

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME** Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

**Matthew 4:12-23 Gathering**

Jesus began his ministry with the first of many 'gatherings.' Hearing that John has been arrested, he 'withdraws' to Galilee. He is shaken and perhaps he too is under threat. Nevertheless, he preaches the same bold message as John: 'Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.' This is the message the disciples will later be sent to preach (Mt 10:7). Matthew interprets Jesus' arrival in Galilee as fulfillment of the prophet Isaiah's declaration that a 'great light' would shine in the darkness. The reference to 'Galilee of the Gentiles' offers a clue as to who will be gathered and included in Jesus' mission.

Fishing metaphors feature heavily throughout Matthew's Gospel. Jesus starts his ministry in the fishing village of Capernaum by gathering a crew of disciples – two sets of brothers, all fishermen. In terms of social status, fishermen were low down in the peaking order. Their occupation was precarious at best, leaving them economically vulnerable, and they had to pay taxes to the Roman Empire, which made them unpopular. They might seem an unlikely choice for a Messiah starting his mission. Simon (Peter) and Andrew are casting their net out when Jesus calls them, quipping 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' Similarly, James and John abandon their net-mending 'immediately' to follow him. They are 'all in'. The mission has momentum; these fisherfolk are needed as the sea is ripe for fishing. Their task will be to draw others in, and the net will be cast indiscriminately, far and wide. Later, Jesus will compare the kingdom of heaven to a 'dragnet', catching fish of every kind (Mt 13:47).

When we join together for liturgy, we often begin by acknowledging our 'gathering', indicating that we are being called out of the ordinary, everyday lives to gather as community, aware of God's presence among us. We are also called every day into God's service, invited to repentance, a change of heart. Like the disciples, we are called, and we call; we are gathered, and we gather. When we are drawn in by Jesus, we extend the same open welcome, to others. The kingdom is at hand, and Jesus' net gathers indiscriminately, regardless of social or economic status.

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"How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world."  
*Anne Frank*

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**RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH**

**NEWSLETTER**

**St. Brigid's Talbotstown**      **St. Patrick's Rathvilly**      **The Assumption Tynock**  
**21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2023**      **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Sunday of the Word of God**

**Recent Deaths:** Jimmy Kearns, Rathvilly  
Birdie Ryan, Dunlavin, mother of Michael Ryan, Killalesh

**Months Mind Mass:** Declan Kehoe on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> January in Tynock Church

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES**

**Sat/Sun, 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> January**

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

**Sat/Sun, 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> January**

Peg Henson, nee Kearns      Ayres Family, Kellistown  
Sean Bolger, Rathvilly      Michael Hayden, Coventry  
John O'Toole, Dublin      Tom Bolger, Ballybit  
Martha Leonard, Collins Park      Anthony Keogh, Castledermot  
Cindy Garside, St. Patrick's Park      Fergus Coleman, Tobinstown  
Billy Keegan, 8 Ballyoliver & deceased family members  
Michael & Mamie Fox and deceased family members  
Thomas Keegan, Ballyoliver 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.

**St. Brigid's Church, Talbotstown**

Mass on Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

**Church of the Assumption, Tynock**

Mass on Sunday, 29<sup>th</sup> January at 9.30 p.m.

Reader: Lucilla Brophy.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2023**

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

### 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 25<sup>th</sup> – 31<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.marian.ie)

### CHRISTMAS CRIB

The Crib will remain open until 2<sup>nd</sup> February, the Feast of the Presentation. All donations will go to the homeless.

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

Results for 18<sup>th</sup> January 2023 Numbers: 05 – 18 – 26 – 28.

No Jackpot winner of €10,000.

10 Match 3s get €100.00 Two local winners this week.

Carla & Leah McEvoy – Promoter Fr. John McEvoy

Tom Brady, Tynock – promoter Parish Office.

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

On **Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> January the Jackpot is €11,000.** Tickets €2.

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

### WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> January, 2023

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €296.67

Envelopes €849.00

Kiltegan: Offertory €124.17

Envelopes €175.00

### SEASONS HOMECARE

Healthcare information evening ‘Live Well At Home’.

Join us for the first in our series of relaxed information evenings at Woodford

Dolmen Hotel Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February from 7pm-9pm.

There will be an expert panel of healthcare professionals to discuss the following:

Health at home Recovering after illness Medication Management

YOUR CARE, YOUR WAY For details contact 059 9167574.

### SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 8 – 14 – 24 - 28

Marion Hand, Ballybit, Tullow 8-14-16-28

Online Winner

Bridget Owens, 3 Woodgrove Avenue 5-8-14-28

Michael Keogh

Caroline Kehoe, Mount Lucas (6-8-14-28)

Brian Curran

Evan Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue 8-19-24-28

Anthony Byrne

Promoter’s prize €20 was won by Christine Deering, Patrickswell, Rathvilly.

Next draw 24 Jan 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

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

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2023

Catholic Schools Week 2023, themed as ‘Walking Together in Faith & Love’, will take place from Sunday 22 January to Sunday 29 January.

For this year’s annual celebration of Catholic education, CSW will draw on three features of the Synodal Pathway: ‘Communion, Participation and Mission’. The theme for CSW 2023 is dedicated to celebrating the gift of Catholic education and recognising the love and generosity of the entire school community: student, staff and home.

Over the week, students will reflect on their own relationship with God, with their school community, and with their families. Inspired by the teachings of Pope Francis, our schools are encouraged to help bring joyful hope to our collective future through a relationship with Jesus.”

Monday Walking Together in Faith

Tuesday Walking Together in Love

Wednesday Walking Together to Celebrate – Grandparents’ Day

Thursday Walking Together to Transform our World

Friday Walking Together in Hope

### RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 1-2-13-18

Match 3 win or share €150

Mary Byrne Knocklishen 1-11-13-18

On Line winner

Next draw 24 Jan. 2023 **Jackpot €8,300**

**A.G.M - Friday 27 Jan 2023 in the Harp Bar at 8pm all members welcome**

### Mortgage Arrears / Abhaile Scheme

Is your mortgage in arrears? Are you worried about losing your home?

If so, there is help. You may be entitled to free financial advice under the Abhaile Scheme, which is a State funded service. For more information, feel free to contact Tatiana McGreal, Financial Solutions Ireland on 085 867 4883 ([www.fsireland.ie](http://www.fsireland.ie))

### RATHVILLY NATIONAL SCHOOL - Draw Results

Week 1 – 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023

€100 – Deirdre McCarthy.

Promoter – Billy McCarthy.

€50 - Molly Sheridan.

Promoter – Kevin Sheridan.

€20 - Joseph Wall.

Promoter – Éabha Wall.

€20 - Patrick Halligan.

Promoter – Harry Curran.

Promoters Prize €20 – Mossy Keane.

**GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January** St. Fiaccs Hall 8.30pm.

**OVER €10,000 IN PRIZEMONEY** Jackpot on 50 numbers €5510

Double number €1580 Lotto €800 Great prizes, bring a friend.

### BALLON BUSINESS TRAINING SERVICE

A large number of courses available. Contact 059 9159447 for further details.