

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

John 1:29-34 Look, here he is

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist is inviting us to *look* at Jesus. He calls Jesus the 'Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world'. We hear these words often in our liturgies and today we are invited to meditate on them more closely. In Jesus' time, two lambs were sacrificed in the Temple in Jerusalem each day. Lambs were also sacrificed if individuals needed to perform as act of ritual purity. John refers to Jesus as the Lamb of God, because he knows that for Jesus living and preaching a love that was and still is radical for many will involve suffering, even death, at the hands of the system that he challenges.

Sin is a word we are not fond of these days, and for good reason, but one definition of 'sin' is a 'broken relationship', between people and themselves, people and the world and between people and God. We are not short of situations in our world where this is reality: poverty, greed, violence, war, hunger, unjust economic systems, and even ecological sin. In 2019, at a Vatican conference on 'Criminal Justice and Corporate Business', Pope Francis stated that 'ecological sin' would be included in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. He said that ecological sin 'manifests itself in acts and habits of pollution and destruction of the harmony of the environment'. He included 'ecocide', the massive contamination of air, land and water resources, the wide scale destruction of biodiversity and 'any action capable of producing an ecological disaster or destroying an ecosystem'.

The 'sins of the world' are all around us, but so are those who strive to 'take away' these sins. Jesus' immense love is not a passive love; he does not accept that sin and death will have the final say, yet he comes with the gentleness of a lamb. Today's Gospel invites us to look at the Lamb of God, actively easing the world's suffering. When we hear these words, may we be reminded of all those who sacrifice much to ease the suffering of others. This is Christ, the 'Lamb of God' active and present in our here and now. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, 2022. *The Deep End, A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the year of Matthew.*

"Love is reckless; not reason. Reason seeks a profit. Love comes on strong, consuming herself unabashed. Yet, in the midst of suffering, love proceeds like a millstone, hard-surfaced and straight forward. Having died to self-interest, she risks everything and asks for nothing. Love gambles away every gift God bestows. *Rumi*

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RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH

NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's
Talbotstown
14th & 15th January 2023**

**St. Patrick's
Rathvilly
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Assumption
Tynock
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Recent Deaths: Fr Pdraig Flanagan, St. Patrick's Missionary Society, Kiltegan
Teresa Byrne, Coolkenno, mother of Carmel Doyle, Knockaagh

ANNIVERSARY MASSES

Sat/Sun, 14th & 15th January

Bill Gahan, 18 Collins Park – 1st Anniversary
Patrick & Mary McNevin, Raheendaw
Frances Faulkner, Collins Park

Sat/Sun, 21st & 22nd January

Helen Smith, formerly St. Patrick's Park – 1st Anniversary
Maura Farrell, formerly Station Road – 1st Anniversary
Bill Gahan, 18 Collins Park and deceased family members – 1st Anniversary
Kathleen Doyle, Bough
Mike Kane, Bough
Eileen & Denis Byrne, St. Patrick's Park
John Dunne, Carlow
Ellen & Edward Keegan, The Moate
Joe & Sheila Kirwan, Mount Kelly
John St. Ledger, Waterstown
Noel Smith, Coole
Myles & Mai Carson, Rathmore and deceased family members

MASS TIMES FOR NEXT WEEK

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

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

CONFESSION Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Confessional & during Thursday's adoration.

Church of the Assumption, Tynock

Mass on Saturday, 14th January at 6.00 p.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown

Mass on Sunday, 22nd January at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

CONFIRMATION 2023

Special Mass for all Confirmation candidates takes place this weekend 14/15 Jan.
Talbotstown & Tynock NS – Saturday, 14th January at 6 p.m. in Tynock Church.
Rathmore & Rathvilly NS – Sunday, 15th January at 11 a.m. in Rathvilly Church.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023

Special Mass for all First Holy Communion candidates takes place 22nd January. Talbotstown Church at 9.30 a.m. and Rathvilly Church at 11.00 a.m.

CHRISTMAS CRIB

To date €635.20 has been donated to the Crib – Thank you. All donations will go to the homeless. The Crib will remain open until 2nd February, the Feast of the Presentation.

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

Results for 11th January 2023 Numbers: 05 – 11 – 15 – 23.

One Jackpot winner of €17,000 - Mary Jones, Rhode Parish.

28 Match 3s get € 36.00 No local winners this week.

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

On **Wednesday, 18th January the Jackpot is €10,000.** Tickets €2.

Thank you for your support throughout the year. Full results on our website.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 7th & 8th January, 2023

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €360.29

Envelopes €453.40

Kiltegan: Offertory €152.74

Envelopes €218.60

WEEKLY ENVELOPES 2023

Weekly Envelopes Boxes have been distributed to families in the Parish. If you do not receive a box and would like to contribute to our Parish, there are boxes available in the Church or contact the Parish Office. Thank you for your support.

PILGRIMAGE TO ASSISI AND ROME

Visiting the Tombs of St Francis, St Clare and Blessed Carlo Acutis; a guided tour of the St Peters Basilica and attendance a General Papal Audience. Travelling dates 25th – 31st May 2023, cost €1235 pps, single supplement €270. Spiritual directors Fr Liam Merrigan & Fr John McEvoy. You can book through the Parish Office 059 9161114. A deposit is required. or visit www.marian.ie

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY – 18th – 25th January 2023

Theme for 2023 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is from Isaiah 1:17,

“**Do good; seek justice.**” The entire scriptural passage for the theme is Isaiah 1:12-18, lamenting a lack of justice among the People of God. Yet, it also promises redemption by encouraging acts of justice.

THE CHRISTIAN UNITY PRAYER

As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one. Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me.

FOUND - A Gift voucher was found outside Centra during the last week.

Owner can contact Carmel on 089 4139661.

SCOIL PHÁDRAIG NAOFA, RATHVILLY Admissions for the 2023/2024.

A copy of the school's Admission Policy and the Application Form for Admission for the 2023/2024 year is available to download at www.rathvillyns.com or on request by emailing rathvilly.ns@gmail.com or writing to the School.

The school will commence accepting applications on 12th January and shall cease accepting applications on 2nd February. The date by which applicants will be notified of the decision on their application is 23rd February. The applicant must accept an offer of admission by 9th March. The number of places available in junior infants for 2023/2024 is 30 students.

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner.

Winning numbers were 9 – 17 – 23 – 26

Edel McGrath, Fr. Cullen Terrace

Edel McGrath

Liam Lawlor, St. Patrick's Park

Gabriel Deering

Brenda McSweeney, Baltinglass

Daniel O'Brien

Mary Keegan, Kevin Barry Road

Michael Keogh

Nuala and Susie c/o Jenny Donegan

Jenny Donegan

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Breda Keogh, Parkmore, Baltinglass

Next draw 17 Jan 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

UPCOMING EVENTS AT MOUNT ST ANNE'S, KILLENARD, PORTARLINGTON

Prayerful Meditation Day on Saturday 11th February 2023 10am – 3pm

'Aging with Grace' day on Saturday 18th February 2023 10am – 4.40pm

Please contact the Secretary 057-8626153 or email secretary@mountstannes.com

RATHVILLY COMMUNITY GAMES

Online registration is open for 2023, see our Facebook page for details. Upcoming events in February for boys and girls are swimming (U10-U16), and indoor soccer (U10 and U13). See our Facebook or Instagram pages for more information or text/whatsapp 086 2386667.

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 5-13-16-22

Match 3 win or share €150

Teresa Cullen DeLacey Abbey 13-15-16-22

On Line winner

Andrew Sibbald Patricks Well 5-14-16-22

On line winner

Amanda Dempsey Bough 5-13-16-21

On Line winner

Marion Hand Ballybit 5-13-14-22

On Line winner

Next draw 17 Jan 2023 **Jackpot €8,200**

BIGSTONE NATIONAL SCHOOL

Bigstone National School is now taking enrolments for September 2023.

We are holding an open-night on Thursday 26th January at 7pm. Parents and children will have an opportunity to look around the school, meet the teachers and students and see some of the students' work displayed in the school. All are welcome to attend.