

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deacon Liam Dunne

Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

A Famous Parable

In today's Gospel, we read of a lawyer who is trying to trick Jesus by asking him, 'Who is my neighbor?' Jesus' response is the parable of the Good Samaritan, where he tells the story of a man who is left half dead by robbers on his way from Jerusalem to Jericho. Our attention is drawn to the three characters who come upon the scene. The priest, the Levite and the Samaritan all 'see' the injured man, but the first two decide to 'pass by'. Those listening to this parable may well have found themselves sympathizing with the priest and the Levite, since there were purity laws concerning contact with blood or a dead body. However, they were also bound by a responsibility to save the man's life. This responsibility should override any other concern. It is most likely that the priest and the Levite were carrying oil and wine with them to make sacrifice in the Temple. If so, they could have been used to clean the wounds of the injured man, since oil and wine were vital parts of a first-century first-aid kit. Implicit here is a question about how we truly worship God.

So which of the three is truly a neighbor to this man? Jesus reveals the hero of this parable to be the third, a Samaritan. This would have sparked outrage among those listening, since Jews and Samaritans were enemies. Yet it is the Samaritan – the enemy – who is moved with pity, [*compassion*] binds the man's wounds, pours oil on them and takes him to an inn. He gives money to pay for his stay, but more importantly he gives his time, caring for the man's immediate and long-term needs.

The emphasis in this parable is on compassion and action. Jesus points to a God who is not concerned with the boundaries we create, but who is on the streets with the injured, offering healing and mercy. The lawyer's question is about what limits are to be placed on neighbourly love. Jesus tells us that there are no limits in God's eyes. Holiness is not in separating oneself from the injured, but in coming close to those in need. **Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett 2021.**

"Our prayer, our worship, our fasting, are of little value to God if we have ignored those of God's children who suffer on the margins of our societies. We are Christians who follow the message of Jesus, not because we say 'Lord, Lord'.... it is in our compassion that we imitate God who is compassion. **Peter McVerry SJ**

Parish Office – Mon-Fri: 10 am – 1 pm - 059 9161114

Email: office@rathvillykilteganparish.ie Website: www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie

Registered Charity Number 20015848

Diocesan Website: www.kandle.ie Parish Radio 104.3 fm

Local Safeguarding Reps: Eoin Cheasty Mary Phelan Elizabeth Austin David Carton

Diocesan Director of Safeguarding: Ms. Kathleen Sherry - Email: safeguarding@kandle.ie

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

9th & 10th July, 2022

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**The Assumption
Tynock**

Recent Death: Sr. Mary Murphy, Tullow & St Mullins.

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 9th & 10th July

Eithne Molloy, Rathvilly

James Byrne, Ballybit

Cicely Hanford, Ballyoliver

Martin Folan, Dublin

Eamon Byrne, 16 Collins Park

Michael O'Neill, Slaney View

Jim & Bernadette Fanning, Williamstown

Sat/Sun, 16th & 17th July

Jim Haberlin, Ballybit – 1st Anniversary

Brid Moloney, Bough – 1st Anniversary

Michael Moloney, Bough

Myles, Elizabeth & Ann Keating and deceased family members, Ballyhackett

Harry & Elizabeth Donohoe, 2 St. Patrick's Park

Mary O'Gorman, Rathvilly

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

St. Patrick's Church, Rathvilly

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Friday – Communion Service at 9.30 a.m.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – Thursday - 10.00 – 11.00 a.m.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Sunday, 10th July at 9.30 a.m.

Mass on Saturday, 16th July at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Breedh Murphy.

Reader – Siobhan Doyle.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Saturday, 9th July at 6.00 p.m.

Mass on Sunday, 17th July at 9.30 a.m.

Reader – Lucilla Brophy.

Reader – Catherine Carroll.

CEMETERY MASS 2022

On Saturday, 16th July people interred in **Kilranelagh Cemetery** will be remembered at the 6.00 p.m. Mass in Talbotstown Church.

Sunday, 7th August at 11 a.m. Mass will take place in Rathvilly Cemetery.

RATHVILLY CEMETERY EXTENSION

We are looking for some experienced volunteers to help with erecting an estate railing around the new Cemetery on Saturday, 16th July at 10.00 a.m.

All preparation work will be done so no need to bring any tools.

Please contact John Halligan on 087 2588097.

RATHVILLY KILTEGAN THREE DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LOUGH DERG

Monday 25th – Wednesday 27th July - contact the Parish Office for details 9161114.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 2nd & 3rd July, 2022

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

Rathvilly: Offertory € 221.13 Envelopes €397.70

Kiltegan: Offertory €40.50 Envelopes €299.00

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

Results for 6th July, 2022 Numbers: 12 – 13 – 14 – 29.

No Jackpot winner. 10 Match 3s get €100.00. No local winners this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 13th July** the **Jackpot is €12,000**. Tickets €2.

Thank you for your continued support. Full results on our website.

DATES FOR THE LONG & THE SHORT OF IT

The dates for the 7 week workshop programme for The Long & Short of It are:
9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th August 6th, 13th, 20th September in Rathvilly Parish Meeting
Room each Tuesday from 2:30-4:30pm.

IRISH CATHOLIC - €2.50

Some of the articles covered in this week's edition of the Irish Catholic –

- From Ukraine to Croagh Patrick 'Thank you, Ireland'
- As number of working poor rises, SVP says services open to all
- Govt urged to use budget to ease cost of living crisis
- Faithful invited to Knock event to help build faith formation
- Pope Francis rejects resignation rumours

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-14-23-24

Match 3 win or share €150. 5 Lucky dips

Nicola Murphy Phelan St On Line winner

Danial Curran Woodgrove On Line winner

James Brennan Ballyoliver Eithne Brennan

Mick Kehoe Grangecon Bingo winner

Ned Deering Patrickswell Bruno's

Next draw 12 July 2022 **Jackpot €5,500**

Drive in Bingo Wednesday night at 8pm sharp

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 13 – 17 – 27 – 28

Brandon Ryan, Kiltegan 2 - 13 - 17 – 27 Fergal Harmon

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Laura Kavanagh, Ballybit, Tullow.

Next draw 12 July 2022 **Jackpot €20,000**. Thank you for all your support.

GOSPEL READINGS – 10th – 17th July, 2022

Sunday: Lk 10: 25-37

Mon: Mt 19: 27-29

Tues: Mt 11: 20-24

Wed: Mt 11: 25-27

Thurs: Mt 11: 28-30

Fri: Mt 12: 1-8

Sat: Mt 12: 46-50

Sunday: Lk 10: 38-42

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

GRANDPARENTS PILGRIMAGE TO KNOCK

Celebration of the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly takes place at Knock Shrine on Sunday 24th July with Mass at 3pm followed by the rosary.

Anointing of the sick takes place at 2.30pm.

'Grandparents this is your - day all are welcome'

REEK SUNDAY 2022

The annual Reek Sunday pilgrimage takes place on Sunday July 31st at Croagh Patrick. Confessions on the summit 7:30am - 2:00pm.

Mass hourly from 8:00am - 2.00pm

TOUR TO DONEGAL

August 8th for four nights. Contact Duffy Coach Hire 087 2543235 or 059 6471681

HOST FAMILIES

Rockbrook International is looking for local families with children 9 to 12 yrs to host international students of a similar age. They will attend St. Patrick's N/S Rathvilly in September 2022 for 4 weeks. A second group will be arriving after the Halloween break for 4 weeks also. A full day plan is organised every Saturday from 9am to 7.15pm for each student. The host family will receive €195 per week per student with excellent support. Please contact Tricia Lowry 083 2098104 for more info or visit our website to fill out a host family application form (<https://rockbrookinternational.com/apply-host-families/>)

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO ON TUESDAY 12th July

St.Fiac's Hall @ 8.30pm. Jackpot on 49 numbers €1870

Double number €390 Lotto €1850 Great prizes, bring a friend.

TULLOW COMMUNITY SCHOOL

St Anne's College of Further Education – Enrolments are now taking place for the following QQI LEVEL 5 Courses which will commence in September 2022.

One Year Office Administration Training Course (Full time)

SUSI Grants, Back to Education Grants and Maintenance Grants available to those who are eligible. Application forms and further information from 059 9151473.

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam Radio 104.3 fm