

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Deacon Liam Dunne
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time *Mark 9:38-43, 45. 47-48*

In Mark's Gospel, we often find a clash between Jesus and his disciples. Today's Gospel Reading is one example of that. The disciples had a somewhat black and white view of people. Only those who were "one of us", as they put it, could be trusted with the Lord's work. Jesus had a much-nuanced view of people than his disciples. He could see that even those whom he had not formally called to become one of his disciples could be doing God's life-giving work. Indeed, he makes the very generous statement, "Anyone who is not against us is for us".

That might be a good principle to take to heart in the times in which we live. There are a lot of people who are not explicitly for the Church, in the sense of practising their faith in the way we have come to understand that, and, yet, they are not against the Church or the Gospel either.

The attitude of Jesus in today's Gospel Reading encourages us to build bridges with all those who in some way share the Church's mission to bring life where there is death, wholeness where there is brokenness, relief where there is suffering. We can be partners in mission with those who are "not one of us" in the strict sense. In these times we need the generous vision that Jesus displays in today's Gospel Reading rather than the much narrower one displayed by his disciples.

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CONCERNED PARENT

The waitress brought us two bowls of soup. Her boss watched her all the way from the kitchen to the table. After she left, I whispered to my companion.

"I'd hate to work somewhere the boss scrutinised your every move like that."

When we paid, the boss asked how our soup was and how his daughter had done, adding he'd been concerned she might burn herself with the soup.

Ah! He wasn't scrutinising; he was been a concerned father.

Likewise, Biblical commandments can seem pretty strict; but it depends on how you see the writer. A demanding boss, or a concerned Father?

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EIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

The Eist Cancer Support Centre has moved to 46 Idrone Park, Carlow.
Contact us on 085 8661499 or info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie.

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

25th & 26th September, 2021

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recent Death: John Lawler, Feddan, Kiltegan

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 25th & 26th September

First Anniversary – Peter Gahan, Kevin Barry Road this Saturday, 25th September

First Anniversary – Joan Sibbald, Kevin Barry Road this Sunday, 26th September

Deceased members of the Gahan Family, Kevin Barry Road

Lizzie Sibbald and deceased members of the Sibbald family Phelan Street

Harry & Mary Byrne, Slaney View

Gerald & Annie Cullen, Knockavagh

James & Harry Byrne, Slaney View

Pdraig Coady, 15 St. Patrick's Park

Maureen Quinn nee Byrne, Slaney View

Edward Drea, Rathmore

Jenny Curran, St. Patrick's Park

James O'Leary, Bray

Rosanna Finnegan, Raheendaw

Rathvilly Church – Sat/Sun, 2nd & 3rd October

John Byrne, 22 Fr Cullen Tce. – 1st Anniversary

Siobhan Farrell, Haroldstown

Margaret O'Leary, Williamstown

Frank McArdle, Ricketstown

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly

NO MASS ON MONDAY.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday - Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Rosary before Mass at 9.10 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Thursday 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

There will be an extra hour of Adoration starting on Friday, 8th October from 6 – 7 p.m.

CONFESSSIONS (Day Chapel) – Thursday during Adoration and Saturday at 7 p.m.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Saturday, 25th September at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

Mass on Sunday, 3rd October at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Joe O'Brien.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Sunday, 26th September at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Muireann Gartland.

Mass on Saturday, 2nd October at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Paula Boland.

COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

We now can have 50% capacity for all our Services. We still must adhere to: hand hygiene face masks social distancing.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

Congratulations to the children from Talbotstown School who will receive their First Holy Communion this Saturday, 25th September and the children from Tynock School who will receive their First Holy Communion on Saturday, 2nd October.

MIGRANT SUNDAY

Migrant Sunday takes place this Sunday, 26th of September. This year we are holding a collection to support the work of the Irish Episcopal Council for Emigrants (IECE) who provides grant funding to Irish organisations overseas working with the most vulnerable of our emigrant community; from the elderly and isolated to the undocumented and those dealing with mental health problems. Please take an envelope from your seat if you would like to support.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 18th & 19th September, 2021

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €294.09 Envelopes €348.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €37.55 Envelopes €250.00

You can also make your donation to the parish by electronic banking. You can contact the Parish Office for details or log on to the Diocesan Website.

Donation Buttons on KandLe Website: There are now two electronic 'Donate Buttons' on the front page of the diocesan website www.kandle.ie

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

Results for 22nd September, 2021 Numbers: 3 – 5 – 19 – 23.

One Jackpot winner of €20,000. Winner – Jade McCloskey – Rhode Parish.

33 Match 3s get €31 each. No local winners this week.

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

On Wednesday, 29th September the **Jackpot is €10,000**. Tickets €2 each.

We need more promoters to sell tickets each week. If you can help, please contact the Parish Office 059 9161114 – Mon-Fri 10 am – 1 pm.

GOSPEL READINGS – 26th September – 3rd October, 2021

Sunday: Mk 9: 38-43 Mon: Lk 9: 46-50 Tues: Lk 9: 51-56

Wed: Jn 1: 47-51 Thurs: Lk 10: 1-12 Fri: Lk 10: 13-16

Sat: Mt 18: 1-5,10 Sunday: Mk 10: 2-16

All the Sunday and Daily Mass Readings can be accessed from our website.

LOUGH DERG

Guided Pilgrimages on the Lough Derg Pilgrim Path will be offered on *Sunday 3rd October*, with Mass outdoors, weather permitting. For further information email info@loughderg.org or telephone 071 9861518. www.loughderg.org

SHARING THE GOOD NEWS OF OUR FAITH: ONLINE SURVEY

A short online survey of those who have returned to parish celebration of Mass. The Social Media working group of the Diocesan Pastoral Council and the Diocesan Commission for Liturgical Formation have issued a short online survey that they are asking people who have returned to the public celebration of Mass to complete. The feedback given will give us great information for helping to build on and enrich our parish celebrations. The survey can be accessed on Kandle.ie or directly on the following link: <https://forms.office.com/r/nye9bBH7MG>

ACI Zoom Talk - Can Synodality Empower Women in the Church?

Rose O'Connor chaired the working group on women in leadership for the 2016 Synod in Limerick Diocese. The group's report called for the opening of ministry and leadership roles to the lay faithful - and especially for the voices of women to be heard and their gifts fully empowered.

No one is better placed to assess the prospect of removal of roadblocks to lay leadership by the synodality process now pending for every diocese in Ireland.

Taking place via Zoom on Thursday Sept 30th, 2021 at 8.00 p.m, link and log in details below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85945071712?pwd=VTVXSml5aDlBOVhLOGpsR2l5aXVUZz09> Meeting ID: 859 4507 1712 Passcode: 898090

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 5-15-16-20

Match 3 win or share €150

Laurence Kelly Garretstown 5-10-15-20

On Line winner

Mothers4Others Rathvilly 4-5-15-20

Mothers4Others

Bridie Doyle Baltinglass 5-10-15-20

Bingo Winner

Peroni c/o Bruno's 5-10-15-20

Bruno's

Jake Donegan Collins Pk. 5-10-15-20

Jenny Donegan

Promoters Prize €20

Bingo Sellers

Next draw 28 Sept. 2021

Jackpot €4,400

Thank you for your continued support.

SLANEY ROVERS

LOTTO - No jackpot winner. Winning numbers were 3 - 8 - 9 - 17

Match Three: win or share €150

Tony and Jack Keogh, 2 Parkmore, Baltinglass 8-9-17-23

Breda Kehoe

Colette Kelly, Garretstown, Rathvilly 1-8-9-17

Brian Curran

Patrick Farrell, Rathvilly 3-9-17-23

Michael Kehoe

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Jenny Donegan.

Next draw 27 September 2021

Jackpot €16,200 Thank you for all your support

IRISH CATHOLIC – available in Rathvilly Church each week. Cost €2.50.