

Sunday Message

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year A • 19 July 2026 • Colour: Green • Psalm Week 4

THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS

MATTHEW 13:24-43 (MATTHEW 13:24-30 SHORTER FORM)



Jesus continues teaching in parables, revealing different aspects of the kingdom of heaven. The Parable of the Weeds illustrates the coexistence of good and evil in the world.

The sower of good seed represents the Son of Man, while the enemy sowing weeds symbolizes the presence of evil. The harvest, representing the final judgment, underscores God's patience: the righteous and the wicked coexist for a time, but God will ultimately separate and bring justice.

The Parable of the Mustard Seed and the Parable of the Yeast emphasize the surprising growth and transformative power of the kingdom. The mustard seed, though tiny, becomes a large plant, and the yeast, though hidden, works through the whole dough. These images show that God's kingdom often begins in hidden, humble ways but expands and transforms creation profoundly.

Taken together, these parables teach about patience, hope, and God's sovereign plan. While we may witness evil or small beginnings in the world, God's kingdom is active and growing, often in ways unseen. The passage encourages believers to trust God's timing, participate faithfully in his work, and remain vigilant. ■

REFLECT

Jesus' parables in this passage invite us to see God's kingdom in action in our everyday lives. The Parable of the Weeds reminds us that life is never perfect — good and evil often exist side by side. Yet God does not call us to despair. Instead, we are encouraged to remain faithful, sowing goodness, practicing patience, and trusting that God will bring justice in his time.

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast speak to the quiet, transformative power of small beginnings. A tiny seed becomes a sheltering plant, and a little yeast works through the whole dough. Our small acts of faith, love, and service may seem insignificant, but God can multiply them in ways beyond our imagination.

These parables challenge us to focus on what we can do, rather than the challenges around us. Every act of kindness, every word of encouragement, every prayer offered quietly, becomes part of God's growing kingdom. Discipleship is not about grand gestures alone, but faithful, patient commitment to letting God work through us, even in humble and unseen ways. ■

SAY

O Lord, increase my faith, that I may do great things for You with what is small."

St. Therese of Lisieux

DO

Take a moment each day to pray quietly, knowing that even small prayers can transform your heart and the world around you.



LEARN

God's kingdom grows quietly but powerfully, and our small acts of faith, love, and service participate in God's transforming work in the world.



DUNMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Dunmore – Garrafrauns – Kiltvna

Sunday 19th July – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Parish Office W/B 6th July 2026

Tuesday: 10.30am – 2.30am

Thursday: 9.30am – 1.30pm

Friday: 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Deadline for Newsletter is Thursday at 11am

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CHURCH OF OUR LADY AND ST. NICHOLAS, DUNMORE

ONLINE AND ON 108 FM

Sun 19th July	11.30am	People of the Parish Roddy & Nellie Mannion, Carronaseer, their son John & deceased members of the Mannion & Lyons families Parry Glynn, Ballymoney The Mullarkey & Connell families, Cloonkeen The Connell & Keaveney families, Cloonkeen The Dunleavy & Mullarkey families, USA The McCarton & Connell families, Cloonkeen & USA
Mon 20th	10.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am – 11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
Wed 22nd	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
Fri 24th	5.00pm – 7.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
	7.00pm	Stephen Corcoran, Drumbane – 1st Anniversary Mattie & Tommie Smyth, Carnaseer & deceased members of the Smyth family Thomas, Margaret, Harry & Eddie Burke, Carnaseer & deceased members of the Burke family Mike & Kathleen Mitchell Nartin & Teresa Clarke, Derrymore Colie & Kathleen Scanlon, Galway
Sun 26th	11.30am	Teresa Donnellan, Carrowmanagh – 1st Anniversary & her husband John Joe Agnes & Mick Burke, Carrownagur Paddy Michael McLoughlin & deceased members of the McLoughlin & Glynn families, Dunblaney Mary & William Waldron, Cathill Pakie Meehan, Menus Park Tom Kelly, Carraroe

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, GARRAFRAUNS

CHURCH RADIO - 108 FM

Sun 19th July	10.00am	People of the Parish Tom Abraham, Quinaltagh & deceased members of the family
Tue 21st	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thurs 23rd	5.30pm – 9.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
Sun 26th	10.00am	James Higgins, Shanballymore – 50th Anniversary Martin, Margaret & John Miskell, Adrigooole & deceased members of the family Margaret Canny, Carronthomas Francie McWalter, Knock, Milltown & Dublin

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, KILTEVNA

Sat 18th July	7.30pm	People of the Parish Ann & Jim Staunton, Lissaniskea, Bekan, their grandson James & daughter-in-law Helen Staunton Michael Brennan
Wed 22nd	10.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am – 11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
Sat 25th	7.30pm	John & Christine Martyn, Paddy & Clare Martyn, Flaskagh House



+ We remember and pray for the soul of +
Marie Glynn – Friars Walk, Dunmore & formerly of Granlahan, Co. Roscommon
+ May she rest in peace +



Thank you for your generosity:

WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION: Weekend 11th & 12th July - €1855.00

MINISTER OF THE WORD – Dunmore

Monday 20th July Ann Quinlivan
Friday 24th July Helen Waters
Sunday 26th July James Donnellan & Fiona Hartnett

MINISTER OF THE WORD – Garrafrauns

Sunday 26th July Aobh Nicklin

MINISTER OF THE WORD – Kiltamna

Saturday 25th July Jamie Donnellan

OFFERTORY COLLECTION (JULY) – Dunmore

Sunday 26th July Noreen Healy & Michael Rattigan



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Dunmore

Sunday 26th July **Team E**
Mairead Keely – Kay Burke – Eileen Meehan – Mara Silva

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Garrafrauns

Sunday 26th July Peter Donlon

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Kiltamna

Saturday 25th July Ann Shally

OFFERTORY COLLECTION (JULY) – Garrafrauns

Sunday 26th July Marie Diskin & Cyril Green

OFFERTORY COLLECTION (JULY) – Kiltamna

Saturday 25th July Niall Cloonan & Sean Cloonan



TAX REBATE: Many thanks to all who have sent back their Tax Rebate forms. 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.

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.

LOST & FOUND: Chain found outside Dunmore Church - Contact 087-2603891

GUITAR CLASSES: For adults. 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 MASS

Dunmore Cemetery – Wednesday 5th August at 7.00pm

Please Inform Family Members



DUNMORE ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Friday 31st July - Sunday 9th August 2026



The Festival Committee are calling out to all land owners within the town limits seeking a suitable location for the amusements this year as we currently have no grounds to facilitate this which is an integral part of the festival for the youth, but we face the reality of no amusements this year.

If you can help please contact **Mary – 087-9331541**

Thursday 6th August - Market Day

For stalls contact **Mary 087-9331541**

Our full programme will be released shortly and shared on all our social platforms.

For further information please reach out to any festival committee member or

email dunmoreannualfestival@gmail.com



Holy Well – Cappagh

Annual Pilgrimage on Sunday 2nd August at 5pm

**Come & experience the tranquil atmosphere & peaceful surroundings
that many have talked about**

All are welcome – Refreshments served afterwards



NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

Please note change of time deadline for submitting notices for the parish newsletter - 11am on a Thursday