



Riverstown Parish

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Riverstown Parish Newsletter

Nineteenth Sunday, Year A
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‘Courage! It’s I! Do not be afraid’

Matthew 14: 27

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FAITH AMID THE STORMS OF LIFE

*(Scripture lessons summarized -Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time: 1
Kings 19: 9, 11-13, Romans 9: 1-5, Matthew 14: 22-33)*

The readings for this week speak of God’s saving presence among His people, our need for trusting Faith in our loving and providing God Who always keeps us company, and our need for prayer in storms of life.

The First Reading tells us of how Elijah the prophet who had defeated the 450 false priests of Baal with the help of just such a trusting Faith in the power of Yahweh, fled to the Lord God for help and strength on Mount Horeb, and encountered Him there in His mercy. In the Second Reading, Paul laments and mourns over the Jews who, having lost their Faith in Yahweh and His prophets, had rejected their promised Messiah, Jesus. Paul tells us later (11:7-24), that God’s plan allowed the Jews to reject Jesus so that a few believers, like Paul, would be free to carry the Good News outside Judaism, evangelizing the Gentiles. The Gospel episode occurred during an unexpected storm on the Sea of Galilee in the early morning hours. As Jesus approached the apostles, miraculously walking on water, He allayed their fears by telling them, “It is I.” The Gospel episode also explains how Peter lost his trusting Faith in Jesus for a few seconds, failed his attempt to walk on water, but was rescued when he called on Jesus for help.

Life messages:

- 1) We all need to call Jesus in the storms facing us in the Church and in our lives. Let us approach Jesus with strong Faith in his ability and willing availability to calm the storms in the life of the Church and in our own lives.
- 2) We need to imitate the short prayer of sinking Peter: We are expected to pray to God every day with trusting Faith for strengthening our personal relationship with Him and for acknowledging our dependence on Him. But when we have no time or mental energy for formal prayers, let us use the short prayers in the Gospels like Peter’s prayer: “*Lord, save me!*” or the prayer of the mother of the possessed girl: “*Lord, help me!*” or the blind man’s prayer: “*Son of David, have mercy on me!*” or the repentant sinner’s prayer: “*Lord, have mercy on me a sinner!*”

We get plenty of time during our travels to say short prayers like the “Our Father”, “Hail Mary” and “Glory be....” We may begin every day offering all our day’s activities to God and asking for His grace to do His will; then we may conclude every day before we go to sleep, by asking God’s pardon and forgiveness for our sins. Keeping a Bible on our table will encourage us to read at least a few words of the Bible and thus listen to what God is telling us to do.

ROSARY SERVICE IN SOOEY CHURCH

A Special Rosary Service is held every Thursday at 07.00 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

Kindly note that the time of the Rosary service has been changed from 2.30 pm to 7 pm.

REST IN PEACE

Vera Taheny (nee Morrison) of Riverstown, Ballymote / Castlebaldwin, Co. Sligo, died on Tuesday, 8th August 2023. Vera's Funeral Mass was on Friday, the 11th in the Church of the Immaculate Conception, Ballymote, Co. Sligo.

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

CEMETERY MASS IN TAUNAGH

The Annual Mass for all the deceased who are laid to rest in Taunagh Cemetery will take place at 7 pm on Wednesday, 16th August. Let us honour and connect with all those who have gone before us.

May they rest in God's eternal peace.

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.

SOOEY COMMUNITY HALL

A meeting will take place to plan the future of Sooeey Hall on Thursday, 17th August at 8 pm in the Hall. Those wishing to become involved in any way please contact Councillor Thomas Walsh on 086 1025285 or walshthomasf@yahoo.ie *All welcome to attend.*

CAKE AND UNIFORM SALE IN SOOEY SCHOOL

The Sooeey NS Parents Association are having a fund-raising cake and uniform sale in Sooeey National School this Sunday, the 13th after the 11 am Mass in Sooeey Church. Your support is greatly appreciated.

Mass Schedule - Riverstown Parish

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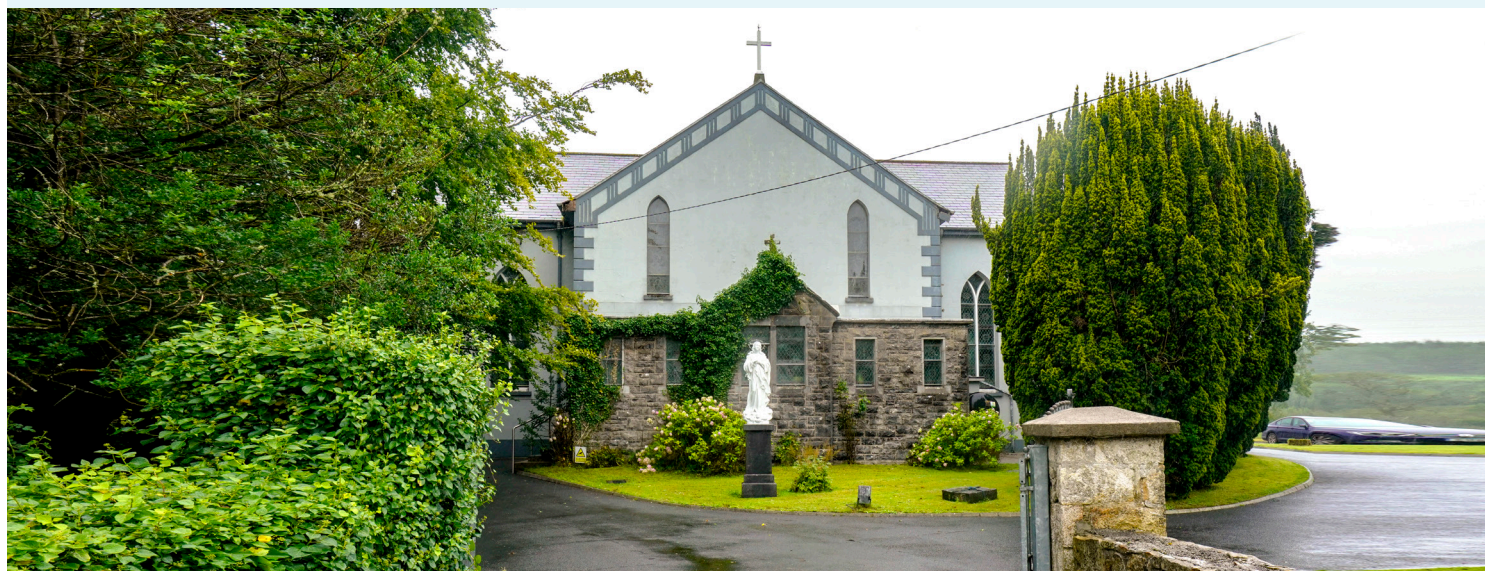
DAY / DATE	CHURCH	TIME	INTENTION
Sat Aug 12 Vigil Mass 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Riverstown	08.00 pm	Joe and Bridie Feeney and the deceased members of the Feeney and Madden families Pat Mc Donagh and the deceased members of the Mc Donagh and Mc Manus families
Sun Aug 13 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sooeey	11.00 am	
Mon Aug 14 Vigil Mass Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Sooeey	08.00 pm	
Tue Aug 15 Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary	Riverstown	11.00 am	Feast Day Mass
	Sooeey	08.00 pm	Concluding Mass of the Novena
Wed Aug 16 19 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Taunagh Cemetery	07.00 pm	Cemetery Mass
Thu Aug 17 Our Lady of Knock	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Fri Aug 18	There is no Public Celebration of Mass in our Parish today		
Sat Aug 19 Vigil Mass 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Riverstown	12.00 noon	Month's Mind (Kevin Coleman)
		08.00 pm	
Sun Aug 20 20 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Sooeey	11.00 am	Desmond Casey (2nd Anniversary) and Rose Casey

NOVENA FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF MARY

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary is celebrated every year on August 15th. This feast commemorates the death of the Blessed Virgin Mary and her assumption, body and soul, into Heaven. It is the most important Marian feast, and it is also a Holy Day of Obligation.

Now, I am deeply grateful to all those who have been attending the Novena for the Assumption of Mary that we began on Monday, the 7th. Novena prayers will be included in the Vigil Mass this Saturday, the 12th in Riverstown Church and the Morning Mass this Sunday, the 13th in Sooeey Church. Vigil Mass for the Feast of the Assumption is at 8 pm on Monday, August 14th in Sooeey, Feast Day Mass at 11 am on Tuesday, August 15th in Riverstown and the Concluding Mass of the Novena at 8 pm in Sooeey on Tuesday, the 15th.

All are welcome for a cup of tea and biscuits after the 8 pm Mass in Sooeey Church.



NOVENA SCHEDULE FOR THE REMAINING DAYS

Saturday, August 12th (Riverstown Church)

8.00 pm Vigil Mass (19th Sunday) with Novena Prayers

Sunday, August 13th (Sooeey Church)

11.00 am Sunday Mass (19th Sunday) with Novena Prayers

Monday, August 14th (Sooeey Church)

8:00 pm Vigil Mass (The Assumption of Mary) with Novena Prayers

Tuesday, August 15th

The Solemnity of the Assumption of Our Blessed Mother

11.00 am Feast Day Mass in Riverstown Church

8.00 pm Concluding Mass of the Novena in Sooeey Church followed by an outdoor Candlelight Rosary Service at the Grotto of our Blessed Mother

(Cup of Tea for all after the Concluding Mass in Sooeey Church)

NOVENA PRAYER

Eternal Father, You graciously looked upon the humility of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and made her to be the Mother of the Word Incarnate, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant, we beseech You that we who honour her Assumption into the Kingdom of Heaven, may by her Motherly intercession also come to share in the inheritance of those whom You have redeemed by the precious Blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Most holy Immaculate Virgin, to you who are the Mother of my Lord, the Queen of the world, the advocate, the hope, and the refuge of sinners, I render you my most humble homage. And I thank you for all the graces you have conferred on me until now. I love you, O most amiable Lady; and for the love which I bear you, I promise to serve you always, and to do all in my power to make others love you. Dearest Mother, bring before the throne of your beloved Son the prayers and intentions I ask during this novena:

(Here we mention our intentions / petitions / requests silently...)

Our Mother, Assumed into Heaven and Queen of the Universe, obtain for us what we ask for, if it be for the glory of God and the good of our souls. **Amen.**

(Please Note: If you are unable to join us in the Church for the Novena, you may pray it at home during your family prayer, or join us on www.massonline.ie)

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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