

# Sunday Message

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year A • 26 July 2026 • Colour: Green • Psalter Week 1

## THE PARABLES OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE AND THE PEARL

MATTHEW 4:12-23  
(SHORTER FORM MT 4:12-17)



Jesus shares three parables that highlight the incomparable value of the kingdom of heaven. The Parable of the Hidden Treasure and the Parable of the Pearl emphasize the supreme worth of God's kingdom.

In both, individuals recognize something of immense value — a treasure or a pearl — and willingly give everything to obtain it. These images convey that entering the kingdom requires total commitment: following Christ may demand sacrifice, yet the reward far surpasses all else.

The Parable of the Net illustrates the final judgment and the discernment inherent in God's plan. The net gathers fish of every kind, and at the end, a separation occurs between the good and the bad. This serves as a reminder that while God's kingdom welcomes all, human choices and response to God's word have lasting consequences.

Together, these parables teach about both the preciousness of the kingdom and the responsibility of discipleship. Believers are called to recognize its value, prioritize it above worldly concerns, and live faithfully while awaiting God's ultimate judgment. The imagery encourages discernment, commitment, and trust in the transformative power of the kingdom in our lives. ■

### REFLECT

**T**hese parables invite us to consider what we truly treasure in life. The hidden treasure and the pearl challenge us to ask: what am I willing to give up to follow Christ? Faith calls for more than appreciation — it calls for wholehearted commitment. It may require letting go of comfort, habits, or attachments that distract us from living fully for God.

The Parable of the Net reminds us that life is a mixture of joys and challenges, good and bad. We do not control everything, but God calls us to live attentively and responsibly, making choices that nurture goodness and growth. Discipleship is about small, faithful actions — moments of kindness, prayer, and generosity that may seem hidden but are precious in God's sight.

Together, these parables remind us that the kingdom of God is a treasure worth seeking every day. Our task is to cultivate awareness, discernment, and willingness to act. Even modest efforts, offered with love, can be transformed into lasting blessings. Living with this awareness shapes our priorities and allows God's kingdom to grow quietly, steadily, and powerfully in and through us. ■

### LEARN

God's kingdom is of infinite value, and that discipleship requires wholehearted commitment, attentiveness, and the willingness to cultivate faith through small, faithful actions. (CCC 1803)

### SAY

Lord,  
Help me to recognize the treasure of your kingdom.  
Give me the courage to place you first and the wisdom to act faithfully in small ways each day.  
Amen.

### DO

Take a moment to reflect on what truly matters in your life and consider letting go of one distraction or attachment that keeps you from following Christ more fully.





# DUNMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Dunmore – Garrafrauns – Kiltévna

Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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**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

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| <b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> July</b> | 11.30am                      | <b>People of the Parish</b><br>Teresa Donnellan, Carrowmanagh – <b>1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary</b> & her husband John Joe<br>Agnes & Mick Burke, Carrownagur<br>Paddy Michael McLoughlin & deceased members of the McLoughlin & Glynn families, Dunblaney<br>Mary & William Waldron, Cathill<br>Pakie Meehan, Menus Park<br>Tom Kelly, Carraroe |
| <b>Mon 27<sup>th</sup></b>      | 10.00am<br>10.30am – 11.30am | Pat Nestor, Bridge Bar<br>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – <b>All are welcome</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup></b>      | 1.00pm – 3.00pm              | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – <b>All are welcome</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| <b>Fri 31<sup>st</sup></b>      | 5.00pm – 7.00pm<br>7.00pm    | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – <b>All are welcome</b><br>Margaret Burke, Dunblaney                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| <b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug</b>   | 11.30am                      | John & Mary Begley, London & Menlena<br>Brendan O' Connor, Kerry & USA & deceased members of the O' Connor & Conneally families, Ballymoney<br>Pat Donelon, Carnaseer                                                                                                                                                                          |

## ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, GARRAFRAUNS

CHURCH RADIO - 108 FM

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| <b>Sun 26<sup>th</sup> July</b> | 10.00am         | <b>People of the Parish</b><br>James Higgins, Shanballymore – <b>50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b><br>Martin, Margaret & John Miskell, Adrigool & deceased members of the family<br>Margaret Canny, Carronthomas<br>Francie McWalter, Knock, Milltown & Dublin |
| <b>Tue 28<sup>th</sup></b>      | 10.00am         | People of the Parish                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| <b>Thurs 30<sup>th</sup></b>    | 5.30pm – 9.30pm | Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – <b>All are welcome</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| <b>Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug</b>   | 10.00am         | Tom, Aggie, Frank, Phyllis, Eugene, Kieran, Niamh & Anna Nestor, Quinaltagh                                                                                                                                                                                  |

## CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, KILTEVNA

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| <b>Sat 25<sup>th</sup> July</b> | 7.30pm                       | <b>People of the Parish</b><br>John & Christine Martyn, Paddy & Clare Martyn, Flaskagh House |
| <b>Wed 29<sup>th</sup></b>      | 10.00am<br>10.30am – 11.30am | People of the Parish<br>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – <b>All are welcome</b>          |
| <b>Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Aug</b>   | 7.30pm                       | Bernard Donnellan, Kilnalappa & his parents Mary & Patrick & Uncle Jack                      |



+ We remember and pray for the soul of +

**Michael Raftery** – Celtic Avenue, Roscommon – brother of Don Raftery, Breanra, Dunmore

+ May he rest in peace +



## CEMETERY MASS

Dunmore Cemetery – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> August at 7.00pm

Please Inform Family Members



**Thank you for your generosity:**

WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION: Weekend 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> July - €1330.00

## NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

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

**MINISTER OF THE WORD – Dunmore**

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July** Louise Cloonan  
**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July** Charlie Kelly  
**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug** John Coyle & Joan Comer

**MINISTER OF THE WORD – Garrafrauns**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug** Grace Dooley

**MINISTER OF THE WORD – Kiltевна**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug** Anna Flaherty

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION (JULY) – Dunmore**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug** Breda Meehan & Mary Clarke

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Dunmore**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug** **Team A**  
 Patricia O' Brien – Helen Gildea – Della McGarry – Lorraine Howley

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Garrafrauns**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug** Lauretta Connolly

**MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Kiltевна**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug** Mary Maguire

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION (JULY) – Garrafrauns**

**Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> Aug** Brendan Jordan & Cyril Greene

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION (JULY) – Kiltевна**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> Aug** John Smyth & Catherine Glennon



**GRAVEYARD COLLECTION:** The annual collection for Dunmore Graveyard takes place on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August. Envelopes are available from the church porches or please use plain envelopes marked Dunmore Graveyard. All funds raised go towards the upkeep of the graveyard.

**EADARGÚIL MÓR (ADRIGOOLEMORE) CHURCH & CILLÍN:** Mass will take place at Eadargúil Mór (Adrigoolmore) Church and Cillín on Tuesday August 4<sup>th</sup> at 11am. All are welcome. The site will be signposted from the Dublin Rd. Contact Richard on 087-9957133 if you have any questions.

**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

**GLENAMADDY SUMMER FESTIVAL PRESENTS:** A candlelight performance with Michael English in St. Patrick's Church, Monday August 24<sup>th</sup>. Tickets €30.00 available on Eventbrite and Potter's Post office, a magical night not to be missed!

**PIANO LESSONS:** Now Enrolling for September! Experienced piano teacher. RIAM exams, Leaving cert / Junior cert practicals & music for fun! Contact Sarah: 087-3911776

**DUNMORE ANNUAL FESTIVAL**

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July - Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dunmoreannualfestival@gmail.com)

**JUST A SMALL SELECTION OF WHAT TO EXPECT – MORE DETAILS NEXT WEEK**

**Holy Well – Cappagh**

Annual Pilgrimage on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August at 5pm

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

**All are welcome – Refreshments served afterwards**

