



# Riverstown Parish

Riverstown - Soeey - Gleann



## Riverstown Parish Newsletter

Thirty-First in Ordinary Time, Year B  
Nov 02 / Nov 03, 2024

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**'YOU ARE NOT FAR  
FROM THE KINGDOM  
OF GOD.'**

*(Mark 12: 34)*

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### LOVE OF GOD AND NEIGHBOUR

On the 31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time Year B, we reflect on key teachings from Deuteronomy, Hebrews, and the Gospel of Mark. These readings guide us in understanding *love, obedience, and Jesus' eternal priesthood*.

- **First Reading** – Deuteronomy 6:2-6: Moses instructed the people to fear and obey the Lord, promising growth and prosperity. 'Love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and strength, and take these words to heart.' This shows the importance of putting God first in our lives.
- **Second Reading** – Hebrews 7:23-28: Jesus is our eternal high priest who intercedes for us. He is holy and offered Himself once for all. His priesthood is perfect and unchanging, unlike the priests of the old covenant.
- **Gospel** – Mark 12:28 b-34: A scribe asked Jesus about the greatest commandment. Jesus answered, saying to love God completely and love your neighbour as yourself. The scribe agreed, and Jesus affirmed his understanding.

True discipleship involves listening to God and loving Him above all else, integrating this love into every part of our lives. And true love for God naturally leads to loving others and keeping God's commandments. Let us strive to live out this love in our lives, building up the Kingdom of God through our faithful actions.

### 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 [www.massonline.ie](http://www.massonline.ie)

### VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOUSEBOUND

I will be visiting the sick and housebound on Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup> in Riverstown/ Coolbock areas and on Friday, November 8<sup>th</sup> in Soeey/ Gleann areas.

## ROTA FOR ALTAR SERVERS

DATE	CHURCH	SERVERS			
Sat Nov 02 (08 pm)	Riverstown	Roísa Henry	Karl Galvin	Clodagh Galvin	
Sun Nov 03 (11 am)	Soeey	Christopher Casey	Shauna McTiernan	Daithi Scanlon	
Sat Nov 09 (08 pm)	Riverstown	Shea Mc Grath	Ruby Armstrong	Roísa Henry	Katie Murrin
Sun Nov 10 (11 am)	Soeey	Anna Mc Mahon	Kate O'Brien	Christopher Casey	

## ROTA FOR READERS

DATE	CHURCH	ADULT READER	CHILD READER
Sat Nov 02 (8 pm)	Riverstown	Geraldine Bruen	Maya McKeon
Sat Nov 03 (11 am)	Soeey	Brid Fallon	Felix Subin
Sat Nov 09 (8 pm)	Riverstown	Children, First Communion Enrolment Mass	
Sat Nov 10 (11 am)	Soeey	Children, First Communion Enrolment Mass	

## TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

There will be a training session for our New Altar Servers on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November, at 7 pm in Riverstown Church, and at 8 pm in Soeey Church. If your child has expressed an interest in becoming an Altar Server, please plan to have them attend this New Altar Servers' Training on Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November. Thank you.

## ENROLMENT MASS FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

The Enrolment Mass for First Communion children will take place on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> November at 8 pm in Riverstown Church, and on Sunday, 10<sup>th</sup> November at 11 am in Soeey Church. Your participation is essential.

## TRAINING FOR NEW ALTAR SERVERS – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Saturday 09<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November 2024 (Enrolment Sunday)  
 Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2024 (Do This In Memory)  
 Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2025 (Do This In Memory)  
 Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> / Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2025 (Do This In Memory)  
 Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> / Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2025 (Do This In Memory)  
 Wednesday 02<sup>nd</sup> April 2025 (First Confessions in Riverstown at 7.30 pm)  
 Thursday 03<sup>rd</sup> April 2025 (First Confessions in Soeey at 7.30 pm)  
 Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (First Holy Communion in Riverstown at 12 noon)  
 Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2025 (First Holy Communion in Soeey at 12 noon)

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



### PRAYER: WHAT IS PRAYING?

Praying means talking to God.  
 Praying means giving your heart to God.  
 Praying means becoming quiet.  
 Praying means listening to God.  
 Praying means thanking Him.  
 Praying means asking Him, telling Him everything:  
 all your worries, all your fears,  
 everything you are pleased about.  
 Praying also means accepting sadness  
 and asking God to come also into our difficulties.  
*('Youcat for Kids' 139)*

## NOVEMBER - MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

During November, we pray in a particular way for the repose of the Holy Souls, especially for our own departed family members, loved ones and friends. All names on the Altar list of the Dead will be remembered at every Mass throughout November, the month of the Holy Souls.



## PARISH COLLECTION (RIVERSTOWN-SOOEY-GLEANN)

### Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> October, Riverstown Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - € 385.50

Offertory Collection (Loose) - € 84.90

Missions - € 55.00

November Envelopes - € 315.00

### Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> October, Soeey Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - € 367.55

Offertory Collection (Loose) - € 150.45

Missions - € 60.00

November Envelopes - € 310.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## SEEKING ENCOUNTER WITH GOD IN AND THROUGH ST LUKE'S GOSPEL

Elphin Diocese's autumn/ winter scripture initiative (in-person) is now getting underway in many parishes. For details please visit: [www.elphindiocese.ie/luke](http://www.elphindiocese.ie/luke) All welcome.

## THE WAY OF GENTLENESS

A faith enrichment journey for Advent at St. Patrick's Church, Strandhill, Sligo on Mondays 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> December at 8 pm. Online attendance also at: churchservices – [stpatricksstrandhill](http://stpatricksstrandhill)

## Mass Schedule - Riverstown Parish

### Thirty-First Week in Ordinary Time, Year B

DAY / DATE	CHURCH	TIME	INTENTION
Sat Nov 02 Vigil Mass 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Riverstown	08.00 pm	Joe and Maureen Corcoran, Anne Mc Manus, and Michelle Corcoran
Sun Nov 03 31 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time	Soeey	11.00 am	John Martin and Mary O'Reilly
Tue Nov 05 31 <sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Wed Nov 06 All the Saints of Ireland	Soeey	10.30 am	
Thu Nov 07 31 <sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Fri Nov 08 31 <sup>st</sup> Week in Ordinary Time	Soeey	10.30 am	
Sat Nov 09 Vigil Mass 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Enrolment Ceremony for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion)	Riverstown	08.00 pm	Michael, Mary and Rita Taheny
Sun Nov 10 32 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Enrolment Ceremony for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion)	Soeey	11.00 am	Seamus and Frances Torsney

## MASS FOR BEREAVED PARENTS IN SAINT JOHN'S CENTRE, KNOCK

The annual Mass for bereaved parents will take place on Sunday November 10th at 3 pm in St. John's Rest and Care Centre, Knock. If attending, please be there at 2.45 pm in order to give the details of your departed dear ones. This annual Mass is a special occasion for bereaved parents to gather together in a prayerful and supportive environment. This day provides parents and grandparents with an opportunity to meet and support each other as well as find comfort in praying together as they struggle with the loss of young life. All are welcome.

## NEW ENCYCLICAL FROM POPE FRANCIS

Pope Francis has released his fourth encyclical, *Dilexit Nos* (He Loved Us), focused on the human and divine love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ. "The symbol of the heart has often been used to express the love of Jesus Christ. Some have questioned whether this symbol is still meaningful today. Yet living as we do in an age of superficiality, rushing frenetically from one thing to another without really knowing why, and ending up as insatiable consumers and slaves to the mechanisms of a market unconcerned about the deeper meaning of our lives, all of us need to rediscover the importance of the heart." To read the Encyclical in full, visit [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

Riverstown Foróige Club will be holding their Registration Evening on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November @ 7:30 pm in Riverstown Community Hall. The club is open for 12–18-year-olds from Riverstown and surrounds. Parents must attend registration.

## PIONEER PLEDGE FOR THE MONTH OF THE HOLY SOULS

A short-term pledge gives spiritual support and encouragement to people and their families who are living under a shadow of addiction. Contact the Pioneers on 01 805 4226 or via [www.pioneers.ie/pray](http://www.pioneers.ie/pray)

## 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**