

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT*Matthew 24:37-44*

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

Keep awake

The 2007 film *The Bucket List* stars Morgan Freeman and Jack Nicholson as two terminally ill men who put together a wish-list of things to do before they 'kick the bucket'. They do a skydive, get tattoos and visit the pyramids. Some of the items on the list are more abstract: witnesses something truly majestic, help a total stranger for the good, find the joy in life. Of course, we would live very differently if we *knew* our days were numbered. Sometimes it is only when the fragility of life is laid bare that we manage to get our priorities in order. Everything can change in an instant, with a phone call, an accident, the death of someone we love. These are the moments that stop us in our tracks. They come unexpectedly, like a thief in the night.

As we begin Advent, a season of joy and expectation, this might seem like a gloomy Gospel to reflect on. Its tone is apocalyptic, but when Matthew was writing his Gospel, his community had these questions at the forefront of their minds: When will Jesus return? What signs will there be? Why is it taking so long? Jesus does not offer an answer to this question except to say, 'Keep awake!' Instead of worrying about questions that we cannot possibly know the answer to, we might remember that what is important is how we are living now, today, in the present moment. Are we living aware of Christ present here and now in each person and in all of creation? Awakening to this miracle of universal love is a second coming or re-awakening we can get on board with. Advent is a very special time, a liminal space where we are full of expectant hope. It is an opportunity to take stock and *see* what is truly important; then we can experience the true joy which the season offers. Today's Gospel invites us to be ready, not on tenterhooks and full of anxiety, but to be attentive, with open hearts, so that God's grace and love can enter once more this Christmas. **Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, Year of Matthew: 2022**

"God's hope for history seems to be that humanity will one day be able to recognize its own dignity as the divine dwelling place, which it also shares with the rest of creation.

Richard Rohr

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Rathvilly/Kiltegan - 083 1494412

HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR DECEMBER Friday, 9th December 2.00 – 5.00 p.m.

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown**

26th & 27th November, 2022

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly**

**The Assumption
Tynock**

1st Sunday of Advent

Recent Death: Fr Liam Kelly, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan

ANNIVERSARY MASSES**Sat/Sun, 26th & 27th November**

Michael Curry, Ballybit

Fr Padraig Dowling

Micheál & Elizabeth Deering, Ballybit

Michael Loughnane

Seamus Williams, Coolmanagh

Ann Moore, Williamstown

Elizabeth & James Joyce, Knockavagh and deceased family members

Christopher Doyle, Knockavagh

John Colgan, Rathdaniel

Ciarán Dunne, Rathmore

Jim Johnson, Phelan Street

Joe Dempsey, Rathvilly

Liam McCarney, Monaghan

Anna McEvoy, Ballyroan

Sat/Sun, 3rd & 4th December

Months Mind Mass for Trish Ryan, Knockroe on Sunday, 4th December

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Bridget Carroll, Post Office

Cora Cullen, Knockavagh

Des Conway, Barnhill

Peter & Annie Conway, Barnhill

PJ Conway, Ashbourne

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK

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

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

CONFESSION Saturday at 7.00 p.m. at the Confessional & during Thursday's adoration.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Saturday, 26th November at 6.00 p.m.

Reader – Mary Kelly, Feddan.

Months Mind Mass for Charles le Mahieu on Saturday, 26th November in Talbotstown Church at 6.00 p.m.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Sunday, 4th December at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

CONFIRMATION

Special Mass for all Confirmation children takes place on Sunday, 4th December. Tynock Church at 9.30 a.m. Rathvilly Church at 11.00 a.m.

Rathvilly & Monasterevin Parish Pilgrimage to ASSISI/ ROME 2023

Led by Msgr John McEvoy and Fr Liam Merrigan.

Visiting Assisi 25th – 27th May 2023, visiting Rome 27th – 31st May 2023.

Total Price: €1265 per person/ Deposit: €150. Return air ticket including 10kg luggage and taxes, Sharing twin rooms with private facilities for 2 nights in Assisi on half board basis, Sharing twin rooms with private facilities for 4 nights in Rome on B&B basis, Entrance tickets to the Vatican, Sistine chapel, Catacombs & the Colosseum. Single Supplement subject to availability for €195.00

Expressions of interest before 8th December to Tullys Travel on 059 9136100

Applications forms available in the three Churches.

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

Results for 23rd November, 2022 Numbers: 04 – 09 – 21 – 22.

No Jackpot winner of €11,000

18 Match 3s get €56.00 No local winner this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 30th November** the **Jackpot is €12,000.** Tickets €2.

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

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 19th & 20th November, 2022

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €285.41

Envelopes €625.05

Kiltegan: Offertory €142.17

Envelopes €397.00

CARLOW CHORAL SOCIETY

Carlow Choral Society is back in full voice with a gala performance of Handel's Messiah in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Carlow, on 3rd December at 8.00pm.

Having returned to singing in 2021, Carlow Choral Society is now back in full voice with over 70 members and presents an uplifting performance of Handel's

Messiah. Conducted by our Musical Director, Blánaid Murphy, with the Irish Choral Sinfonia, and soloists; Aisling Kenny – Soprano, Laura-Joy Copeland – Mezzo Soprano, Eamonn Mulhall – Tenor and Matthew Mannion – Bass, it promises to be a stirring performance of this beautiful oratorio.

Tickets are €20.00 and are available at Rathvilly Parish Office or on www.eventbrite.ie and www.carlowchoralsociety.com

ADVENT SCRIPTURE SHARING 2022

Faith Development Services are delighted to provide the Annual Advent Scripture Sharing Booklet for 2022. The booklet can be downloaded free of charge on <https://www.kandle.ie/advent-scripture-sharing-booklet-2022/>

CLOTHES COLLECTION

Clothes Collection supporting Friends of Calcutta (CHY NO:13218) on Tuesday, 29th November. All items of clothing or footwear most welcome and appreciated and can be left at any stage that day at Rathvilly, Tynock or Talbotstown Church Car Parks up to 3pm. All enquiries to Michael Hopkins 087-9073074

SAFEGUARDING OF CHILDREN IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

The National Board for the Safeguarding of Children in the Catholic Church in Ireland (the National Board) will be commencing their review of safeguarding practice in the Diocese of Kildare and Leighlin on Dec 12th. This review is to assess the safeguarding practice in the Diocese against the Catholic Church in Ireland's current standards as detailed in *Safeguarding Children - Policy and Standards for the Catholic Church in Ireland 2016*. If you would like to know more about safeguarding in your parish, please speak with your Local Safeguarding Representatives Eoin Cheasty, Elizabeth Austin, Mary Phelan or David Carton or look at the Safeguarding section on www.kandle.ie. If you ever wish to report a child or vulnerable adult safeguarding concern, please contact the Diocesan DLP on 085 8021633 or the statutory authorities of the Gardai, TUSLA, HSE.

ST VINCENT de PAUL – Rathvilly/Kiltegan Conference

SVP will be conducting their Annual Collection on the 10th and 11th December.

All funds raised will be spent in this community helping those who need it most.

If you need assistance please phone 083 1494412. We rely entirely on the support of our parishioners. Thank you for your continued support.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 15-18-22-23

Match 3 win or share €150

Mona Corcoran Ballyhackett 5-15-18-22

Mick Kehoe

Next draw 29 Nov. 2022 **Jackpot €7,500** Thank you for your continued support

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 3 - 12 - 13 - 23

Jackpot €20,000 was not won. Lotto numbers drawn on Tuesday 22 November -

Claire Delmar, Monavothe 3-12-13-22

Online Winner

Patrick Keogh, 24 Collins Park 3-7-12-23

Brian Curran

Monty c/o Trish Harmon, Kiltegan 3-13-23-30

Fergal Harmon

William Coogan c/o Breda Keogh 3-12-13-16

Breda Keogh

Carole McGrath, Fr. Cullen Terrace 3-13-23-28

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Ann Byrne, New Road, Ballyoliver 3-7-13-23

Michael Kehoe P/O

Conor O'Brien, Collins Park 3-5-13-23

Martin Curran

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

Next draw 29 Nov. 2022 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

Golden Goal Fundraiser Result-

World Cup: Qatar v's Ecuador - Winning minute was the 16th

Winner of €60 – Ciaran Brennan, Ballyoliver, Rathvilly

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO on Tuesday 29th Nov. St.Fiaccs Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 50 numbers €4600 Double number €1090 Lotto €2900 Great prizes.

YOUTH 2000 CHRISTMAS RETREAT

The Youth 2000 Christmas retreat will be taking place in Newbridge College, Newbridge between 9th-11th December. Register now on www.youth2000.ie