



# Riverstown Parish

Riverstown - Sooley - Gleann



## Riverstown Parish Newsletter

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

Oct 12 / Oct 13, 2024

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**‘Good Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’**

*(Mark 10: 17)*

### IT'S TIME FOR A RADICAL CHOICE

Today's readings remind us that we do not possess anything in our life that we refuse to surrender to the Lord, but, in reality, our "possessions" often possess us, and we become their prisoners. That is because what we are doing is giving our "things" top priority in our lives. Thus, we violate the First Great Commandment, which demands that we give absolute and unconditional priority to God.

**The First Reading (Wisdom 7: 7-11)** advises us to use the God-given virtue of prudence in order to seek true wisdom rather than rush after vanishing, unsatisfactory realities like riches or political and social influence.

**The Second Reading (Hebrews 4: 12-13)** warns us that we are accountable to God for how we use His blessings and that the "living and effective word of God" must be our guide in evaluating our use of God's blessings.

**In today's Gospel (Mk 10:17-30)**, we find three sections: 1) a narrative about Jesus' encounter with a rich man, 2) Jesus' sayings about wealth as a possible obstacle to discipleship, and 3) Jesus' promise of reward for those who share their material possessions with the needy. Reminding the rich man of the commandments that deal with relationships with other people, Jesus challenged him to sell what he had, and to give the money to the poor. The disciples were shocked by this challenge. But Jesus declared that true religion consisted in one's sharing one's blessings with others rather than hoarding and/or getting inordinately attached to them.

*'Day by day,  
dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray:  
To see Thee more clearly,  
Love Thee more dearly,  
Follow Thee more nearly,  
Day by day.'*

## REST IN PEACE

Séamus (James) Cawley, late of Drumdoney View, Doongeelagh, Riverstown, Sligo, died on Wednesday, 9th October 2024.

Vincent Quigley, late of Luton, England and formerly of Ballygawley, Co Sligo died on Wednesday, 9th October 2024.

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

### ROTA FOR ALTAR SERVERS

| DATE               | CHURCH     | SERVERS          |                  |                |                     |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|---------------------|
| Sat Oct 12 (08 pm) | Riverstown | James Ryan       | Patrick Gilligan | Méabh Tonry    | Kate Mc Morrow      |
| Sun Oct 13 (11 am) | Soeey      | Sean Mc Loughlin | Anna Mc Mahon    | Kate O'Brien   | Padraig Mc Loughlin |
| Sat Oct 19 (08 pm) | Riverstown | Shea Mc Grath    | Ruby Armstrong   | Róisá Henry    |                     |
| Sat Oct 20 (11 am) | Soeey      | Khloe Rooney     | Nicole Rooney    | Daithi Scanlon |                     |

### ROTA FOR READERS

| DATE               | CHURCH     | ADULT READER     | CHILD READER |
|--------------------|------------|------------------|--------------|
| Sat Oct 12 (8 pm)  | Riverstown | Joan Mc Loughlin |              |
| Sun Oct 13 (11 am) | Soeey      | Phil Travers     |              |
| Sat Oct 19 (8 pm)  | Riverstown |                  |              |
| Sun Oct 20 (11 am) | Soeey      | Phil Travers     |              |

## MEETING FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN MAKING FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be an information meeting for the parents of our First Communion children of Soeey and Kilross National Schools on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in Soeey Church, and of Ardkeeran National School on Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30 pm in Riverstown Church. Your participation in this meeting is essential.

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| Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 (First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting in Soeey at 7.30 pm)         |
| Wednesday, 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 (First Holy Communion Parents' Meeting in Riverstown at 7.30 pm) |
| 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)                             |

## PARISH COLLECTION (RIVERSTOWN-SOOEY-GLEANN)

### Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> October, Riverstown Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - € 427.00

Offertory Collection (Loose) - € 49.40

Sick and Retired Priests - € 07.00

### Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> October, Soeey Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - € 670.90

Offertory Collection (Loose) - € 175.25

Formation of Priests - € 5.00

Sick and Retired Priests - € 5.00

Diocesan Needs - € 5.00

*Thank you for your continued support.*

## PASTORAL LETTER

This weekend, the Catholic Bishops of Ireland have published a Pastoral Letter called “A Hundred Thousand Welcomes?” – to welcome migrants to Ireland. As Christians, we have a responsibility to respond to the key questions of immigration across our island, and the world. This fundamental question asks, “Who is my neighbour?” and to answer this we are informed by the parable of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:29-37). In the light of the Gospel and Catholic Social Teaching, our bishops offer this reflection on what hospitality for migrant people means in contemporary Ireland. To read this pastoral letter in full, visit [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie)

## VISIT OF THE RELICS OF ST BERNADETTE, ATHLONE AND KILTOOM

The relics of St Bernadette will visit the Church of Saints Peter and Paul, Athlone 2<sup>nd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> November and the Church of the Risen Christ, Kiltoom 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> November. See [www.elphindiocese.ie](http://www.elphindiocese.ie) for the schedules.

## “WELCOME TO THE FAMILY” - EXPLORING THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM, EUCHARIST AND CONFIRMATION

A series of talks by Fr. Eugene Duffy exploring the meaning and importance of the sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. The talks will take place on Monday evenings from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October to Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December from 8 pm to 9.15 pm at the Prayer Centre, Knock Shrine. This series will be of particular interest to parents preparing children for these sacraments, for parish teams and for those who wish to better understand the reason why these Sacraments are central elements in our lives as Catholics. This is a free series. No advanced booking is required. For further information, phone: Knock Shrine 094 9388100 / email: [faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie](mailto:faithrenewal@knockshrine.ie)

## Mass Schedule - Riverstown Parish

Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time, Year B

| DAY / DATE  | CHURCH     | TIME     | INTENTION  |
|---|------------|----------|--|
| <b>Sat Oct 12</b><br>Vigil Mass<br>28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | Riverstown | 08.00 pm | Pat, Nellie and Tony Scanlon<br>Thomas and Margaret Harte, their son Gerard Harte, and the deceased members of Harte and Brehony families  |
| <b>Sun Oct 13</b><br>28 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time               | Soeey      | 11.00 am | Bernie Burke<br>Nan and Jack Burke, Gerry and Tom Burke, and the deceased members of Burke and O' Connor families  |
| <b>Tue Oct 15</b><br>Saint Teresa of Avila, Virgin and Doctor of the Church | Riverstown | 10.30 am |  |
| <b>Wed Oct 16</b><br>28 <sup>th</sup> Week in Ordinary Time                 | Soeey      | 10.30 am |  |
| <b>Thu Oct 17</b><br>Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr           | Riverstown | 10.30 am |  |
| <b>Fri Oct 18</b><br>Saint Luke, Evangelist                                 | Soeey      | 10.30 am |  |
| <b>Sat Oct 19</b><br>Vigil Mass<br>29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time | Riverstown | 08.00 pm | Micheál Mc Dermott and the deceased members of the Mc Dermott family, and Michael Joe and Bridie Mc Glynn<br>Christina Foley<br>Bridie Mc Kenna  |
| <b>Sun Oct 20</b><br>29 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time               | Soeey      | 11.00 am | Nancy Connolly (Month's Mind) and Sean Connolly (First Anniversary)<br>Micheál Healy (2 <sup>nd</sup> Anniversary)<br>Denis Mc Carthy<br>Thomas and Monica Quinn, their son Dominic Quinn, Patrick and Ellen Gilmartin, and Patrick and Nora Quinn |

## CATHOLIC MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

Catholic Marriage Encounter in Ireland is a weekend experience for married couples who want something more in their marriage. Our next Marriage Enrichment Weekend is Friday 8 - 10 November 2024. Venue: Focolare Centre, Prosperous, Co. Kildare. Online booking only: [www.marriageencounter.ie](http://www.marriageencounter.ie)

## YOUTH 2000 RETREAT



AGES 16-35 DONATION ONLY



## CONNAUGHT RETREAT

COLLEGE OF THE IMMACULATE  
CONCEPTION, SUMMERHILL  
SLIGO



**8TH - 10TH NOVEMBER**

[YOUTH2000.IE](http://YOUTH2000.IE)

**Medjugorje Weekend Retreat**, Knock Shrine, St. John's Welcome Centre, Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct – Sun 27<sup>th</sup> Oct 2024. Special Guest: Fr. Ivan Hrkac - Priest of the Parish of Medjugorje. Weekend Fee 30 Euro per person. Enquiries: Teresa 085 7839388 or Bernadette 086 8196653.

**The Annual Church Gate Collection**, 'Epilepsy Ireland' takes place on Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, 20<sup>th</sup> October in our Parish. Your support is deeply appreciated.

**Riverstown Foróige Club** is seeking adults who are willing to volunteer for approx 1 hour per week to help support the Foróige club for 12-18-year-olds in Riverstown and surrounding areas. The club will start in November. For more info, please contact Jason Harley on 086 108 4116.

## MISSION MONTH

World Mission Sunday (20 October) is the Holy Father's annual appeal to support overseas mission and missionaries. October and World Mission Sunday is a time for the faithful of the world to show their appreciation towards the work of overseas missionaries. Please donate € 4.00 by texting the word 'Mission' to 50300. Alternatively donate at [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie) or call Missio Ireland on 01 497 2035. To learn more, go to [www.missio.ie](http://www.missio.ie)

## VOCATIONS OPEN DAY

The National Vocations Office will be holding three open days for men over the age of 18 who wish to explore Diocesan Priesthood in Dublin (UCD), Galway (University of Galway) and Thurles (Pallottine College) during October and November. Information and registration forms can be found on the [vocations.ie/exploring](http://vocations.ie/exploring)

**Sligo Pioneers** (PTAA) and Friends. Dinner Dance Fri 18<sup>th</sup> October, 2024, Sligo Park Hotel. Music by the Ferryman Mass in Hotel 7.30 pm. Dinner 8 pm. Adm €35. Tickets available from Fr Pat Lombard, St. Anne's Parish Office, Mary Clancy and Sean McHugh. All are welcome.

**Eucharistic Healing Service – Our Lady Star of the Sea Public Oratory** (part of Star of the Sea Retreat Centre), Mullaghmore, Co. Sligo – Led by Deacon Frank McGuinness and Louise McGuinness. The healing service will take place on the evening of the Second Monday in each month **beginning at 7:30 pm and finishing at 9:00 pm**. The first evening will take place on **October 14<sup>th</sup>, followed by November 11<sup>th</sup> and December 9<sup>th</sup>**. The healing service will include exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, adoration, music, talk and prayers for healing. There will also be an opportunity for people to receive an individual blessing. Entrance is through the main door at the rear of the church which is adjacent to the Peace Garden.

**Bible Foundation Course for Beginners - Star of the Sea Retreat Centre, Mullaghmore – 29<sup>th</sup> November to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2024** - Led by Deacon Frank Mc Guinness. Cost: € 290. Price includes full board and accommodation. This is an opportunity for anyone who would like to get more comfortable with reading and praying the bible. Each participant will receive a free copy of the bible and resource kit on how to simply navigate and understand the big picture of salvation history. The weekend seeks to equip participants to confidently read and share the Bible. After completing this weekend, participants will know how to navigate through the bible, understanding its structure and major covenants. There will be opportunities for guided prayer with the Word of God as well as how to use scripture to declare truth and hope into your heart and life. There will also be personal time to rest and relax while enjoying the beautiful surroundings of Mullaghmore. Let the Word of God transform your life! For booking details, please see [www.staroftheseacentre.com/events](http://www.staroftheseacentre.com/events) or email [staroftheseacentre@gmail.com](mailto:staroftheseacentre@gmail.com)

## ABIDE IN HIS LOVE WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Takes place at the Great Northern Hotel, Bundoran, Co. Donegal from 15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November. Inspiring weekend with guest speakers including Lisa Cotter (Denver, Colorado), the Nashville Dominican Sisters, Fr. Barry Braum (London), Kathleen Nichols & Celine Kelly (Magdala, Israel), Bishop Kevin Doran (Elphin), Catherine DiNuzzo (Kansas), and Fr. Joseph Mary Deane, CFR, among others. This conference will celebrate the beauty and dignity of women in the Church and the world today. To register, visit [Eventbrite.ie](http://Eventbrite.ie) and search for "Abide in His Love." Further information, including accommodation details, will be sent via email upon registration.

**INSPIRE – a Young Adult Faith Event** (18-40) organised by Achonry Youth Ministry: St. Brigid's Hall & Theatre, Tubbercurry, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, 8 pm. Theme: The Relevance of Faith in the Modern World. Keynote speaker: Co. Louth Manager/former GAA All-Ireland winner Ger Brennan will speak about life, sport, & faith. Other speakers will join Ger for panel discussions & questions from the audience. Promises to be a great evening. Free to register via - <https://www.eventbrite.ie/e/inspire-tickets-1024415382987>

## 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**