

Sunday Message

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

THE WORD

Year A • 9 August 2026 • Colour: Green • Psalter Week 3

JESUS WALKS ON WATER

MATTHEW 14:22-33



In this passage, Jesus demonstrates both his divinity and his care for his disciples in a moment of fear and uncertainty. After sending the crowds away, he goes to a mountainside to pray, showing the importance of solitude and communion with the Father even in the midst of ministry. Meanwhile, the disciples face a storm on the sea, symbolizing life's trials and the challenges of faith.

Jesus approaches them, walking on the water, revealing his authority over creation. Peter's request to join him illustrates human courage and desire for closeness to Christ, but also the fragility of faith: when Peter focuses on the wind and waves, he begins to sink. Jesus' immediate response — "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid" — highlights that divine help is available the moment we call on him.

The episode teaches that faith requires focus on Christ rather than circumstances. Discipleship is not the absence of fear or difficulty, but trusting Jesus' presence in the storm. Matthew emphasizes that Christ not only commands nature but also sustains and strengthens those who seek him, reinforcing the call to trust, courage, and dependence on God. ■

DO

When you feel overwhelmed, remember to reach out for help — spiritual, practical, or emotional — trusting that God's support is always near.



REFLECT

Faith often grows in the midst of life's storms. The disciples are terrified as the wind and waves threaten their boat, yet Jesus comes to them, walking on the water. His presence reminds us that we are never alone, even when circumstances feel overwhelming.

Peter's bold step onto the water shows the courage that faith can inspire. Yet when he notices the storm, fear overtakes him, and he begins to sink. Jesus' hand reaches out immediately: "Take courage! It is I. Do not be afraid." Faith is not about being fearless; it is about keeping our eyes fixed on Christ, especially when life feels uncertain or threatening.

We, too, face storms — in work, relationships, health, or spiritual struggles. Discipleship calls us to call out to Jesus, to trust his presence, and to step forward even when the way is unclear. The Gospel encourages us to act with courage, to rely on Christ rather than our own strength, and to remember that even when we falter, he is there to lift us up. Faith grows in trust, not in comfort. ■

SAY

Lord Jesus,
Help me to keep my eyes on you in every storm.
Strengthen my faith and reach out your hand when I begin to falter.
Amen.

LEARN

Faith requires trust in Christ, especially in times of fear and difficulty. God's presence sustains and strengthens us when we step out in courage.



DUNMORE PARISH NEWSLETTER

Dunmore – Garrafrauns – Kiltvna

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Tuesday: CLOSED

Thursday: CLOSED

Friday: CLOSED

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 9th August	11.30am	People of the Parish 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 Tommy Reddington, Gortnalea
Mon 10th	10.00am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
	10.30am – 11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
Wed 12th	1.00pm – 3.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
Fri 14th	5.00pm – 7.00pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
		No Mass
Sat 15th	11.30am	Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary John Coleman, Dunmore & Letterkenny – Month's Mind Molly & Kevin Clarke, Castle St., & deceased members of the Clarke family Nora Healy, Ballymoney & Boston Pat Kealy, Carnagur & deceased members of the family Frank & Mary Meehan, Sylauanagran & deceased members of the family Patrick McHugh, Carrowkeel & deceased members of the family Austin Newell, Tuam Road
Sun 16th	11.30am	

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, GARRAFRAUNS

CHURCH RADIO - 108 FM

Sun 9th August	10.00am	People of the Parish Delia & Joe Connally, Darray Damien Ryder, Gortnagoyne Andrew, Mary, Willie-John, Patsy, Elvira & Andy (Jnr) Mullarkey, Quinaltagh Joan O' Donohue, Corohan
Tue 11th	10.00am	People of the Parish
Thurs 13th	5.30pm – 9.30pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
Fri 14th	7.30pm	Vigil - Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Peadar & Winnie Donlon, Knockatee
Sun 16th	10.00am	Martin Keenan, Corohan John & Mary Neenan, Cloondalga, sons Joe, Micko & Martin & daughter Josephine

CHRIST THE KING CHURCH, KILTEVNA

Sat 8th August	7.30pm	People of the Parish 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
Wed 12th	10.00am	People of the Parish
	10.30am – 11.30am	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament – All are welcome
Sat 15th	7.30pm	Jim & Josie Ferrick, Parkroe & deceased members of the Ferrick & Regan families John, Michael & Bridie Shally, Birmingham & Flaskagh Michael & Nora Shally, Flaskagh & deceased members of the family

Thank you for your generosity:

WEEKLY PARISH COLLECTION: Weekend 1st & 2nd August - €1365.00

MINISTER OF THE WORD – Dunmore

Monday 10th Aug Della McGarry
Friday 14th Aug Nuala Finnegan
Saturday 15th Aug (11.30am) James Donnellan & Fiona Hartnett
Sunday 16th Aug Lil Bruen & Della McGarry

MINISTER OF THE WORD – Garrafrauns

Friday 14th Aug (7.30pm) Emer Dooley
Sunday 16th Aug Marie Diskin

MINISTER OF THE WORD – Kiltvna

Saturday 15th Aug Karen Smith

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – (AUGUST) – Dunmore

Sunday 16th Aug Breda Meehan & Mary Clarke



MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Dunmore

Saturday 15th Aug (11.30am) Team A
Patricia O' Brien – Helen Gildea – Della McGarry – Lorraine Howley
Sunday 16th Aug Team C
Martina Reddington – Therese Boyle – Anne Quinlivan – Edel Murphy

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Garrafrauns

Friday 14th Aug (7.30pm) Christy Reddington
Sunday 16th Aug Tom Ryder

MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST – Kiltvna

Saturday 15th Aug Mary Murphy

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – (AUGUST) – Garrafrauns

Sunday 16th Aug Brendan Jordan & Cyril Greene

OFFERTORY COLLECTION – (AUGUST) – Kiltvna

Saturday 15th Aug Catherine Glennon & Ann Murphy



PARISH OFFICE: Closed this coming week due to summer holidays. If you need to book a mass intention, baptism etc., please contact Fr. Fergal in the parish office on 093-38124.

DUNMORE FESTIVAL BINGO: Dunmore Community Council Festival Bingo will take place this Sunday, August 9th in the Town Hall, Dunmore at 3pm. Lots of prizes on the day including a €500 jackpot. Raffle for hampers, and lots more prizes. 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.**

DUNMORE CHURCH CHOIR: Dunmore Church Choir sing at the National Novena to Our Lady of Knock on Thursday night, August 13th at 8pm. Guest speaker is Mary Kennedy and the theme is 'Faith in Full View'. **All welcome**

DUNMORE GRAVEYARD COLLECTION: Sincere thanks to all those who contributed to the collection last weekend. If you still wish to give please place donation in a plain envelope marked Dunmore Graveyard and drop in to church or Eurospar. **Thank you.**

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

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

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

MOUNTBELLEW AGRICULTURAL SHOW: Will be held on Saturday 22nd August in the Mountbellew Agricultural College (H53 WE00).

Entries on-line. Closing Date for entries is Saturday 15th August. Dog and Cat Entries plus Junior Class Entries only taken on Show Day.

Great Family Day Out. Free children's entertainment including magic, scarecrow competition & pony rides.

Fashion Show. Well worth a visit.

For more information & details on classes etc, please see our website www.mountbellewagrishow.ie

KNOCK NATIONAL NOVENA: The National Novena at Knock Shrine takes place from August 13th to 21st. Daily Novena ceremonies at 3pm and 8pm. Daily workshops at 12.45pm. For full of programme, see www.knockshrine.ie.

FAMILY DAY AT KNOCK SHRINE: Takes place on Sunday, August 16th. Blessing of Families at 11am in the Parish Church. Free games and activities at Basilica Green from 11am to 3pm. See www.knockshrine.ie for more details.

WESTERN ALZHEIMERS – PEAK OF THE REEK COMMUNITY CLIMB: Join local families, individuals, and groups climbing Croagh Patrick on **Saturday 12th September**. Walk for a loved one or enjoy a community day out. All funds support hands-on care for local families living with Dementia in the West. Register at westernalzheimers.ie or contact 094-9364900 for further details.



Heavenly Father, we lift our voices in praise on this feast of the Assumption of Mary.
You took Your humble servant — body and soul — into heavenly glory,
and by this act You have shown all creation the greatness of Your mercy.
We bless You, Lord, through the Assumption of Mary.
Amen.

