

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 9:36-10:8 Signs of life

Pope Francis's annual pre-Christmas address to Vatican cardinals has become something of a hit. He is not shy of naming truths that might be hard to hear. During the 2015 address, Pope Francis criticised those who were trying to block reform in the Church and said that changes at the Vatican should be seen first and foremost as a sign of life. The Church needs reform 'because she is alive'. Pope Francis does this from a place of love, as a pastor who has genuine care for people, for the Gospel message and for our common home.

In the Gospel today we hear that Jesus has deep compassion for his people, because they are like 'sheep without a shepherd'; with no real spiritual leadership or mentors to guide them they cannot grow in their faith or reach their full potential. The religious and political leaders who are meant to care for their well-being have instead oppressed and exploited them. So when Jesus sends out the Twelve Disciples he sends them first to 'the lost sheep of the house of Israel', to the people, yes, but also to the religious leaders of his day. Jesus was a radical reformer, who was concerned at this point not with setting up a new religion but with transforming his own faith community.

Where reform is concerned, there will always be obstacles. These obstacles usually come from within, because reform involves [change] letting go of what no longer serves. The ego finds this difficult. Individually and institutionally, we are in need of conversion and transformation. Conversion enables us to be authentic to the inclusive, communal, and universal message of Jesus. It allows us to deepen and nourish a more authentic spirituality. Today many people are (re)discovering the wisdom traditions in Christianity, turning towards the mystics, returning to practices like Lectio Divina, embracing contemplations and silence, recommencing with treasures we have forgotten (Mt 13) or perhaps were never taught. It is one of the signs that we live in a time of great change and that holding on to that which no longer serves will not help. The Twelve are sent out to heal and revive 'the house' and to let in some fresh air. Copyright © Triona Doherty & Jane Mellett, 2022. *The Deep End. A Journey with the Sunday Gospels in the Year of Matthew.*

"Tradition is not a museum, true religion is not a freezer, and doctrine is not static but grows and develops, like a tree that remains the same, yet which gets bigger and bears even more fruit.
- Pope Francis

ALL MASSES AND PRAYERS ARE ON OUR WEBSITE & RADIO**www.rathvillykilteganparish.ie/our-parish/webcam Radio 104.3 fm****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: 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****St. Patrick's
Rathvilly****The Assumption
Tynock****17th & 18th June, 2023****11th Sunday in Ordinary Time****ANNIVERSARY MASSES****Sat/Sun, 17th & 18th June**

William & Mai Osborne, Maplestown

Mickey & Winnie Osborne, Maplestown

Jeremiah & Mary Clarke, Waterstown & deceased family members

Bridget Keegan, Ballyoliver

Noel Lyttle & deceased family members

Margaret Meegan, Castleblayney

Rosie Corcoran, Rathvilly

Sat/Sun, 24th & 25th June

Mary Doyle, The Moate & deceased family members

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY

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

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION – each Friday from 4 – 7 p.m.**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK**Saturday, 17th June – Mass at 6.00 p.m.**ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN**Sunday, 25th June – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

CEMETERY MASSES 2023Tynaclash Cemetery Mass - Sunday, 9th July at 7 p.m.Rathvilly Cemetery Mass – Sunday, 6th August at 11 a.m.**WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 10th & 11th June**

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €338.63

Envelopes €606.70

Kiltegan: Offertory €207.83

Envelopes €211.90

DAY FOR LIFE 2023

Day for Life is celebrated this year on Sunday 18 June. The theme is 'Listen to Her' and focuses on the experience of one Catholic woman in the aftermath of abortion. It tells of her journey towards healing. The hope is that this will help people to listen, to understand and to respond with compassion. You can read the message in full on www.councilforlife.ie

RETIREMENT AND ANNOUNCEMENT

Ms. Úna Kelly, principal of Rathmore National School since 2008 retires from per position on 31st August 2023. Rathvilly Parish would like to thank her for her leadership and educational role over the last 15 years. Many improvements happened in her 15 years and she is leaving Rathmore School much enhanced. We wish Úna many happy years in her retirement. Congratulations to the School in obtaining their 4th Green Flag.

Following the necessary recruitment procedures we are very happy to announce and congratulate the new principal of Rathmore National School who commences on 1st September 2023. Ms. Eithne Molloy, Williamstown whose previous school work has been in Rathvilly & Grange NS. Wishing Eithne every blessing in her new role.

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

Results for 14th June, 2023 Numbers: 02 – 05 – 18 – 24.
No Jackpot winner of €16,000. 14 match 3s get €72.00 each – One local winner.
Winner – Lucy Haberlin. Promoter – Kitty Kennedy.
The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise.
On **Wednesday, 21st June the Jackpot is €17,000.** Tickets €2.
Thank you for supporting the lotto each week. New promoters welcome.

ST PATRICK'S FATHERS, KILTEGAN GOLF CLASSIC

St. Patrick's Fathers, Kiltegan invites you to play in its golf classic on Friday June 30th in Baltinglass golf club. It is a fundraiser for the Society. The format is a "Step aside Scramble", with a team of 4. Team cost €200. Please contact Bridget at 059 6473600 to book your T time. Thanks for your support. Fr. Pat Murphy SPS

RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 3-9-14-23
Match 3 win or share €150
Ryan Watchorn Tullow On Line winner
Egle Useckaite Phelan St. On Line winner
Theresa Cullen DeLacey Abbey Bingo winner
Ann Donohue Bingo winner
Next draw 20 June 2023 **Jackpot €3,200**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 16 – 22 – 25 – 29
Sean Leonard, Rahill, Rathvilly Michael Kehoe
Betty Conway, Barnhill, Rathvilly Michael Kehoe
Keara Dunne, Rathmore, Tullow Michael Kehoe
Chrissie O Toole, Bough, Rathvilly Brian Curran
Michelle Byrne, Woodgrove Avenue, Rathvilly Anthony Byrne
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Clive Byrne, Fr. Cullen Terrace, Rathvilly.
Next draw 20th June 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support

TENNIS CAMP - At Rathvilly Tennis Courts

For children Age 5 to 12 years - 10th to 14th July 2hr per day for a week
10 am start 5 to 8 yrs 12.15 start for 8 to 12yrs
All equipment provided - Cost €45
Details and booking on carlowtennis.ie Contact Helen 0861675663

'TINKERBELL' PRESCHOOL KILTEGAN

"Tinkerbell" Preschool Kiltegan now recruiting A.I.M. Support worker.
Qualifications required: Level 5 Special Needs in Early Childhood Education & Care. 15 hours per week Start date 30th August 2023
Contact Mary on 087 9079657 or send email to maryan2286@yahoo.ie

RATHVILLY TIDY TOWNS & COMMUNITY GARDEN

Looking to get outside and active? Tidy Towns and Community Garden are a great way to get involved in anyway you want. Interested please reach out via Facebook or Mary at the post office. Allotments available. Plant donations welcome.

ÉIST CANCER SUPPORT CENTRE

The Ritz Showband – Fundraiser for Éist Cancer Support Centre in the Woodford Dolmen Hotel, Carlow on Wednesday, 28th June at 8.30 p.m. A wonderful night of song and dance featuring hits from the Irish showband era of the 1960's.
Doors open 7.30 p.m. Lots of raffle prizes. Tickets €15 are available from the Woodford Dolmen Hotel or Eist Centre phone 085 8661499/059 9139684 or email info@eistcarlowcancersupport.ie

OPPORTUNITY IN YOUTH MINISTRY LEADERSHIP

The Diocese of Lancaster Youth Service are looking for a Senior Programme Leader to lead retreats and other programmes in their youth retreat centre, Castlerigg Manor, in the English Lake District. Castlerigg Manor is an innovative project which focuses on leading their volunteers into a closer relationship with God and in working with their volunteers to lead programmes for thousands of young people each year. The post is residential with an excellent salary package. For more information email the director, Jack Regan director@castleriggmanor.co.uk or checkout castleriggmanor.com

ALL-IRELAND POLLINATOR PLAN

Local communities can lead the way in creating an Ireland where pollinators can thrive. Our bees and other pollinating insects are in trouble.
Download the set of pollinator friendly garden guidelines www.pollinators.ie

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO on Tuesday 20th June St.Fiacs Hall @ 8.30pm.
Jackpot on 44 numbers €1220 Double number €1160 Lotto €1900

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER available in Rathvilly Church - €3.

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