

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deacon Rev. Liam Dunne

Matthew 10:26-33 Noli timere

The last words of the poet Seamus Heaney, in a text to his wife Marie, were the Latin words *'Noli timere'*, meaning, don't be afraid. Heaney was doing what poets and writers do best – expressing human fears and anxieties in a way that makes sense of them. His son Mick wrote, *'We seized on his final words as a kind of lifebuoy. It seemed to us that he had encapsulated the swirl of emotion, uncertainty and fear he was facing at the end, and articulated it in a restrained yet inspiring way'*. Fear can take many different forms. We worry about our families, our health, financial security. In places troubled by war or famine, there are deeper fears: can I manage to feed my children? Will we have to leave our home in order to be safe? Will we survive? When we're afraid, it's natural to question God, even to lose faith. We might turn to God in prayer, seeking comfort, or we may struggle to pray because we cannot stand the uncertainties of life. Life doesn't always make sense in the moment. Looking back, we gain a deeper perspective. Perhaps that's why Seamus Heaney, close to death, was able to reassure his loved ones.

Jesus acknowledges the worst fears of the disciples when he says, 'Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul.' The ultimate fear – fear of death – is addressed head on. Jesus doesn't promise that we will come to no harm, but affirms that God is with us, whatever happens. The comparison with sparrows is almost amusing. Sparrows were of little value, other than as a cheap source of food. Yet God cares so much for the tiny sparrow that not one perishes without God knowing – and we are of more value than 'many sparrows'! God is present in the fear and messiness of life, caring for us so intimately that the hairs on our head are counted.

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“When we travel through those wilderness places of our lives where we feel lost, insecure, lonely, frustrated, discouraged, or overcome by busyness: Help us to trust in You, God of the journey. When we catch glimpses of the tremendous love you have for us and experience a deep, loving connection with others: Help us to trust in You, God of the Journey. - *Joyce Rupp.*

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****24th & 25th June, 2023****12th Sunday in Ordinary Time****Recent Death:** Fr. Bill Greene, St. Patrick's Missionaries, Kiltegan**ANNIVERSARY MASSES****Sat/Sun, 24th & 25th June**

Mary Doyle, The Moate & deceased family members

Sat/Sun, 1st & 2nd JulyElizabeth Deering, Ballybit – 1st Anniversary

Michael Osborne, Garretstown

Gretta Osborne, Garretstown

Sr. Rose Osborne and deceased family members

Mary Doyle, Lisnavagh

Penny Kearns, Rathvilly

ST. PATRICK'S CHURCH, RATHVILLYTuesday, 27th June – Mass at 9.00 a.m.

Wednesday & Friday – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Thursday, 29th June – Rathvilly NS end of year Mass at 11.30 a.m.**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** – each Friday from 4 – 7 p.m.**ST. BRIGID'S CHURCH, TALBOTSTOWN**Sunday, 25th June – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Fiona Kane.

CHURCH OF THE ASSUMPTION, TYNOCKSunday, 2nd July – Mass at 9.30 a.m.

Reader: Nigel Byrne.

CEMETERY MASSES 2023Tynaclash Cemetery Mass - Sunday, 9th July at 7 p.m.Rathvilly Cemetery Mass – Sunday, 6th August at 11 a.m.**PARISH LOTTO** (Kildare & Leighlin Co-Op Lotto Draw)Results for 21st June, 2023 Numbers: 10 – 13 – 24 – 25.

No Jackpot winner of €17,000. 13 match 3s get €77.00 each – Two local winners.

Winner – Susie Molloy - Promoter – Trish Leonard.

Winner – Mary Darcy – Promoter- Trish Leonard.

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

On **Wednesday, 28th June the Jackpot is €18,000.** Tickets €2.

Thank you for supporting the lotto each week. New promoters welcome.

This is our only fundraiser in the year and we would appreciate if you could join our Parish Lotto at €2 per week - thank you.

WEEKEND COLLECTIONS – 17th & 18th June

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

Rathvilly: Offertory €301.60

Envelopes €510.35

Kiltegan: Offertory €321.64

Envelopes €268.80

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 1-7-12-28

Match 3 win or share €150

Maria Haberlin Brennan Ballybit 7-12-13-28

On Line winner

Tina Smith Tullow 3-7-12-28

On Line winner

Next draw 27 June 2023 **Jackpot €3,300**

SLANEY ROVERS A.F.C.

Lotto Results: No Jackpot Winner. Winning numbers were 14 - 17 - 24 - 30

Bridget Pendergast, Baltinglass 16-17-24-30

Breda Keogh

Caroline Kehoe, Mount Lucas 3-17-24-30

Brian Curran

Peter O Rourke, Tullow 4-14-17-24

Martin Curran

Promoter's prize €20 was won by Brian Curran, Woodgrove Avenue

Next draw 27th June 2023 **Jackpot €20,000.** Thank you for all your support.

Officers Elected At The Club's 44th AGM on June 17th. 2023:

Chairman - Martin Timmons. Assistant Chairman - Peter Kehoe. Joint Secretary - Zowie Fanning and Karen Kelly. Treasurer - Gabriel Deering. Assistant Treasurer - Jaden Doyle. PRO - Danny Curran. Child Welfare Officer - Zowie Fanning. Committee: Anthony Byrne, Brian Curran, Emmet Doyle, Tommy Kelly, Christie Connors, Tony Doran, Lar Smith, Stephen Darcy, Amanda McCabe and Pam Byrne.

A Big Thank You From The O35's Team for an earlier donation from Xilinx Community Relations and to Borza Take Away, Rathvilly for sponsoring the O35 squad with a set of jerseys. Much appreciated.

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

GRAIGUECULLEN BINGO on Tuesday 27th June St. Fiacc's Hall @ 8.30pm.

Jackpot on 45 numbers €1350 Double number €1230 Lotto €1950

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY, Rathvilly/Kiltegan - 083 149441

CHURCH FLOWERS

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

RALLY FOR LIFE 2023

DON'T MISS IT! Rally for Life on the 1st of July! Join thousands of fellow Catholics & pro-life supporters at the biggest annual pro-life event, now in its 17th year. Gather at 1PM at Parnell Square, Dublin 1. Activities for both children and adults, a family friendly event!

'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.

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, 9th July at 2 p.m.

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.

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

HOLY LAND AT CHRISTMAS

Last remaining places for special Kildare / Carlow Pilgrimage to the Holy Land at Christmas 2023 EX Dublin taking in Bethlehem, Jerusalem, Nazareth, Dead Sea, Sea of Galilee, Last Supper Room, Garden of Gethsemane, Mount of Olives with full day in Bethlehem on Christmas Day

Contact James Treacy 061-921470 jamestreacyphotography@gmail.com

IRISH CATHOLIC NEWSPAPER available in Rathvilly Church - €3.