



Riverstown Parish

Riverstown - Soeey - Gleann



Riverstown Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Lent, Year C

Mar 22 / Mar 23, 2025



'THE LORD IS COMPASSION AND LOVE'

(Psalm 102: 8)

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SHARING THE WORD OF GOD TODAY

The 3rd Sunday of Lent Year C helps us reflect on God's call, repentance, and growth. The readings from Exodus, Corinthians, and Luke guide us to understand our faith journey better.

First Reading – Exodus 3:1-8A, 13-15: Moses encounters God in a burning bush at Horeb. Instructed to remove his sandals on holy ground, he is tasked to rescue Israelites from Egypt, armed with God's name, "I AM."

Second Reading – 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12: Though all the people of Israel were led out of Egypt and enjoyed God's protection in the desert, yet because of their infidelity most of them perished there. Their failures in the wilderness warn us against evil cravings and complacency.

Gospel – Luke 13:1-9: Jesus says that the misfortunes which befall people are no indication that they are sinners. Yet, to His Jewish hearers, He stresses the necessity of repentance and tells them that time is running out.

The readings guide us to live more faithfully and trust in God's promises.

ROSARY IN SOOEY

A Special Rosary is held every Thursday at 02.30 pm in Soeey 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

Confessions available this Sunday, 23rd March from 3 pm until 5 pm in Riverstown Church. All welcome.

REST IN PEACE

Antoinette Clerkin, late of Soeey, Co. Sligo and formerly of Dolphins Barn, Dublin, died suddenly on Friday, 14th March 2025. Reposing at McGowan's Funeral Home and Crematorium, Collooney, Co. Sligo (F91 AKW5) on Monday 24th March from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Antoinette's Funeral Mass is at 12 noon on Tuesday, 25th March, in the Church of the Assumption, Soeey, with burial afterwards in St Joseph's Cemetery, Soeey. The Funeral Mass can be viewed live on YouTube via the Parish Website, www.riverstownparish.com

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

Please Note

There is no Morning Mass on Tuesday, the 25th, in Riverstown Church.

ROTA FOR ALTAR SERVERS

DATE	CHURCH	SERVERS			
Sat Mar 22 (08 pm)	Riverstown	Saoirse Davey	Nithya Anu	Juanita Cawley	Lexi Mullaney
Sun Mar 23 (11 am)	Soeey	Sean Mc Loughlin	Padraig Mc Loughlin	Daithi Scanlon	
Sat Mar 29 (08 pm)	Riverstown	Aoife Mc Garry	Kate Mc Morrow	Ruby Armstrong	Patrick Gilligan
Sun Mar 30 (11 am)	Soeey	Felix Subin	Christus Subin	Christopher Casey	

ROTA FOR READERS

DATE	CHURCH	ADULT READER	CHILD READER
Sat Mar 22 (8 pm)	Riverstown		
Sun Mar 23 (11 am)	Soeey	Phil Travers	Michael Mc Loughlin
Sat Mar 29 (8 pm)	Riverstown	Shea Mc Grath	
Sun Mar 30 (11 am)	Soeey	Phil Travers	Oisin Mc Tiernan

PARISH COLLECTION (RIVERSTOWN-SOOEY-GLEANN)

Saturday, 15th March, Riverstown Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - €341.50

Offertory Collection (Loose) - €69.00

Sunday, 16th March, Soeey Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - €376.50

Offertory Collection (Loose) - €71.40

Feast of St Patrick

Sunday, 16th March, Riverstown Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - €476.00

Offertory Collection (Loose) - €58.60

Diocesan Needs - €15.00

Monday, 17th March, Soeey Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - €297.50

Offertory Collection (Loose) - €77.30

Diocesan Needs - €15.00

Thank you for your continued support.

NIGHTFEVER

Friday, 28th March | Holy Cross Friary, Sligo. Join us for a beautiful evening of prayer and encounter at 7:00 pm, beginning with Mass celebrated by Fr. Joseph Mary Deane, CFR. This will be followed by candlelit Eucharistic Adoration, music, prayer, and the Sacrament of Confession. For those interested, there will also be an opportunity to take part in street outreach, inviting others to encounter Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. For more information or to get involved, please contact 089-210722 / 087-6274621.

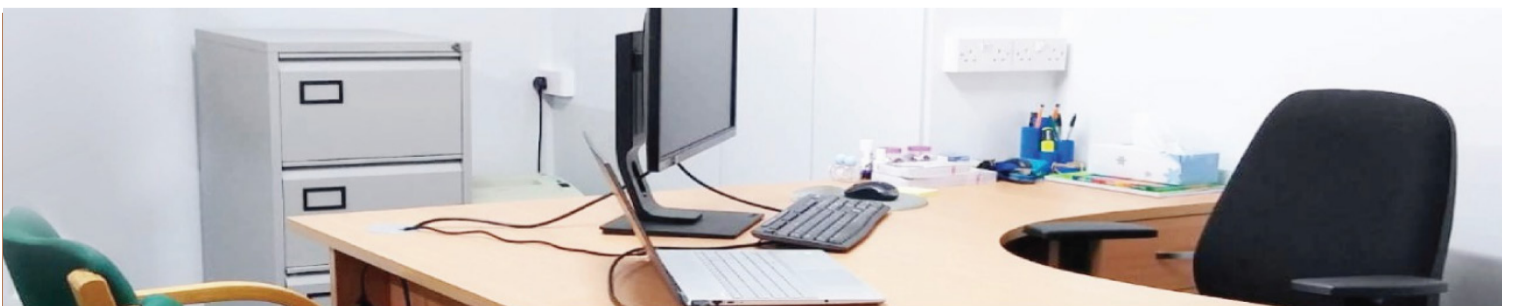
LECTURES ON THE CREED FOR LENT

You are invited to a series of lectures on the Creed at the Dominican Friary Hall, Sligo on Monday evenings at 7.30 pm. 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.

ICMA SUMMER SCHOOL

The Irish Church Music Association (ICMA) has announced its 2025 summer school, “*Pilgrims of Hope*”, taking place in Maynooth from Tuesday, 1st July, to Thursday, 3rd July. The summer school offers a series of workshops focused on church music. For further details, see: www.icmamusic.ie

PARISH OFFICE OPENING HOURS



Tuesdays	01.00 pm to 04.00 pm
Wednesdays	01.00 pm to 05.00 pm
Thursdays	01.00 pm to 04.00 pm

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Mass Schedule - Riverstown Parish

3rd Sunday of Lent, Year C

DAY / DATE	CHURCH	TIME	INTENTION
Sat Mar 22	Soeey	04.00 pm	Mary and Sean McCormack (Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass)
Vigil Mass 3 rd Sunday of Lent	Riverstown	08.00 pm	Sean McDonagh (Month's Mind)
Sun Mar 23 3 rd Sunday of Lent	Soeey	11.00 am	Micheal Reynolds and his parents Owen and Josephine Reynolds Sean and Maura Dermody, and Batty and Mary McLoughlin
Tue Mar 25 The Annunciation of the Lord	Soeey	12 noon	Antoinette Clerkin (Funeral Mass)
Wed Mar 26 3 rd Week of Lent	Soeey	10.30 am	
Thu Mar 27 3 rd Week of Lent	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Fri Mar 28 3 rd Week of Lent	Soeey	07.00 pm	James Bernard Duggan and the deceased members of the Duggan family
Sat Mar 29 Vigil Mass 4 th Sunday of Lent	Riverstown	08.00 pm	Greta Quinn and the deceased members of Quinn and Lyons families Mary Willis
Sun Mar 30 4 th Sunday of Lent	Soeey	11.00 am	Thomas and Margaret Taheny, and Bridget Taheny

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CHURCH GATE COLLECTION FOR SOOEY SCHOOL

Soeey School is fundraising to purchase a piece of land beside the school. Tickets for a monster raffle will be on sale at Soeey Church on Sunday, 30th March. Tickets are €5 each or 5 for €20. Top prize worth €500. The draw will take place at Soeey's Got Talent on Sunday, 6th April in Castle Dargan Hotel. Your support would be greatly appreciated.



SOOEY N.S. PRESENTS

SOOEY'S GOT TALENT

SUNDAY, APRIL 6TH

CASTLE DRAGON HOTEL

TICKETS: €15 Adults: €5 children (who are not participating)
Under 5s go free. This is a cash only event. Ticket available from Soeey N.S. or on the door.

DOORS: 6 PM SHOW: 7 PM

AGM - RIVERSTOWN TIDY TOWNS

The AGM of Riverstown Tidy Towns will be held on Thursday 27th March 2025 at 8.30 pm sharp. Everyone will be most welcome and encouraged to attend. We need to get more people involved, including more youth. Please come along, bring a friend and enjoy a cuppa and a chat.

Congratulations to everyone on bringing Gold Medal success to our village for the first time and a County first award. We were only two marks behind the overall winner. We are looking forward to even greater success in 2025. We hope to have our village looking its best for the 1st May. We still have a lot of work to get done before then.

In addition to this year's SuperValu tidy towns' competition, we were selected by the Department of the Environment to take part in the all-Ireland best kept towns competition. It will be judged on last year's adjudicators' report by two judges in the month of May. One judge from Northern Ireland and one from the Republic. Please read the 2024 tidy towns report as we need to address the items highlighted by last year's adjudicators. The report is available on the SuperValu Tidy Towns site under adjudicators reports 2024 for County Sligo.

PIONEER PLEDGE FOR LENT

Pope Francis has invited us this Lent to "journey in hope together". A short-term pledge is available via www.pioneerassociation.org for parishioners who wish to become a "pilgrim of hope" for people who are living under the shadow of addiction.

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 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 continues on Mondays 24th and 31st March, and 7th April. It can also be viewed online: churchservices-stpatricksstrandhill

Irish Conversation Class for Beginners / Improvers in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre -F91 C2 HT Thursday evenings, commencing shortly. Supported by ETB. To register, please contact - 087 6645509 by return or Email ballintogherhub@yahoo.com

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

'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@knightsofstcolumbanusomagh.co.uk / +447759496677.

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