



Riverstown Parish

Riverstown - Soeey - Gleann



Riverstown Parish Newsletter

The Ascension of the Lord, Year B
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**“I am with you
always; yes,
to the end of time”**

Matthew 28: 20

PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS

(Acts 1: 1-11, Eph 1: 17-23 and Mark 16: 15-20)

Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus into His Heavenly glory after promising His disciples the Holy Spirit as their source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to Him throughout the world by their lives and preaching.

The first reading gives an account of the event of the Ascension as recorded in the first chapter of the Acts of the Apostles. First, Jesus instructed His apostles to remain in Jerusalem and wait for the baptism by the Holy Spirit so that they might become His *“witnesses to the ends of the earth”* by the power of the Holy Spirit. Then a cloud took Jesus from the sight of the disciples and two Heavenly messengers in white garments gave them the assurance of Jesus' *“second coming”* or return in glory. In the second reading, Paul explains the theological meaning of Jesus' exaltation, giving us the assurance that one day, we, too, will be ascending to Heavenly Glory, provided we fulfill the mission entrusted to us by the ascending Lord. And the Gospel of today describes how Jesus ascended to Heaven after giving His final blessing and missionary command to His disciples. The command was to *“proclaim the Good News to the whole creation,” “to be His witnesses,”* and *“to make disciples of all nations.”*

To be a Christian is to be a proclaimer and an evangelizer. We preach with words, but we proclaim with our lives. Let us ask the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we bear witness to Jesus by our transparent Christian lives.

ROSARY SERVICE IN SOOEY

A Special Rosary Service 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

ROTA FOR ALTAR SERVERS

DATE	CHURCH	SERVERS			
Sat May 11 (12 noon)	Sooley (1 st Communion Mass)	Sean Mc Loughlin	Christopher Casey	Shauna Mc Tiernan	
Sat May 11 (8 pm)	Riverstown	Makayla Davey	Saoirse Davey	James Devaney	Juanita Cawley
Sun May 12 (11 am)	Sooley	Preston Gray	Shauna Mc Tiernan	Daithi Scanlon	
Sat May 18 (12 noon)	Riverstown (1 st Communion Mass)	Clodagh Galvin	Shea Mc Grath	Méabh Tonry	
Sat May 18 (08 pm)	Riverstown	Brian Merrick	Bronagh Conlon	Riaín Conlon	
Sun May 19 (11 am)	Sooley	Christopher Casey	Anna Mc Mahon	Kate O' Brien	

ROTA FOR READERS

DATE	CHURCH	ADULT READER	CHILD READER
Sat May 11 (8 pm)	Riverstown	Joan Mc Loughlin	Brian Merrick
Sun May 12 (11 am)	Sooley	Mary Kelly	Patrick Bruen
Sat May 18 (8 pm)	Riverstown	Joan Mc Loughlin	Shea Mc Grath
Sun May 19 (11 am)	Sooley	Mary Kelly	Jessica Mc Loughlin

CHILDREN'S CORNER



What happens at the Mass?

We Gather - We gather together as God's family just as Jesus taught us - "For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Mat 18:20)

We Listen - We listen to readings from the scriptures proclaimed by ministers of the word. The priest then reads the Gospel and gives a homily, explaining God's word to us.

We Celebrate - The gifts of bread and wine are brought to the altar and we celebrate the liturgy of the Eucharist. We receive the Eucharist after praying the words of the Centurion from the Gospel: "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed."

We Go Forth - At the end of Mass the priest offers us a blessing and we go in peace.

How does the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Jesus?

The evening before He died for us all, Jesus held a last supper with His disciples. He offered them bread and wine and spoke these words: 'This is my body...This is my blood.'

In the Mass the priest repeats exactly those words over the bread and wine. Through the Holy Spirit, the bread and wine become Jesus's body and blood.

(Youcat for Kids' 75)



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASSES

Date : Saturday, 11th May
Time : 12 Noon
Church : Sooley
School : Sooley NS and Kilross NS

Date : Saturday, 18th May
Time : 12 Noon
Church : Riverstown NS
School : Ardkeeran NS

Wishing all the children, their families and teachers a blessed day.



PARISH COLLECTION (RIVERSTOWN-SOOEY-GLEANN)

Saturday, 4th May, Riverstown Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - €530.00

Offertory Collection (Loose) - €37.20

Sunday, 5th May, Sooeey Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - €390.70

Offertory Collection (Loose) - €98.57

Thank you for your continued support.

Mass Schedule - Riverstown Parish

The Ascension of the Lord and 7th Week of Easter, Year B

DAY / DATE	CHURCH	TIME	INTENTION
Sat May 11	Sooeey	12.00 noon	First Holy Communion (Sooeey NS and Kilross NS)
Vigil Mass The Ascension of the Lord	Riverstown	08.00 pm	John and Agnus Kelly, Martin and Bridget Cregg and the deceased members of the Kelly and Cregg families
Sun May 12 The Ascension of the Lord	Sooeey	11.00 am	
Tue May 14 Saint Matthias, Apostle	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Wed May 15 Seventh Week of Easter	Sooeey	10.30 am	Mickey Healy and the deceased members of the Healy family
Thu May 16 Seventh Week of Easter	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Fri May 17 Seventh Week of Easter	Riverstown	01.00 pm	Wedding Mass
Sat May 18	Riverstown	12.00 noon	First Holy Communion (Ardkeeran NS)
Vigil Mass Solemnity of Pentecost		08.00 pm	Batty Ballantine and the deceased members of the Ballantine family Maureen, Michael and Kathleen Jinks
Sun May 19 Pentecost Sunday	Sooeey	11.00 am	Sajeer T G (Second Anniversary) Aidan Mc Tiernan

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WEEKLY EZINE – SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

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PENTECOST VIGIL – SLIGO

Pentecost Vigil, Holy Cross Friary, Sligo on Saturday 18th May at 7.30 pm with music provided by the Oasis of Peace Music Ministry.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – YOUTH SECTION

Nominations for the Youth Section are being sought from parishes throughout the Diocese for young people to participate in the Pilgrimage (30th Aug – 4th Sept). Nominees aged between 17 and 20 are welcome to participate. Nominees must be 17 years or over on the 20th August 2024. Youth must be nominated through their Priest/Chaplain. Forms are available from the local parish office. All nominees will be representing their parish and expected to participate fully in the Pilgrimage Itinerary. Full details are included on the Nomination Form. Closing date for receipt of completed nominations is the 24th May 2024.

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES – ASSISTED PILGRIM SECTION

The Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes will take place from 30th August – 4th September 2024 inclusive, under the leadership of Bishop Kevin Doran. Pilgrimage Highlights include Mass at the Grotto, Torchlight and Blessed Sacrament Processions, Anointing of the Sick, Water Ceremony. Flights ex Knock Airport. The Pilgrimage includes the Assisted Pilgrim Section. Those who travel as part of the Assisted Pilgrim Section will stay in Accueil Notre Dame, which is situated beside the Grotto and Sanctuary area. They will be cared for by the Elphin Diocesan Pilgrimage Care Team whilst in Lourdes. Application forms for the Assisted Pilgrim Section and full details are available from Very Rev. Ray Milton, PP, Pilgrimage Director, St. John's, Lecarrow, Co. Roscommon (090 6661115). Closing date for receipt of completed Application Forms is 10th June. All other enquiries in relation to the Pilgrimage can be directed to Joe Walsh Tours at 01-2410800 or info@joewalstours.ie

Computer Course for beginners/ improvers commencing mid-May in Ballintogher Enterprise Centre. Please register by Friday 17th May. Contact 087 6645509 email teresamccorm@hotmail.co

ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY

The Annual Rosary Rally takes place on Saturday 1st June in Knock Shrine commencing at 9.30 am and finishing with Mass at 3 pm. We have many amazing speakers for the day and many beautiful apostolates available on the day to chat with you. Bus leaves Sligo Park Hotel at 8.30 am. For more details about the bus or the event please contact Lisa on 087-6274621 or Corina on 087-7602977.

BALLINA CATHEDRAL CONCERT

'Siege to Siege' - a stunning evening of 16th and 17th century choral and instrumental music of the Hapsburg Empire. Presented by Ireland's premiere professional choir Resurgam and joined by St Muredach's Cathedral Choir, accompanied by the English Cornett and Sackbutt Orchestra. Fri May 31st at 8 pm in St Muredach's Cathedral, Ballina. Directed by Mark Duley. Tickets available at www.resurgam.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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