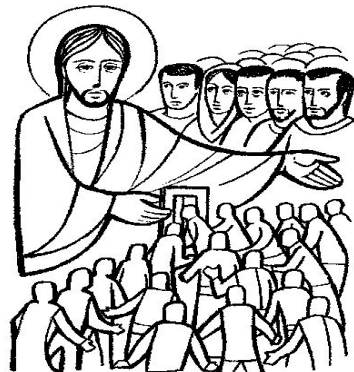


The Deep End - 'Curiouser and curiouser'

'Alice opened the door and found that it led into a small passage, not much larger than a rat-hole: she knelt down and looked along the passage into the loveliest garden you ever saw. How she longed to get out of that dark hall, and wander about among those beds of bright flowers and those cool fountains, but she could not even get her head though the doorway.' (Lewis Carroll, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*)



In the opening chapter of Alice's *Adventures in Wonderland*, Alice is having a bit of bother with doors. She finds herself in a hall in which the doors are all locked. When she finds a key, it doesn't fit the locks. When she manages to find a door to match the key, she herself won't fit through; the doorway is too narrow. How frustrating!

The parable in today's Gospel also features a narrow door and a locked door, as well as an unsympathetic doorkeeper – it's almost as if the master wants to keep everyone out! People knock on the door and expect to be admitted, but it's not that simple. The master turns them away, claiming not to know them, despite protestations that they are acquainted.

Jesus is trying to teach his followers about discipleship. What does he mean when he says we must 'enter by the narrow door'? Is it almost impossible to enter the kingdom of God? One thing is sure: a passing acquaintance with Jesus will not be enough. The plea of 'We once ate and drank in your company' is feeble. It is not enough to know Jesus only on the surface – to attend Mass every Sunday or to turn to him only when we are in need. To really know Jesus, one must walk the narrow path of the Gospel. **INTERCOM**

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MASS TIMES

HORESWOOD

Saturday 7.00pm
 Sunday 10.30am
 Weekdays 9.30am
 Confessions 1st Thursday 7.00pm

BALLYKELLY

Saturday 8:00pm
 Sunday 11:30am
 Tuesday & Friday 9:30am

Baptisms Horeswood: First & Third Saturday of the month 4:00pm
Baptisms Ballykelly: Second & Fourth Saturday of the month 4:00pm
Marriages: A minimum of three months notice must be given to both Church & State.



PARISH OF HORESWOOD
Church of St. James, Horeswood
Church of St. Brigid, Ballykelly
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IN LOVING MEMORY

Please remember in your prayers
HORESWOOD

Saturday 7pm

Elizabeth Pender, Duncormick, anniversary.

Sunday 10:30am

Ann Nolan, Abbey View, anniversary.

Pray for **Maureen Davitt, Ballinamona, anniversary.**

Wednesday 9:30am

Maureen Davitt, Ballinamona, anniversary.

BALLYKELLY

Saturday 8pm

Mary Ratigan, Ballinteskin, Month's Mind.

Sunday 11:30am

Seamus Long, Ballykelly, anniversary.

Mass Intentions August 31st & September 2nd Horeswood: Saturday August 31st Brendan Kinsella & Ray Saunders, England & formerly Ballykerogue, anniversaries. Sunday September 1st, William & Nancy Ryan, Dunbrody, anniversaries. Ballykelly: Sunday September 1st, Maurice Dunne, Whitechurch, anniversary.



MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK

Horeswood: Wednesday at 9:30am.
 Please note Mass in Horeswood on Wednesday morning only this week.
Ballykelly: Tuesday & Friday 9.30am.

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CHRISTIAN MEDIA TRUST RADIO

The Sounds For Sunday programme goes on air every Sunday morning at 9:04am and would welcome requests from listeners and news items or upcoming events in your parish. Email: sforsundaycmt@gmail.com.

OUR LADY'S ISLAND CLOSING CEREMONY

There will be a mini-bus going to Our Lady's Island for the closing ceremonies on Sunday evening September 8th. The fare is €8. Pickup points- Campile, Ramsgrange, Elm Tree Cross & Wellingtonbridge. Contact: Nicholas Bowe on 388437 or 087-9418661.

FRANCISCAN SISTERS OF AFRICA

The Franciscan Sisters for Africa will visit our parish Horeswood & Ballykelly September 14th & 15th as part of a parish promotions programme in Ferns. Their visit involves mission awareness and appeal.

WEEKLY ENVELOPES
HORESWOOD: 18/08/2019 €478.05
BALLYKELLY: 18/08/2019 €84.00
 Thank you for your generosity.

**READERS FOR AUGUST
 HORESWOOD**

7pm **Nicholas Bowe**
 10:30am **Susan Wallace**



BALLYKELLY

8pm August 24th **June Hearn**
 11:30am August 25th **Tommy Lennon**
 8pm August 31st **Anne Howlett**
 11:30am September 1st **Oweny Lennon**

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
 HORESWOOD
 AUGUST**

7pm August 24th **Trish Clancy**
 10:30am August 18th & 25th
Ann Roche & Trish Hayes
 7pm August 31st & September 1st **Johnnie O'Leary**



COLLECTORS AUGUST

Saturday 7pm	Sunday 10:30am
Nicholas Carr Richard Devane John Howlin	Lar Quinn Michael Shannon Martin Hartley

**BALLYKEROGUE CEMETERY
 PATRON COLLECTION**

The Ballykerogue cemetery committee would like to thank everyone who gave to the collection taken up during the recent patron there. It is much appreciated for the upkeep of the graveyard throughout the year. Total amount collected €873.41. Thank you for your continued support.

OUR LADY'S ISLAND PILGRIMAGE

Sunday, 25th August—Focus on Faith with Fr. Brian Darcy. Mass at 3pm.
Wednesday 28th-Divine Mercy & Pro-Life
Sunday, 1st September - Focus on Recovery from Addiction. Mass at 3pm
**Tuesday, 3rd September - Focus on Ecu-
 menism – Rev Ruth Patterson (Belfast)**
**Wednesday, 4th September - Service – A
 Time to Heal 8.00pm**
**Sunday, 8th September. Celebrant:
 Bishop Denis Brennan** Mass at 7pm fol-
 lowed by Torchlight Procession

Daily Mass during season 3pm & 8pm.
 Healing Blessing with Oils after 3pm Mass.

Fridays at 7:45pm before Mass– short talk
 on the history of Our Lady's Island.
*Enquiries: 053-9131023– Mon.-Fri 9am-
 2pm & 053-9131235 2pm –6pm weekdays*
www.ourladysisland.ie Rev. Jim Cogley
(Director of Pilgrimage) 053-9131167

THE HOOK OF FAITH

Check out the latest resources at www.thehookoffaith.com The homily for this Twenty-First Sunday of Ordinary Time emphasises the gift of choice and freedom when responding to the Gospel. Certain choices exclude ourselves from God's kingdom which heightens our sense of responsibility in the present. As we mark one year since the visit of Pope Francis to Ireland, we have an article and a video that focuses on the Christian family as joy for the world. Fr Albert McDonnell from the diocese of Killaloe imagines the future of our parishes – a future that is approaching must faster than we realise. Finally, we continue to meditate on seven more quotes from the saints including those from St Augustine whose feast we celebrate on Wednesday 28th August.

**CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL THEOL-
 OGY: SPIRITUALITY AND PRACTISE**

For the coming academic year, in union with the Carlow Institute of Technology, Wexford Campus, a course is being offered to those who would like to explore their faith better & take a more active role in parish leadership. The course is named: 'CERTIFICATE IN PASTORAL THEOLOGY: SPIRITUALITY AND PRACTISE' & will run from 24th September to April 2020. There is no requirement for previous study & the course is open to all. There are no exams. Work will be graded by continuous assessment.

Subjects covered include Scripture, liturgy & sacraments, theology of God, theology of Church, spirituality, pastoral theology and moral theology. If you are interested & for more information, contact the Wexford Campus at: 053-9185800 or Fr Billy on 087-1225407. Closing date for applications is Friday 20th September.

HORESWOOD LADIES FOOTBALL

Massive Congratulations to our Minor Football team who are Division 1 County Champions. After beating Bunclody in the semi final on Friday evening on a score line of 10-17 to 6-08, they went on to give another magnificent display on Sunday morning to beat St.Munn's (Taghmon / St Annes) 6-16 to 0-04 in the County Final. Joined with St. James and known as Dunbrody Gaels, this team is made up of an incredibly talented bunch of girls. Well done and thank you to their mentors for making it all happen.

SAFEGUARDING REPRESENTATIVES

Lucy Murphy: 087-2842586
Katriona Dawkins: 086-1712055
Úna Nolan: 087-2148362

For information on Safeguarding children please contact the Safeguarding Representatives.

SPLIT THE POT

Saturday August 17th



This week our lucky winner was
Paula Byrne- €203

Next Draw: Saturday August 24th (at the end of Mass). Winners may collect money from the Parish office from Tuesday onwards after the draw has taken place.

RAMSGRANGE ACTIVE RETIREMENT

Monthly meeting: Monday September 2nd St Louis Day Care Centre 2:15pm. New members welcome. Speaker is Danny Brennan. Yearly membership €20 per member & includes insurance & subsidise outings where we can.

Kennedy Park Tea Party: September 5th at 2:30pm in the marquee. Tea party will be hosted by Sean Connick & the guests are Marty Morrissey & Francis Black. Cost €22 including coach, (could change depending on numbers), to be paid in full at next meeting. Please book early. Coach from Ramsgrange 1pm. Wellington Bridge 12:35, Elm Tree X 12:50. Kelly 087-6372084.

HOLIDAY MAY 2020: May 4th-8th to Castlebar. Cost of trip €365 pps sharing. Single supplement €20 per night. Day trips, gratuities, etc included in price. Names & deposits (€50) taken at September meeting. Savings club open. Enquiries Mary B 087-2073966.

Tuesday, December 3rd: Pick up: Waterford, New Ross, Ramsgrange, Wellington Bridge, Wexford & Enniscorthy. Tea/coffee & scone on route. **Christmas Shopping at Dunderum Shopping Centre.** B&B & dinner (full use of leisure centre) at the Westgrove Hotel, Clane. Music in bar after dinner. Visit to Kildare shopping Outlet Centre. Guided tour of Russborough House & Afternoon Tea. Total cost for all the above is €150 per person sharing in a twin/double room or €170 for a single room. To book your place please contact Alexia, 087- 9462160.