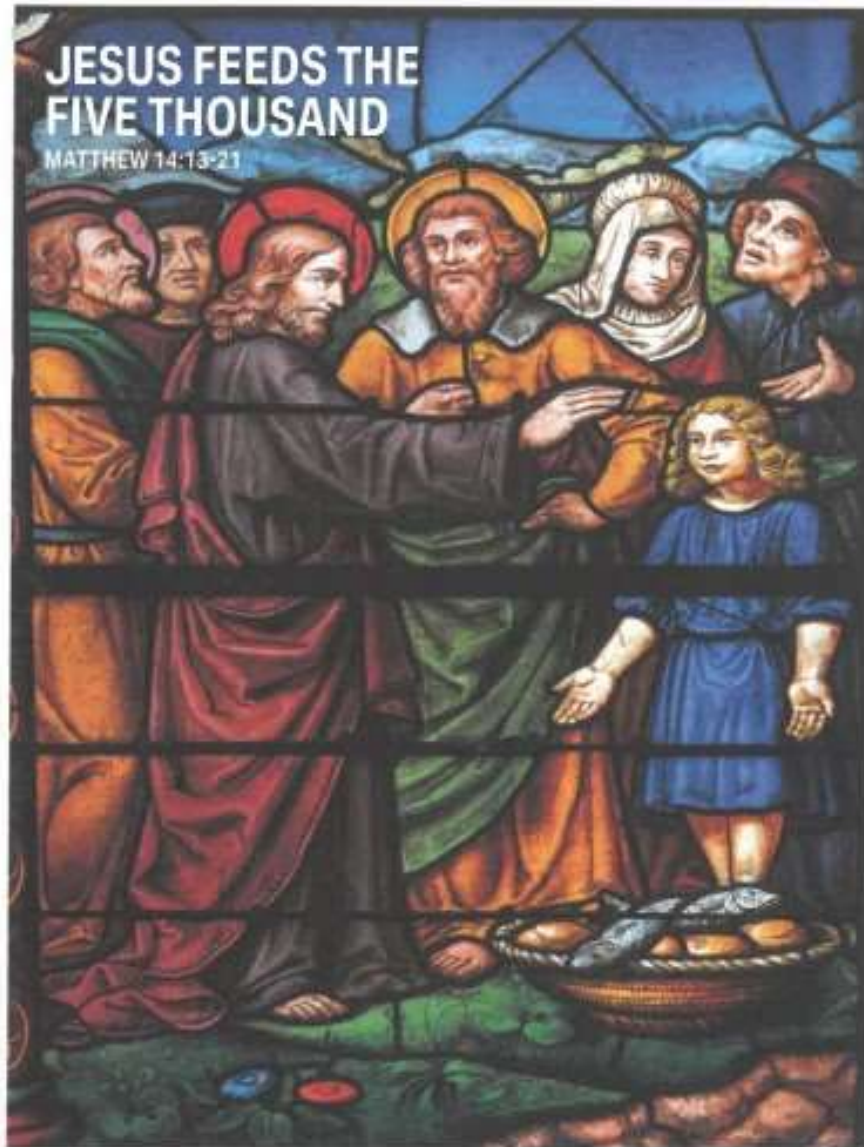


Sunday Message

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year A • 2 August 2026 • Colour: Green • Psalter Week 2



JESUS FEEDS THE FIVE THOUSAND

MATTHEW 14:13-21

REFLECT

Jesus heals the sick and cares for them, showing that discipleship begins with attentiveness to the suffering around us. Faith is not only belief but action: seeing the needs of others and responding with love.

The miracle of the feeding of the five thousand reminds us that God can transform even our smallest efforts into abundance. The disciples' simple offering of five loaves and two fish, given to Jesus, becomes enough to satisfy thousands. This teaches that nothing we offer — no act of kindness, prayer, or generosity — is too small for God to use.

We are invited to participate in God's work today. Small gestures of care, encouragement, or sharing what we have can have greater impact than we imagine. Jesus shows that when we bring our limited resources and trust them to God, they are multiplied, and everyone benefits. Discipleship calls us to compassionate action, to notice needs, and to offer what we can, trusting God to provide abundantly and transform ordinary efforts into blessings. ■

LEARN

God calls us to participate in his work of compassion, and that even small offerings, when entrusted to Christ, can be multiplied to meet the needs of others.

DO

Bring what little you have — time, talent, or resources — and trust God to use it to bless others.

SAY

Little things done with great love are mighty in God's sight.
St. Thérèse of Lisieux

In this passage, we witness Jesus' compassion in action. Upon hearing of John the Baptist's death, he withdraws to a quiet place, yet the crowds follow him. Seeing their need, "he had compassion on them and healed their sick." Jesus' concern is both spiritual and physical — he attends to their suffering, showing that God's care embraces every aspect of human life.

The miracle of the feeding highlights the abundance of God's providence. With only five loaves and two fish, Jesus blesses the small offering, distributes it to the crowd, and everyone eats their fill. The leftover fragments emphasize that God's generosity is overflowing and cannot be exhausted. The disciples' participation in distributing the food demonstrates the partnership between divine action and human response.

Matthew presents this event as a sign of the Kingdom: God provides for his people, satisfies their needs, and invites cooperation in his work. It also prefigures the Eucharist, where Christ gives himself as spiritual nourishment. The passage calls readers to trust in God's providence, offer what they have, and participate actively in sharing his love and care with others. ■





DUNMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Dunmore – Garrafrauns – Kiltvna

Sunday 2nd August – EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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Parish Office W/B 3rd August 2026

Tuesday: 10.30am – 2.30am

Thursday: CLOSED

Friday: 9.30pm – 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 2nd August	11.30am	People of the Parish John & Mary Begley, London & Menlena Brendan O' Connor, Kerry & USA & deceased members of the O' Connor & Conneally families, Ballymoney Pat Donelon, Carnaseer
Mon 3rd		NO MASS
	10.30am – 11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
Wed 5th	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
	7.00pm	Mass in Dunmore Cemetery
Thurs 6th	10.00am	Funeral Mass of Michael Conneally, Ballymoney & Australia – followed by Burial of Ashes
Fri 7th	5.00pm – 7.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
	7.00pm	Marie Glynn, Friar's Walk – Month's Mind Michael Walsh, High St. – 40th Anniversary & his daughters Anne & Margaret Roddy Flaherty, Castle St. Dennis Byrne, Kilmurray & his parents John & Margaret Andrew Fleming, Knockatee Tom & May Tierney, Carramana & their daughter Sally Blake John & Mary Rattigan, Carnaseer, grandson Ivan Canavan, sons-in-law Tommy & Martin & deceased members of the Rattigan family, Gortnagoyne & the Connell family, Addergoole Mary & Tom Sheridan, Mayfield, Dunmore & formerly of Cloonkeen Catherine & Alan Burke, Carronaseer Michael & Katie Burke & deceased members of the Carronaseer
Sun 9th	11.30am	

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, GARRAFRAUNS

CHURCH RADIO - 108 FM

Sun 2nd August	10.00am	People of the Parish Tom, Aggie, Frank, Phyllis, Eugene, Kieran, Niamh & Anna Nestor, Quinaltagh
Tue 4th		NO MASS in Garrafrauns Church – Mass in Addergoole Cemetery at 11am
Thurs 6th	5.30pm – 9.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
Sun 9th	10.00am	Delia & Joe Connally, Darray Damien Ryder, Gortnagoyne Andrew, Mary, Willie-John, Patsy, Elvira & Andy (Jnr) Mullarkey, Quinaltagh Joan O' Donohue, Corohan

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, KILTEVNA

Sat 1st August	7.30pm	People of the Parish Bernard Donnellan, Kilnalappa & his parents Mary & Patrick & Uncle Jack
Wed 5th	10.00am	Dan & Thomas Monaghan, Roy Monaghan, Flaskagh
	10.30am – 11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
Sat 8th	7.30pm	Mary Donelon, Flaskaghbeg – 1st Anniversary & deceased members of the Donelon family Paul Caulfield, Ballintave * his grandchildren, Parents & Brothers Martin & Mamie Murphy, Curragh West & their Children & Grandchildren



+ We remember and pray for the souls of +

Joe Connelly – Knock, Milltown & Dunmore

Helen Ellans – London & Beagh (sister of the late Jim Kelly, Beagh)

+ May they rest in peace +



Thank you for your generosity:

WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION: Weekend 25th & 26th July - €1600.00

MINISTER OF THE WORD – Dunmore

Monday 3rd Aug Renate Cooke
Friday 7th Aug Attracta Gilmore
Sunday 9th Aug Ann Quinlivan & Barry Murray

MINISTER OF THE WORD – Garrafrauns

Sunday 9th Aug Brendan Kelly

MINISTER OF THE WORD – Kiltevena

Saturday 8th Aug Bernadette Doorey

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - (AUGUST) – Dunmore

Sunday 9th Aug Breda Meehan & Mary Clarke



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Dunmore

Sunday 9th Aug **Team B**
Mary Burke – Siobhan Conneally – Marina Callanan – Nora Burke

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Garrafrauns

Sunday 9th Aug Bernie Connolly

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Kiltevena

Saturday 8th Aug Séan Glennon

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - (AUGUST) – Garrafrauns

Sunday 9th Aug Brendan Jordan & Cyril Greene

OFFERTORY COLLECTION - (AUGUST) – Kiltevena

Saturday 8th Aug John Smyth & Catherine Glennon



HOLY WELL – CAPPAGH: Annual Pilgrimage this Sunday 2nd August at 5pm. Come & experience the tranquil atmosphere & peaceful surroundings that many have talked about **All are welcome – Refreshments served afterwards**

DUNMORE FESTIVAL 2026 GOSPEL MASS: THIS SUNDAY 2ND AUGUST - 'All welcome to join in the singing and clapping along with Dunmore Church Choir!'

DUNMORE CHURCH CHOIR: Will sing at the National Novena to Our Lady of Knock on Thursday, August 13th at 8pm.

DUNMORE MUSICAL SOCIETY: Proudly Presents 'The Little Mermaid' Feb. 2027. Auditions on Saturday, August 1st in D.C.S. Details on Facebook & Dunmore Musical Society / Church Choir. **Could you become "Part of our World"**

BAKE SALE FUNDRAISER: In aid of 'Football for All' which caters for children of all ages with additional needs – After Mass (Outside the Church) this Sunday 2nd August from 12 noon where a selection of baked goods will be available. **Donations of baked goods are very welcome.** Please contact Stephanie on 087-3187338

MARKET DAY 6th AUGUST 11AM - 4PM - ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION TEA/COFFEE DAY IN TOWN HALL:

Tea /coffee/ bake sale all in aid of Tuam Cancer Care. Fabulous work from local artists and artwork from our younger generation also. Baked donations are very welcome on the morning. Contact Anna 086-1520316

FESTIVAL WALK: Everyone invited to the Festival Walk on Tuesday August 4th with the Tuesday Walkers. Meet at Cloonfad Forest Resource Centre F35 EC99 AT 11.30AM. Refreshments afterwards. Bring a poem, song or just bring yourself & friends.

ART CLASSES FOR CHILDREN AGED 5-13 YEARS: Saturday 1st & 8th of August 10am & 11.30am. A mixture of Art, Breathwork, Mindfulness & Painting in Garrafrauns Community Centre. Contact 086-1520316 to book.

GRAVEYARD COLLECTION: Dunmore Graveyard this Sunday 2nd August. Envelopes 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 4th at 11am. All are welcome. The site will be signposted from the Dublin Rd. Contact Richard on 087-9957133 if you have any questions.

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

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



52nd DUNMORE ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Friday 31st July - Sunday 9th August 2026

Our Headline Acts Include



I'm A Culchie, Get Me Out Of Here

Trevor Moyles

6k Garrafrauns to Dunmore Road Race & Sports Day

80's & 90's Classics with Spring Break

The Traditional Market Day

Fancy | Dress Rave Bingo



Saturday 1st August

Sunday 2nd August

Monday 3rd August

Monday 3rd August

Thursday 6th August

Friday 7th August



And much much more for the kiddies like Pavement Art, Kite Workshop & Crafts Classes

Tuesday 4th August

12 – 2pm - HEALTH & WELLNESS EVENT IN TOWN HALL DUNMORE

Galway Rural Development in collaboration with HSE, Healthy Galway & Galway Sports Partnership are hosting 'A free health & wellbeing event for all'. There will be many health & community organisations providing free healthcare advice & support on the day.

Croí will also provide free blood pressure checks on the day. Talks by Caroline Murray-HSE Health Promotion Officer for Cancer Prevention 2 slots: 1pm & 1.30pm Foot Health Podiatry Galway will be offering free podiatry checks. Pop along to find out more. Free refreshments served.

Please expect traffic delays on Monday 3rd of August to facilitate the Garrafrauns to Dunmore 6K and on Thursday 6th of August for the Dunmore Annual Festival Traditional Market day.

Barrack Sq. and Barrack St. will be closed to traffic with local access only via the Clonberne Road.

We ask all motorists to approach the area with caution and be mindful of increased pedestrian activity