

**Matthew 10:37-42 A cup of water**

Offering a cup of water or simple hospitality to a stranger might not seem like much, but that's where Jesus starts. Instructing the Twelve, he tells them that anyone who welcomes them or offers 'even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones' will be rewarded. When we use the term 'little ones', it usually refers to children. In Matthew, it likely describes the community of believers, though it's not clear whether it refers to all disciples, those of low social status, or those weak in faith. Jesus is preparing the disciples and tells them in bleak terms about the cost of discipleship: a life of self-denial, of 'taking up the cross'. But the final part of his instruction is about the virtues of hospitality and compassion. Small acts of kindness have a significance beyond what we expect: 'Whoever welcomes you welcomes me', says Jesus. The disciples will participate fully in his mission, and those who welcome them are also playing their part in building up God's vision for the world.

The desire to do better is an integral part of our Christian journey. We want to live up to what Jesus asks, but sometimes we imagine this will require grand gestures only. But *here* is somewhere we can start. St Therese of Lisieux invites us to practice the 'Little Way of Love', to take every opportunity to offer a kind word, a smile or 'any small gesture which sows peace and friendship'. In *Laudato Si'*, Pope Francis reminds us that it is the 'simple daily gestures which break with the logic of violence, exploitation, and selfishness.'

When hundreds of thousands of refugees poured out of Ukraine amid the Russian invasion of 2022, people lined up at borders to offer cloths, food, transport, accommodation. All these kindnesses sow seeds of a better world. When we reach out in a spirit of welcome and solidarity, the light of Christ is shining.

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"Love, overflowing with small gestures of mutual care, is also civic and political, and it makes itself felt in every action that seeks to build a better world. Love for society and commitment to the *common good* are outstanding expressions of a charity which affects not only relationships between individuals but also 'macro-relationships, social, economic, and political ones'.

*Pope Francis*

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## RATHVILLY KILTEGAN PARISH NEWSLETTER

**St. Brigid's  
Talbotstown**

**1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July, 2023**

**St. Patrick's  
Rathvilly**

**13<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**The Assumption  
Tynock**

**Recent Death:** Fr Caoimhín ÓNéill, Abbeyleix, former president of Carlow College, St. Patrick's who died on Thursday, 29<sup>th</sup> June.

**ANNIVERSARY MASSES****Sat/Sun, 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July**

Elizabeth Deering, Ballybit – 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Michael Osborne, Garretstown

Gretta Osborne, Garretstown

Sr. Rose Osborne and deceased family members

Margaret & Michael Walsh, Knocknagan

Mary Doyle, Lisnavagh

Penny Kearns, Rathvilly

**Sat/Sun, 8<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> July**

James & Bernadette Fanning, Williamstown

Eamon Byrne, 16 Collins Park

Cicely Hanford, Ballyoliver

Joe Lawlor, Phelan Street

Michael O'Neill, Slaney View

**Funeral Mass** for the Ashes of Maura & Jack Farrell will take place on Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July at 12 Noon in St. Patrick's Church and will be followed by burial in St. Patrick's Cemetery, Rathvilly.

**ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLY**

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

Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** – each Friday from 4 – 7 p.m.

**CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCK**

Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

**ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN**

Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Siobhan Doyle.

**CEMETERY MASSES 2023**

Tynaclash Cemetery Mass - Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July at 7 p.m.

Rathvilly Cemetery Mass – Sunday, 6<sup>th</sup> August at 11 a.m.

**CHURCH FLOWERS**

A collection will take place this weekend for flowers for the Church. Flowers enhance our Church for all the celebrations during the year.

**HOUSEBOUND VISIT FOR JULY** – Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> July 2 – 6 p.m.

## UISCE FOR TANZANIA

This is a charity in support of the work of providing clean water supplies to villages in Northern Tanzania. The Trustees of the Charity meet in the Parochial House, Hacketstown and Rathdangan-born Jim Kavanagh is a key worker involved in delivering projects in Tanzania. We can help by assisting in the funding of the projects. The plan for 2023-2024 involves trying to raise in the region of €40,000 to cover a number of projects. Each water project can provide clean water for around 5,000 people living in villages. Jim will speak at Masses in Rathvilly Church next weekend, 8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> July. Further information [www.uiscefortanzania.ie](http://www.uiscefortanzania.ie).

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

Results for 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2023 Numbers: 05 – 11 – 16 – 26.  
No Jackpot winner of €18,000. 24 match 3s get €42.00 each – No local winners. The draw takes place each Wednesday at 4 p.m. in the Parish Centre, Portlaoise. On **Wednesday, 5<sup>th</sup> July the Jackpot is €19,000.** Tickets €2.  
Thank you for supporting the lotto each week. New promoters welcome.

## WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> June

We thank all our parishioners who contribute to the weekly Collections.  
Rathvilly: Offertory €252.30 Envelopes €432.65  
Kiltegan: Offertory €93.95 Envelopes €324.00

## CHILDRENS SUMMER CAMP

Designer Minds have 2 upcoming Summer Camps running in Carlow. Choose a Science Design & Technology Camp OR Art Camp (or try out both and receive a discount). For all boys & girls currently in Senior Infants up to 6th Class. Check Dates and Register online at [www.designerminds.ie](http://www.designerminds.ie) or call 087 631 0411

## RETRACING THE FOOTSTEPS OF ST BRIGID AND ST CONLETH

An 8km walk on the Curragh Plains led by Bishop Nulty takes place on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> July. The walk begins at St Anne's School, The Curragh at 12noon and concludes with a prayer service in St Brigid's Church, Kildare at 4pm. Refreshments will be available and all are welcome to join. To register for the walk please contact Aras Bhride on 045-521352 or email [kildareparish@gmail.com](mailto:kildareparish@gmail.com)

## RATHVILLY G.A.A. CLUB

Lotto Results: No Jackpot winner. Numbers drawn 23-26-27-30  
Match 3 win or share € 150  
Andrew Sibbald, Patricks Well 20-23-27-30 On line winner  
Next draw 4 July 2023 **Jackpot €3,400**

## TENNIS CAMP - At Rathvilly Tennis Courts

For children Age 5 to 12 years - 10<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> July 2hr per day for a week  
10 am start for 5 to 8 yrs 12.15 start for 8 to 12yrs  
All equipment provided - Cost €45  
Details and booking on [carlowtennis.ie](http://carlowtennis.ie) Contact Helen 086 1675663

## TRACTOR RUN

St. Mary's Church, Rathvilly – TRACTOR RUN at Bough Old School in aid of St. Mary's Church and The Lalor Centre, Baltinglass on Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> July at 2 p.m.

## YOUTH 2000

Join young people between 16 and 35 this August at the Youth 2000 Summer Festival. The festival takes place in Clongowes Wood College, Clane, Co Kildare from Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August to Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August 2023. The festival includes inspiring talks, music, prayer, concert, workshops, dramas, share groups, reconciliation and healing service and Mass. Donation only and we have buses going from all over Ireland. For more information and to book your place go to [www.youth2000.ie](http://www.youth2000.ie)

## SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 1 – 5 – 13 – 29  
Amanda Dempsey, Bough 1-5-6-29 Online Winner  
Ann Maire Kavanagh, Rathdangan, Kiltegan 5-11-13-29 Online Winner  
Promoter's prize €20 was won by Breda Keogh, Parkmore, Baltinglass  
Next draw 4th July 2023 Jackpot €20,000. Thank you for all your support

## '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 30<sup>th</sup> August 2023  
Contact Mary on 087 9079657 or send email to [maryan2286@yahoo.ie](mailto: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.

## CARLOW COUNTY MUSEUM

Visit Carlow County Museum and get a snapshot of our great history and see objects of national and international importance. Undertake our children's Museum Detective challenge! Open seven days a week, Free Admission. Carlow County Museum & Carlow Tourist Office, College Street, Carlow Town. Tel: 059-9131554, [www.carlowmuseum.ie](http://www.carlowmuseum.ie).

## IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER available in Rathvilly Church - €3.

Some of the articles covered in this week's Irish Catholic Newspaper  
**Former Dublin Mayor 'shocked' at new plan to move cathedral**  
A former Dublin Lord Mayor has said he is "shocked" by a radical Church plan . .  
**Synod expert urges caution over irresponsible framing of sexuality discussions**  
An expert on synodality has urged caution in discussions of sexuality and gender. .

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