm)	Riverstown	Phil Travers and Geraldine Bruen	
Sat April 19, Easter Vigil (09 pm)	Riverstown	Geraldine Bruen and Edel Dwyer	
Sun April 20, Easter Sunday (11 am)	Sooeey	Brid Fallon	Michael McLoughlin

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER CEREMONIES 2025



Holy Thursday (April 17, 2025)

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 8 pm in Sooeey Church



Good Friday (April 18, 2025)

Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 3 pm in Riverstown Church



Holy Saturday (April 19, 2025)

Easter Vigil at 9 pm in Riverstown Church



Easter Sunday (April 20, 2025)

Mass of the Lord's Resurrection at 11 am in Sooeey Church

GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION FOR HOLY PLACES

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection is the main source of financial aid for taking care of the sanctuaries of the Holy Land and of the Christians who live around those sanctuaries. Initiatives of great pastoral value have sprung up around these Holy Places: parishes, schools, hospitals, homes for the elderly, and assistance centres for migrants, displaced persons and refugees. On Good Friday, we are asked to support our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land, especially in this time of war.

Mass Schedule - Riverstown Parish

Holy Week and Easter

DAY / DATE	CHURCH	TIME	INTENTION
Sat April 12 Vigil Mass Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Riverstown	08.00 pm	
Sun April 13 Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion	Sooeey	11.00 am	Florie Byrne (3 rd Anniversary) Paddy Colliery and Lily Colliery Deceased members of Travers and Sweeney families
Tue April 15 Tuesday in Holy Week	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Wed April 16	There is no public celebration of the Holy Mass today in our Parish		
Thu April 17 Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord's Super	Sooeey	08.00 pm	
Fri April 18 Good Friday Celebration of the Lord's Passion	Riverstown	03.00 pm	
Sat April 19 Holy Saturday Easter Vigil	Riverstown	09.00 pm	
Sun April 20 Mass of the Lord's Resurrection Easter Sunday	Sooeey	11.00 am	
There is no Public Celebration of the Holy Mass in our Parish from 22 nd April to 24 th April			
Fri April 25 Easter Friday	Sooeey	7.30 pm	Antoinette Clerkin (Month's Mind) and Mary Clerkin (39 th Anniversary)
Sat April 26 Vigil Mass Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	Riverstown	08.00 pm	John and Kathleen Callaghan
Sun April 27 Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday)	Sooeey	11.00 am	Gussie Hamilton (1 st Anniversary), and his sister Theresa O'Carroll John and Bridie Broderick Rosita and Jim Burke, and their daughter Geraldine Burke
Please Note: No Newsletter next weekend			
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DIOCESAN ADVISORS IN PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The Diocese of Elphin seeks to recruit two part-time Diocesan Advisors at primary school level to support the Catholic ethos and the *Grow in Love* programme in the Catholic schools throughout the diocese. Those interested in applying should initially make contact with Fr Michael Drumm (083 8833585).

MASS OF CHRISM

Bishop Kevin invites you to attend the **Mass of Chrism on Wednesday 16th April at 7.30 pm in St Anne's Church, Sligo** (*note change of Church due to temporary closure of the Cathedral*). During the Mass, Bishop Kevin will bless and consecrate the oils used in the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Orders and the Sick and the priests of the diocese will renew their commitment to their priestly ministry. All are very welcome to attend.

PARISH COLLECTION (RIVERSTOWN-SOOEY-GLEANN)

Saturday, 5th April, Riverstown Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - €519.00

Offertory Collection (Loose) - €93.40

Candle Donation, Shrine - €48.00

Sunday, 6th April, Sooeey Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - €429.50

Offertory Collection (Loose) - €58.90

Candle Donation, Shrine - €148.95

Thank you for your continued support.

HUNGER LUNCH

St. Anne's are hosting a Hunger Lunch on Spy Wednesday in McSharry Park, Cranmore Rd, F91R250 from 12.00-3.00 pm and all donations raised are for Trócaire. Please support all welcome.

VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST. PIO TO HOLYCROSS ABBEY

St. Pio relics will visit Holycross Abbey, Thurles, Co. Tipperary (E41PH01) on Saturday 24th and Sunday 25th May. Veneration and ceremonies from 10 am to 8 pm on Saturday, and 9 am to 8 pm on Sunday (incorporating the annual St. Pio Pilgrimage on Sunday from 1.30 pm). All welcome. Contact 0504-43124 or hbparrishoffice@gmail.com for information.

EASTER MONDAY PILGRIM PATH WALK @ LOUGH DERG

Join the team at Lough Derg for a guided walk along the ancient Pilgrim Path around Lough Derg on Monday 21st April @10.30 am. 8km & 12km option available. Free event. Booking essential. More information www.loughderg.org

BAKE SALE

Ardkeeran National School Parent's Association are holding an Easter Bake Sale & Raffle on Friday, April 18 in Riverstown Community Hall from 2 pm to 4:30 pm. There will be lots of tasty cakes, tarts, brownies, scones & more. Raffle prizes include Easter cake, Easter floral bouquet (sponsored by Patricia Armstrong), Hamper (sponsored by Riverstown Total Health Pharmacy), vouchers including Homeland Aurivo, meat voucher from Martin Baker, One4all from Keith Aldridge Tyres & Wasy's chipper. Any support would be appreciated.

NOTES FOR NEWSLETTER

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

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