



Riverstown Parish Newsletter

**Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
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“Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest”

Matthew 11: 28

MY YOKE IS EASY AND MY BURDEN IS LIGHT

(Scripture lessons summarized -14th Sunday in Ordinary Time)

In the first reading, the prophet Zechariah consoles the Jews living in Palestine under Greek rule, promising them a “meek” Messianic King of peace riding on a donkey, who will give them rest and liberty. The Responsorial Psalm (Ps 145) praises and thanks a kind and compassionate God Who “raises up those who are bowed down” under heavy yokes. In the second reading, Paul tells the first-century Christian community in Rome about two yokes, namely, the “flesh” and the “Spirit,” and he challenges them to reject the heavy and fatal yoke of the flesh and accept the light yoke of the Spirit of Jesus. Christian spirituality, according to Paul, proceeds from the initiative of the Holy Spirit and means living in the realm of the “Spirit” as opposed to the “flesh.” In the Gospel, Jesus offers rest to those “who labor and are burdened” if they will accept His “easy yoke and light burden.” By declaring that His “yoke is light,” Jesus means that whatever God sends us is made to fit our needs and our abilities exactly. The second part of Jesus’ claim is: “My burden is light.” Jesus does not mean that the burden is easy to carry, but that it is laid on us in love, that it is meant to be carried in love, and that love makes even the heaviest burden light.

Life messages:

1) We need to unload our burdens on the Lord. This “unloading” is the main purpose of our personal and family prayers and is one of the functions of Divine Worship in the Church. During our daily prayers in the evening, we ask God’s forgiveness for the sins and failures of day and receive the consoling assurance that we are reconciled with God and our fellow human beings. During the Holy Mass in our parish Church, we place our stress-filled lives on the altar and allow Jesus to cool down the overheated radiators of our hectic lives. We also unload the burdens of our sins and worries on the altar and offer them and ourselves to God during the Holy Mass.

2) We need to be freed from unnecessary burdens: Jesus lays the light burden of His commandment of love on us and yokes us with Himself, giving us His strength through the Holy Spirit to fulfill that commandment. Jesus is also interested in lifting off our backs the burdens that suck the life out of us, so that He can place around our necks His own yoke that brings to us and to others through us, new life, new energy, and new joy. We are called, not only to find peace, refreshment and rest for ourselves, but also to live the kind of life through which others, too, may find God’s peace, God’s refreshing grace, and the joy of placing their lives in God’s hands.

ROSARY SERVICE IN SOOEY CHURCH

Special Rosary Service held every Thursday at 2.30 pm in Sooeey Church. Most welcome to attend the same. Those who cannot make it to the Church may join us on www.massonline.ie

CEMETERY MASSES IN BALLYNAKILL AND SOOEY

The Annual Mass for all the deceased who are laid to rest in Ballynakill Cemetery will take place this year at 8 pm on Wednesday, 19th July, and in Saint Joseph's Cemetery, Sooeey at 11 am on Sunday, 30th July (Garland Sunday). We will be remembering all the dear departed members of our Parish Community during these Cemetery Masses. All are welcome to attend.

May they rest in God's eternal peace.

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Inviting all couples celebrating the Anniversary of their Marriage, especially those marking their **Silver, Ruby, Golden and Diamond Anniversaries.**

SUNDAY 1ST OCTOBER 2023 AT 2:30PM
Saint Colmcille's Church, Rathcormac, Co. Sligo

SUNDAY 15TH OCTOBER 2023 AT 2:30PM
Saint Mary's Church, Ballygar, Co. Galway

On both days, Mass will be followed by light refreshments for all in attendance.

All couples celebrating an Anniversary will receive a certificate, we ask them to please register their details at:
www.elphindiocese.ie

KNOCK PILGRIMAGE

The annual Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock Shrine takes place on Sunday 20th August with Anointing of the Sick at 2.30 pm and Mass at 3.00 pm in the Basilica.

Mass Schedule - Riverstown Parish

Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time, Year A – 2023

DAY / DATE	CHURCH	TIME	INTENTION
Sat July 08 Vigil Mass Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Riverstown	12 noon	Frankie Kelly (Month's Mind)
		08.00 pm	Katie, Richard and Patrick Murrin Nora Leonard
Sun July 09 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Soeey	11.00 am	Harry Ward Helen and John Mulvaney, and the deceased members of the Mulvaney family Deceased members of the Judge and Doyle families
Tue July 11 Saint Benedict, Abbot, Patron of Europe	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Wed July 12 Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time	Soeey	10.30 am	
Thu July 13 Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Fri July 14 Fourteenth Week in Ordinary Time	Soeey	10.30 am	John and Mae Keegan
Sat July 15 Vigil Mass Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Riverstown	08.00 pm	John Coen, May Coen and Molly Taylor Bernard and Bridie Kelly, and the deceased members of the Kelly and Davey families
Sun July 16 Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Soeey	11.00 am	

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PIONEER PILGRIMAGE

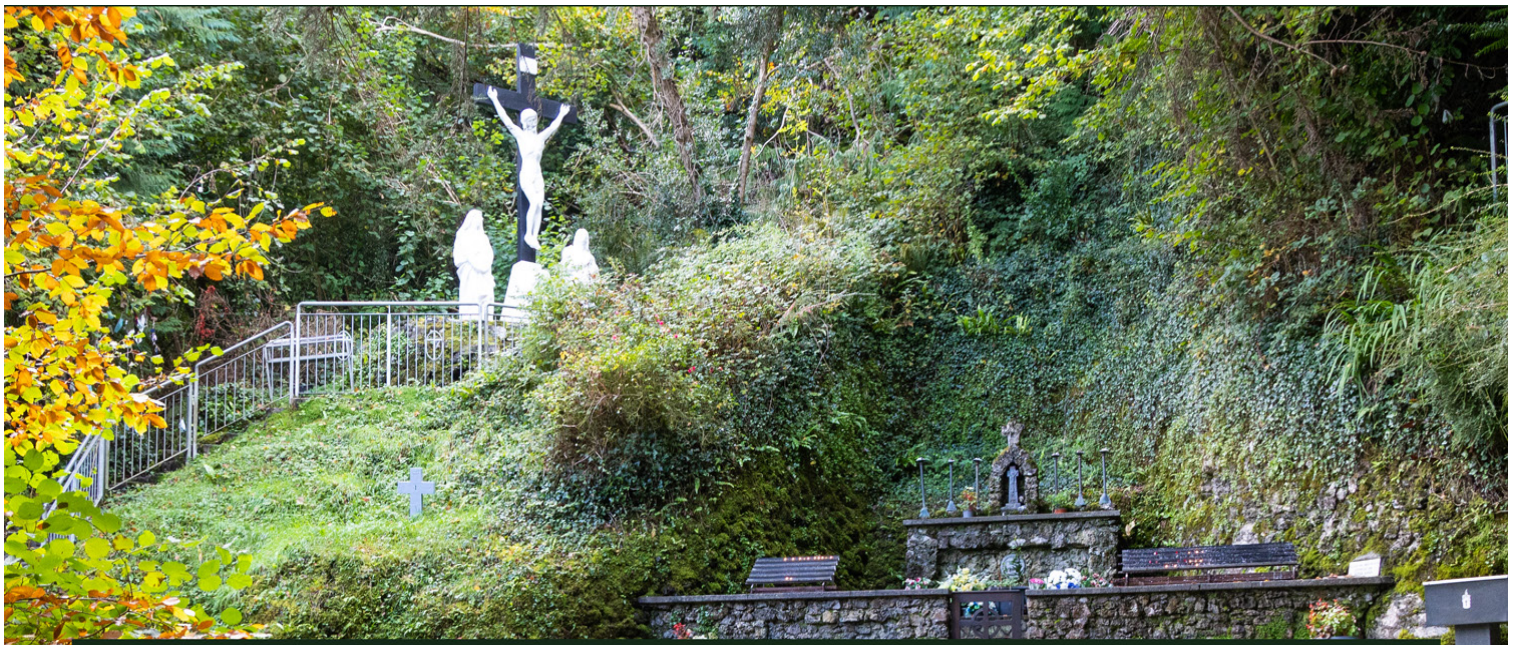
The Annual Pioneer Pilgrimage to Knock will take place next Sunday 16 July. Mass at 3 pm with Anointing of the Sick beforehand at 2:30 pm. Newsletters & Emblems available at PTAA stand in St John's Rest & Care Centre or via www.pioneers.ie

Young Pioneer Summer-time Quiz now underway. Open to all Young Pioneers in Elphin diocese. See www.creideamh.ie/ptaa-quiz for details.

THE NATIONAL GRANDPARENTS' PILGRIMAGE will take place in Knock on Sunday 23 July - the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. All are welcome for this wonderful celebration of family and faith through the generations. The Principal Celebrant and Homilist will be Bishop Denis Nulty, Bishop of Kildare and Leighlin and Chair of the Bishops' Council for Marriage and the Family. Music will be by the combined choirs of Knock Shrine who will be joined by Dana. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** For more information see www.catholicgrandparentsassociation.org

ACCORD

Accord is currently taking booking for Pre-Marriage courses. Please contact the Sligo Accord Centre at 071-9145641 or www.accord.ie The Pre-Marriage course should be booked at least 6-8 months before the wedding. Also, Marriage counselling services are available by contacting the Accord telephone number.



GARLAND WEEKEND AT TOBERNALT HOLY WELL 2023

Theme: United in Prayer

Friday 28th July

10.00 am - Morning Mass in St John's Church, Carraroe
Private pilgrimage in preparation for the Weekend

Saturday 29th July

6.30 pm - Individual Confession
7.00 pm - Evening Mass – Keeping a Sacred Tradition

Sunday 30th July

6.00 am - Dawn Mass – Remembering Penal Ireland
10.00 am - Morning Mass – Remembering our Deceased, family, relatives and friends
12.00 noon - Noon Mass – Come and Pray – Prayers for Healing

Walk in Prayer from Darkness to Light

A Camino from St. Anne's Church in Sligo to the Holy Well will take place on Sunday, 30th July beginning at 4.45 am. and arriving at the Holy Well for the 6.00 am. Dawn Mass. All welcome
The Holy Well History and Heritage book is available at the Church Bookstand or Liber Bookshop with a full account of the Holy Well down through the years. Mass Cards/Bouquets also available.

CANA TALKS

Friday 1st September in the TF Royal Theatre, Castlebar at 8 pm. 8 energetic speakers – each has just 15 minutes to inspire you – this is the Christian version of TED Talks – presenting on different topics relating to human happiness and potential from a faith perspective. Tickets €20 - available @ www.ticketmaster.ie or call the T.F. Box Office at (094) 902 3111. Visit www.canatalks.com or our Cana Talks Facebook page. Come along for an entertaining & inspirational evening for the mind, heart, & soul!

SLIGO COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SHOW 15TH JULY 2023

Lovely day out for all the family, with farm animals galore, angola goats, miniature dexter cow strawberry with her calf & rare breed sheep. Accompanying children have free entry to Show, free pony rides thanks to Lough Bo Equestrian, free dinky digger rides and free facepainting. Lot of Classes to enter, see our website sligocountyagrishow.com for all details. Showcase your home-grown vegetables, home baking, photography and craft. Delicious food & coffee to buy and trade stands to browse. The county show is 29 years in Riverstown Village, join us on 15th July to celebrate.

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!
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