

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time– Deacon: Rev. Liam Dunne

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14 All are invited to the banquet

In Luke's Gospel, a key part of Jesus' ministry is table fellowship. More than in any of the other Gospels, Luke shows Jesus eating and drinking at table. Today he is at the house of a Pharisee for the Sabbath meal, while the other guests watch him closely. Jesus, noticing how the guests are vying with each other for the seats of honour, tells a parable. At first glance, this story might seem to be suggesting that we deceive others with a false humility, but remember parables always encourages us to think more deeply. They are designed to stay with us for rumination. And so, it is good to pay attention to the questions that arise.

Jesus frequently used the image of a great banquet to explain God's vision for our world. The feast that is described here emphasises hospitality to strangers. Jesus speaks of a preferential option for the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind. They are outsiders, because of their circumstances, and also because they are considered to be ritually unclean. This parable urges us to be open to real people and their very real situations, breaking down societal barriers to embrace real relationships. This is where one encounters the energy of the Kingdom on earth.

Jesus made it clear that his mission was to release people from whatever is was that made them feel estranged from God (Lk 4:18-21). We are called to partake in this mission, welcoming those considered to be on the outside without hope of reward for ourselves. The feast in today's Gospel is a great celebration of inclusivity and unity. It emphasises once more the reversal Jesus talks about, where the 'highest' take the low seats and the world is turned upside down for the better. There is no shortage of situations in our world which are in need of this type of shake-up. Our task is to help bring it about.

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“Another world is not only possible; she is on her way . . . On a quiet day, if I listen very carefully, I can hear her breathing. *Arundhati Roy*”

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

St. Brigid's St. Patrick's The Assumption
Talbotstown Rathvilly Tynock
Sat/Sun, 30th & 31st August, 2025 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Deaths: Peadar Nolan, Kevin Barry Road, Rathvilly
Fr Patrick Hagan, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan
Margaret Kinsella, Portriton, Kiltegan

Months Mind Mass: Jim Byrne, Carlow & Knockroe this Sat/Sun, 30th & 31st August

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 30th & 31st August

Fr Bernard Ryan, former Parish Priest

Declan O'Toole, Bough

Mary Hanlon, Rathvilly

Rojanie Cortes, Sydney, Australia

Eileen & William Byrne, Hacketstown

Sat/Sun, 6th & 7th September

Pat & Margaret Osborne, The Green, Rathvilly

James P. Doyle, Tankardstown

Robert & Kathleen Myers, Bough

ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN

Sunday, 31st August – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Conor O'Leary.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK

Sunday, 7th September – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Lucilla Brophy.

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday - Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Friday, 5th September - Rathvilly School Mass at 10.00 a.m. All welcome.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday 3-6 pm.

PARISH HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR SEPTEMBER

Rathvilly Area on Friday, 5th September from 2 – 5 p.m.

Kiltegan Area on Friday, 12th September from 2 – 5 p.m.

NEWSLETTER - DOUBLE ISSUE NEXT WEEKEND, 6/7 September

Notices & Anniversary Masses to reach us by Wednesday, 3rd September at 12 Noon.

UNVAILING OF 'NIN'

There will be a small ceremony to unveil and bless the new structure 'Nin' in Fr Cullen Garden (in front of St Patrick's Church) by Msgr John McEvoy this Saturday 30th August following 7.30 pm Mass. All welcome.

UPDATE ON RESTORATION OF STAINED GLASS WINDOW

The work is continuing steadily, re-leading the stained-glass pieces and repairing small fissures in the glass. The likely timeline for refitting the window is late September/ early October. We launched an appeal for donations to defray the cost of the work (€55,000 plus VAT). That appeal is still live - and I am happy to report that €2,200 has been received. Any amount will be appreciated. Many thanks to our donors to date.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 23rd & 24th August

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.

Rathvilly: Offertory €185.48 Envelopes €349.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €65.03 Envelopes €182.50

PARISH LOTTO (Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Draw)

Results from 27th August, 2025 No Jackpot winner of €20,000

Numbers: 15-17-29-32. 4 Match 3 numbers get €250.00 each.

No local match three winner this week.

Next draw on Wednesday, 3rd September. **Jackpot €20,000.**

The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.

Thank you to our parishioners for supporting the Lotto.

KILDARE AND LEIGHLIN LITURGY CONFERENCE

It is Good for us to be Here (Mark 9:5)

Come and join us for a day of personal enrichment as we explore many aspects of the celebration of Mass and liturgy in our parishes - taking place in the Cathedral of the Assumption and Carlow College on Saturday, 20th September. We start with registration in Carlow College from 9-9:30am, Morning Prayer in the Cathedral at 9:30am followed by a day of keynote speakers and workshops, concluding at 5 pm. Look out for the poster and brochure in the church or go to www.kandle.ie/LiturgyConference for more details. *Booking is now open on kandle.ie and workshops will fill on a first come basis.*

Season of Creation 1st September – 4th October 2025: Peace with Creation

"Future generations will never forgive us if we miss the opportunity to protect our common home. We have inherited a garden; we must not leave a desert for our children."

Joint statement from Pope Francis, the Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew and Archbishop Justin Welby of Canterbury.

This year's Season of Creation has as its theme "Peace with Creation", inspired by the passage from Isaiah 32:14-18; "My people will abide in a peaceful habitation, in secure dwellings, and in quiet resting places." In a world of challenges and division, marked by war and climate change, *how can we as people of faith create and work towards peace with creation?* Every one of us has a part of play. For this year's resources see <https://www.catholicbishops.ie/season-of-creation-2025/>

HEALING MASS

Healing Mass in St. Brigid's Chapel, Slí an Chroí, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan on Monday 15th September at 3pm, followed by refreshments in our Dining Room.

Why Sunday Matters

Bishop Denis is launching an invitation on behalf of the Irish Bishops to all Catholics to reflect on Sunday Mass at the 10:30 am Mass on Sunday 31 August in the Cathedral. The invitation is contained within a short document, 'Why Sunday Matters', which explores the significance of Sunday and our celebration of it. 'Why Sunday Matters' also offers reflection questions for individuals and for parish groups. All people are warmly encouraged to look out for the document in their parish or to read, download and share it from www.catholicbishops.ie Copies available in each Church.

STAND FOR PEACE - REGIONAL MARCH FOR PALESTINE –

Saturday September 6th - Carlow

Throughout the world people are heartbroken and outraged by the suffering in Gaza and Palestine. One action we can take is to come together in peaceful solidarity with the people of Palestine.

Carlow IPSC, together with Palestine solidarity groups from Kildare, Kilkenny and Laois, invite you to join them for a Regional March for Palestine on Saturday, September 6th at 1pm, departing from the Liberty Tree in Carlow.

Pope Leo XIV continues to *"call for an immediate end to the barbarity of the war and for a peaceful resolution of the conflict."*

Cardinal Pierbattista Pizzaballa, patriarch of Jerusalem reminds us that *"Christ is not absent from Gaza, He is there, crucified in the wounded, buried under rubble, and yet present in every act of mercy, every candle in the darkness, every hand extended to the suffering."* Let us walk together in peace and solidarity.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 2-13-19-24

Gabriel Courtney, Carrigmines, Dublin 2-3-13-19 Online Winner

Aine Boland, Hacketstown 2-13-14-24 Online Winner

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Mary Darcy, Knocklishen 2-10-13-24 Mary Darcy

Ned Deering, Patrickswell 2-7-13-19 Chrissie Deering

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Jenny Donegan, Michael Collins Park, Rathvilly.

Next draw 2nd. September, 2025 Jackpot €16,100. Thank you for all your support.

RATHVILLY GAA CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner - Numbers drawn 6-10-14-19

Match 3 win or share €150

Lar Corcoran Ballyhackett 7-10-14-19 On Line winner

Next draw 2 Sept. 2025

Jackpot €4,200 Thank you for your continued support.

FESTIVAL OF ART & HARVEST FLOWERS

St. Mary's Church, Rathvilly R93 FK59 5th, 6th & 7th September

Opening Friday 5th at 7.30 p.m. Guest Speakers: Turtle & Ally Bunbury

Music by Sonya, Rachael & Miriam Burgess Exhibition continues –

Saturday, 6th - 11.30 am – 7 pm Sunday, 7th - 12 pm – 5 pm.

Refreshments served – Free admission.