



Background on the Gospel Reading

Today's Gospel concludes three weeks of readings from the 13th Chapter of Matthew's Gospel. Throughout these three weeks we have heard Jesus teaching crowds about the kingdom of heaven, and we have heard Jesus interpret some of his teachings for the disciples. In this week's Gospel, Jesus offers three more short parables.

The first two parables describe the great value of the kingdom of heaven. In the first parable, Jesus says that the kingdom of heaven is like a buried treasure that is worth possessing even if it means giving up everything else. In the second parable, Jesus proposes that the kingdom of heaven is like a pearl of great worth for which one will sell everything else to possess. These parables teach us that we are to place everything we value in the service of the pursuit of the Kingdom of God.

The third parable that Jesus proposes in today's Gospel is different from the first two, but it is reminiscent of the parable of the sower heard in last week's Gospel. The kingdom of heaven is compared to fishing with a wide net. After the fish have been collected, the good fish are kept and the bad fish are thrown away; so too, in the final judgment, will the wicked and the righteous be separated.

Have you ever found yourself saying 'that was worth it' after giving up something (time, pleasure, money, etc.)? What was the treasure that made the sacrifice worthwhile?

The 'kingdom of heaven' is when God is really the ruler in our life. What treasures have you obtained when you allow God to be at the centre of your life?

In life we gather a lot of things, some good and some bad. The wise person in the kingdom of heaven, knows how to sit down and make decisions on what to keep and what to discard. When have you undertaken that kind of discernment? What have you discarded? What have you retained?

St. Brigid's Church Killeshandra

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Sunday 30th 11am Anniv. William, Margaret, Liam Geary Drumbagh / Anne Mc Gibney Corliss / Dr. Tom Burke Portaliffe

Monday 31st 9am St. Ignatius of Loyola

Sunday August 6th 11am 1st Anniv. Claire Gregory Rathfarnham

We remember Stephen Shannon Drumkilrooske whose funeral took place last Tuesday

Collection July 23rd €820

We thanks sincerely the people who have done so much to enhance the surroundings; the two cemeteries and Church grounds; Brian Connolly, Vera Madden, Noel Gumley, Sean Fitzpatrick, Joe O'Brien, Shane, Raymond Burns. Also the Pastoral Council and all volunteers.

Sacred Heart Church Arva

Sunday 30th 10am Anniv. Luke Martin Farrangariff, son Luke Aghnacliffe / Bridie Duffy Broad Rd.

Friday August 4th 10am Anniv. Tommy and Margaret O'Reilly Main St.

Sunday August 6th 10am Month's mem. Francis Smith 17 Main St. / William Dolan Corhanna / Pat and Rose Maguire Drumhaldry

Collection July 23rd €770.90

The readings and prayers for August are on the side-altar(Our Lady's)

Church of the Immaculate Conception Coronea

Saturday 29th 7.30pm Vigil anniv.

Saturday August 5th 7.30pm Vigil Mass

Readings for August are in the sacristy

Collection July 22nd €405

Coronea Cemetery Sun. August 13th 12.30pm. Please bring your own Holy Water. There will be Holy Water available but not small bottles.

Kilmore Diocesan Pilgrimage to Knock will take place on Wednesday, the 9th of August a bus is being organised for the parish. Names please to Bridie Finlay 049-4334179 Monday to Wed. afternoons or Brian Connolly 087-9080817 The coach will depart as follows ; Arva church 8am Killeshandra 8.15 Carrigallan 8.30, Drumreilly 8.45 finally Ballinamore 9am. Cost per seat is €15

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