

Sunday Message

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year A • 28 June 2026 • Colour: Green • Psalter Week 1

TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND FOLLOW ME

MATTHEW 10:37-42



In this passage, Jesus addresses the cost of discipleship, emphasizing the primacy of allegiance to him. He begins with a stark statement: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me."

The language is deliberately strong to highlight that following Christ may require difficult choices, even within close family relationships. The call is not against natural affection, but against allowing anything — even legitimate love — to take precedence over one's commitment to Christ.

Jesus frames discipleship in terms of both sacrifice and reward. Those who accept him may face rejection or hardship, yet the passage promises recognition and recompense: "Whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones... will surely not lose their reward." The reference to the "little ones" underscores the value of humble acts of service, showing that discipleship is expressed in practical, everyday care as well as in overarching commitment to Christ.

Matthew's Gospel stresses that following Jesus is total; it requires ordering one's priorities toward him, yet it also affirms that God notices and honours even the smallest acts of love and service. In this way, discipleship is both demanding and deeply rewarding. ■

REFLECT

Jesus' words in this passage are challenging. "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me." At first, this may sound harsh, but he is teaching about the order of love. Faith in Christ comes first, not because family or other commitments are unimportant, but because everything else is rightly ordered when it flows from him. Discipleship asks for loyalty and courage, even when it requires difficult choices.

Yet the Gospel is also profoundly encouraging. Jesus reassures us that no act of love, however small, goes unnoticed. Giving even a cup of cold water to someone in need is seen and valued by God. Discipleship is not only about the big, costly decisions; it is lived in countless small gestures of care, attention, and kindness.

In our daily lives, we are called to balance love for God with love for others. Following Christ means letting him shape our priorities, guiding our relationships, and inspiring our acts of service. Every gesture of care — every word of encouragement or act of support — becomes a way of participating in his mission. Through faithfulness in both big and small ways, we witness Christ's love to the world. ■

DO

This week, I could support someone quietly, without recognition, knowing God sees and values it.

LEARN

The Church teaches that true discipleship requires placing God above all else, and that even small acts of charity performed in faith participate in Christ's mission and are rewarded by God.

SAY

Lord Jesus,
Help us to put you first in our lives.
Teach us to serve you in small and
generous ways.
May every act of love we offer be
done in your name.



DUNMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER



Dunmore – Garrafrauns – Kiltamna

Sunday 28th June – THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Parish Office W/B 29th June 2026
Tuesday: 10.30am – 2.30am
Thursday: 9.30am – 1.30pm
Friday: 1.30pm – 2.30pm
Deadline for Newsletter is Thursday at 12 Noon
NEW EMAIL: dunmoreparishgalway@gmail.com

CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS, DUNMORE

ONLINE AND ON 108 FM

Sun 28th June	11.30am	People of the Parish Garda John C. Mitchell – 60th Anniversary & Carmel Mitchell, Sion Hill, daughter Mary, son Eddie & granddaughter Aoife Mary, Patrick & their son Martin, Lisroe & grandparents Mick & Agnes Burke, Carrownagur Mary Tierney, Carnagur & Manchester Bridget & Michael Concannon, Carnagur & deceased members of the family James & Nora Boyle, Dunblaney
Mon 29th	10.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am – 11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
Wed 1st July	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
Fri 3rd	5.00pm – 7.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
	7.00pm	Jimmy Burke, Brackloon & deceased members of the family
Sun 5th	11.30am	Geraldine McDermott, Grange – 1st Anniversary Deceased Members of the Carrantryla Slashers Paddy & Mary Walsh, Kilmurray & deceased members of the Walsh family Helena Reilly, Louth Lodge & deceased members of the Higgins & Reilly families Mick, Eve, Austin, James & Michael Corcoran, Adrigoole Martin Concannon – formerly of Carraroe, Brownsgrrove Máire & Gerald Walsh, Castle Street

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, GARRAFRAUNS

CHURCH RADIO - 108 FM

Sat 27th June	7.30pm	People of the Parish Pauric Canny, London James & Kathleen McWalter, Garrafrauns
Tue 30th	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thurs 2nd July	5.30pm – 9.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
Sun 5th	10.00am	Mary Delia & Larry Lyons, Gortnagoyne Nicholas & Kitty Canny, Cloonalgan Martin & Mary Connell, Darray Kathleen & Miko Hannon, Lurgan & deceased members of the family Matt Regan, Ardcloon & deceased members of the family Tom, Annie & Bill Diskin, Corohan & deceased members of the family

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, KILTEVNA

Sun 28th June	10.00am	People of the Parish
Wed 1st July	10.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am – 11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
Sat 4th	7.30pm	Fr. Michael Smyth, Parkroe, Flaskagh

+ We remember and pray for the souls of +

John Coleman – The Fairways, Letterkenny, Donegal & formerly of Dunmore
Margaret King (née Howley) – Retreat Park, Athlone & formerly of Dunmore
Martha Murtagh (née Healy) – Dunheeda, Kingscourt, Cavan & formerly of Garrafrauns
Jack Halliday – Furbo, Galway & formerly of Dunmore

+ May they rest in peace +

Thank you for your generosity:

WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION: Weekend 20th & 21st June - €1830.00

MINISTER OF THE WORD – Dunmore

Monday 29th June Nuala Finnegan
Friday 3rd July Nuala Finnegan
Sunday 5th July Fiona Flaherty & Bridget Quinn

MINISTER OF THE WORD – Garrafrauns

Sunday 5th July Anne Marie Hannon

MINISTER OF THE WORD – Kiltевна

Saturday 4th July Karen Smith

OFFERTORY COLLECTION (JULY) – Dunmore

Sunday 5th July Noreen Healy & Michael Rattigan



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Dunmore

Sunday 5th July **Team B**
Mary Burke – Siobhan Conneally – Marina Callanan – Nora Burke

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Garrafrauns

Sunday 5th July Paddy Slattery

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Kiltевна

Saturday 4th July Mary Murphy

OFFERTORY COLLECTION (JULY) – Garrafrauns

Sunday 5th July Eugene & Ciaran Canny

OFFERTORY COLLECTION (JULY) – Kiltевна

Saturday 4th July John Smyth & Catherine Glennon



MASS CHANGES: From 4th / 5th July

Saturday 7.30pm Vigil Mass will be in Kiltевна

Sunday 10.00am Mass will be in Garrafrauns. This will remain until December.

PRIEST'S SUMMER COLLECTION: Many thanks to all who have contributed towards the Priest's Summer Collection. If anyone has yet to drop in their envelope, please do so at your earliest convenience.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

TAX REBATE: Tax Rebate forms have been sent out this week. The Tax Rebate is a wonderful source of extra income to the parish in maintaining our three Churches. **Your contribution to this is at no cost to yourselves.** Forms are due for renewal every five years. We thank those who have participated in the scheme over the years for providing this extra source of income to our parish by simply returning their forms. For further information contact the Parish Office.

ROTAS: New Ministry Rotas from July to December are available at the back of the church.

CHURCH ENVELOPES: Church envelopes for the coming year can be found at the back of the church.

Please collect yours if you have not already done so. If you need a box please ask each sacristan or contact Regina on 093-38124 or 087-9961776.

ST. PATRICK'S HOLY WELL - CAPPAGH: Annual Pilgrimage – **Details Later.**

DUNMORE ANNUAL FESTIVAL: Is delighted to bring you the 52nd Dunmore Annual Festival, taking place from 31st July to 9th August. The official launch will be held on Saturday, 27th June at 5:00 p.m. in Byrnes. **All Welcome**

DUNMORE COMMUNITY COUNCIL BINGO: Will take place on **Sunday, July 5th** in the Town Hall, Dunmore at 3pm **(Please note change of date).** Lots of Prizes on the day including a €500 jackpot. Draw for a free double book, single book, lucky line sheet and jackpot sheet. Complimentary tea, coffee and biscuits will be served at the interval.

All are welcome.

GUITAR CLASSES: For adults starting in June for 8 weeks. For further enquiries contact Pat on 086-8591171

DUNMORE MEN'S SHED: Bowling continues every Tuesday & Thursday at Church St. New members welcome.

BRIDGE: Continues in the Town Hall at 11am on Tuesday morning – New people are invited

HOMEMADE MEALS: At No. 6 Mayfield. We provide homemade 3 course meals Monday – Friday for everyone in the parish. Eat in or take away. Contact Rose on 085-7083137 for further information



CEMETERY MASSES

Kiltевна Cemetery – Saturday 11th of July at 7.30pm

Addergoole Cemetery – Sunday 12th July at 10.00am

Dunmore Cemetery – Wednesday 5th August at 7.00pm

Please Inform Family Members



PARISH PILGRIMAGE OF PEACE

We invite people to join us on our 'Bóthar Dóchais an Phobail'

This second stage takes place on **Saturday 11th July at 9.30am** from Cappagh Well to Kiltевна Church



As parking is limited in Cappagh Well, a bus will transport people from Kiltевна Church to Cappagh Well.

Please give your name to Regina in the Parish Office 093-38124 or 087-9961776

As we need to know numbers for the bus

All are welcome