



Riverstown Parish Newsletter

Third Sunday of Easter, Year B

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'Look at my hands and my feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see, I have'.

Luke 24: 39

JESUS MEETS HIS DISCIPLES AFTER HIS RESURRECTION

(3rd Sunday of Easter - Luke 24:35-48)

The Gospel Reading on this Third Sunday of Easter describes Jesus' appearance on the evening of His Resurrection to His apostles who were in the locked Upper Room, the Cenacle. We see Jesus removing the doubts of His apostles about His Resurrection by inviting them to touch Him and by eating a piece of cooked fish. Jesus explains how the prophecies have been fulfilled in Him. Then He commissions them to bear witness to Him and to preach "*repentance and forgiveness of sins in His name*" after receiving the Holy Spirit.

Life Messages: 1) We need to share the apostles' "Upper Room Experience" in the Holy Mass: The same Jesus who, in the Upper Room, prepared His disciples for their preaching and witnessing mission, is present with us in the Eucharistic celebration. 2) Jesus needs us as witnesses to continue His mission. Jesus needs Spirit-filled followers to be His eyes, ears, hands, and feet, to bear witness to His love, mercy and forgiveness by our interactions with our brothers and sisters. 3) Our daily lives are meant to serve as a means for us to experience and share the Risen Lord with others. Just as the disciples experienced the Risen Lord in their community, let us learn to recognize the presence of Jesus in our own homes, social service centres, nursing facilities, hospitals, workplaces, and schools.

Jesus wants us to be a community which shares and cares, a community which knows how to recognize Jesus in the poor, the marginalized, the sick – that is, in everyone.

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 April 13 (8 pm)	Riverstown	Makayla Davey	Saoirse Davey	James Devaney	Juanita Cawley
Sun April 14 (11 am)	Soeey	Sean Mc Loughlin	Anna Mc Mahon	Khloe Rooney	
Sat April 20 (8 pm)	Riverstown	Brian Merrick	Bronagh Conlon	Riain Conlon	Clodagh Galvin
Sun April 21 (11 am)	Soeey	Christopher Casey	Shauna Mc Tiernan	Kate O' Brien	

ROTA FOR READERS

DATE	CHURCH	ADULT READER	CHILD READER
Sat April 13 (8 pm)	Riverstown	Kathleen Barlow	Makayla Davey
Sun April 14 (11 am)	Soeey	Sean Travers	Niamh Kennedy
Sat April 20 (8 pm)	Riverstown	Communion Children	
Sun April 21 (11 am)	Soeey	Communion Children	

POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS BISHOP KEVIN AS APOSTOLIC ADMINISTRATOR OF THE DIOCESE OF ACHONRY

This week, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Kevin as Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Achonry, in addition to being Bishop of Elphin. This means that, along with his role in Elphin, Bishop Kevin will be carrying out the responsibilities of a bishop in Achonry and exploring, both in Elphin and in Achonry, how we might work towards a closer union between the two Dioceses. We wish Bishop Paul Dempsey every blessing as he moves from the Diocese of Achonry to the Archdiocese of Dublin as Auxiliary Bishop.

CHILDREN'S CORNER

LEARNING ABOUT MASS WITH KATH AND QUMEN

(This exploration of the Mass is led by two cartoon characters, Kath and Qumen, who are also preparing for their First Eucharist. Through questions, observations and comments they help the children and their parents learn more about the Sunday Celebration)



The Gospel

After the Second Reading, the Minister of the Word will invite us to stand and greet or welcome the Gospel. Before the Gospel is read, we sing or say the Gospel Acclamation. For most of the Church year we greet the Gospel with the word 'Alleluia', a joyful song of praise. The Alleluia is followed by a verse of Scripture from the Bible. This verse reminds us of the Mass and Readings. During the season of Lent, we do not use the word 'Alleluia'. The Gospel stories tell us about Jesus and we hear what He said to His friends and those who came to listen to Him. So, the reading of the Gospel is different to other readings. It is the most important part of the Liturgy of the Word.

DO THIS IN MEMORY

Our next First Communion Preparation Mass will be on Saturday, 20th April at 8 pm in Riverstown Church, and on Sunday, 21st April at 11 am in Soeey Church. We look forward to meeting the children preparing for their First Communion along with their parents for the same.

PARISH COLLECTION (RIVERSTOWN-SOOEY-GLEANN)

Trocaire Lenten Collection - €860.49

Saturday, 6th April, Riverstown Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - €374.00

Offertory Collection (Loose) - €83.60

Holy Places - €45.00

Diocesan Needs - €05.00

Easter Collection - €365.00

Sunday, 7th April, Soeey Church

Offertory Collection (Envelopes) - €397.00

Offertory Collection (Loose) - €129.65

Candle Donation, Shrine - €116.55

Holy Places - €30.00

Diocesan Needs - €05.00

Easter Collection - €200.00

Thank you for your continued support.

Mass Schedule - Riverstown Parish

Third Week of Easter, Year B

DAY / DATE	CHURCH	TIME	INTENTION
Sat April 13 Vigil Mass Third Sunday of Easter	Riverstown	08.00 pm	
Sun April 14 Third Sunday of Easter	Sooley	11.00 am	John Harte Chris Kelly (7th Anniversary) Mary Burns (12th Anniversary) Paddy Collery (13th Anniversary) and Lily Collery (Recently deceased)
Tue April 16 Third Week of Easter	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Wed April 17 Third Week of Easter	Sooley	10.30 am	
Thu April 18 Third Week of Easter	Riverstown	10.30 am	
Fri April 19 Third Week of Easter	Sooley	10.30 am	
Sat April 20 Vigil Mass Fourth Sunday of Easter	Riverstown	08.00 pm	John and Kathleen Callaghan Kathleen and Gordan Richards (Ardvarney)
Sun April 21 Fourth Sunday of Easter	Sooley	11.00 am	Owen (3rd Anniversary) and Mary Kelly (2nd Anniversary)

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CONFIRMATION RETREAT

A Retreat for our young people preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Tuesday, 30th April at Star of the Sea Retreat and Conference Centre, Mullaghmore. Colette Furlong (Catechist, Sligo Cluster of Parishes) will be the animator of the Retreat. This will take place during School hours.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION DATES

The First Holy Communion Mass for the children of Sooley and Kilross National Schools will be celebrated in the Church of the Assumption, Sooley at 12 noon on Saturday, 11 May 2024. And the First Holy Communion Mass for the children of Ardkeeran National School will be celebrated in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Riverstown at 12 noon on Saturday, 18 May 2024.

Bishop Kevin will administer the Sacrament of Confirmation at 4 pm on Friday, 3 May 2024 in the Church of the Sacred Heart, Riverstown, for the young people of our Parish.

NATIONAL PILGRIMAGE FOR LIFE

The first *National Pilgrimage for Life*, organised by the Council for Life of the Irish Catholic Bishops' Conference, will be celebrated on Saturday 4th May in Knock Shrine. The pilgrimage begins with Anointing of the Sick in the Basilica at 2.30 pm, followed by Mass at 3 pm and Rosary Procession after Mass, weather permitting. Main celebrant and homilist will be Archbishop Francis Duffy. We invite you to join us in Knock to celebrate the gift of life and to pray for the protection of all human life.

Synodality Explored: Facing the Future Together

Friday 19th and Saturday, 20th April
at St. John's Welcome Centre,
Knock Shrine



IN ASSOCIATION WITH NOTRE DAME UNIVERSITY AUSTRALIA

Keynote speaker on both days will be
CARDINAL MARIO GRECH
Secretary General of the Synod of Bishops.

Facilitator: **Professor Eamonn Conway**
Advisor to the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops



Day 1 **The Synod: A Global View**

Day 2 **The Synod: Ireland and the World**

Speakers will include:



Julieann Moran

is General Secretary of the Synodal Pathway in Ireland.



Fr. Declan Hurley

served as Co-Chair of the National Steering Committee for the Synodal Pathway in Ireland and is Vicar General of the Diocese of Meath.



Professor Renée Köhler-Ryan

Notre Dame University, Australia, is a voting Member of the 16th General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops representing Oceania.



Rev. Dr Dermot Ryan

Director of Adult Faith Development for the Diocese of Ossory.
Invited lecturer at Maynooth University & Carlow College.

www.knockshrine.ie
All welcome, no pre-booking required



There is a church gate collection next Sunday the 21st for the Soeey Defib Committee. Please support. Thank you.

Sligo Citizens Information Service is hosting a FREE public information event on Making a Will, in the Sligo Park Hotel at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 16th April, everybody welcome.

The Youth 2000 Connaught retreat will take place in Calasanctius College, Oranmore, Co. Galway on the weekend of May 10th to 12th, consisting of workshops, talks, testimonies, music, prayer and time to relax & meet with others. Come along for the weekend or pop in & say hello! Donation only, 16 - 35 yrs. To book a place or for more information, visit www.youth2000.ie or email connaught@youth2000.ie

SLIGO SOCIAL SERVICES

Sligo social services are seeking volunteers to join their Befriending Service. Volunteers are required for both the home visit and friendly phone-call services. For more information, please call James on 085 8768720 or email befriending@sligosocialservices.ie.

RECRUITMENT (SLIGO FOLK PARK)

The Sligo Folk Park are looking for a new member of staff to join their team to cover the reception desk on weekends and bank holidays. Pobal recruitment requirements apply. If you are interested in this position, please send your CV to info@sligofolkpark.com Alternatively hand your CV into Reception at the Sligo Folk Park, Riverstown, Sligo.

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